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RAHUL BASHARAT RAJPUT

Pakistan-based journalist; Fellow at US Education Foundation, International Center for Journalist



Rahul Basharat Rajput is a graduate in journalism and mass communication and a mid-career working journalist. His professional career is expanded to above five years experience, which caters working in print, electronic and digital media. Since 2016, he has been working as staff correspondent of the daily Nation Islamabad. Before switching to reporting, he worked as a sub-editor for an English news desk at Online International News Agency, Pakistan. Being a mid-career journalist, Rahul has also been working in electronic media in Television and Radio forums. In 2018, he won a journalist fellowship from the United States Educational Foundation (USEF).

DISHA SHETTY

Independent Science Journalist



Disha Shetty is an independent science journalist with nearly a decade of work experience across Television, digital & print formats in reporting and editing roles. She writes mainly on public health, environment and gender. Disha holds a masters in Science, Environment and Medicine Journalism from Columbia University in New York, a PG Diploma in TV journalism from Asian College of Journalism in Chennai, and a Bachelors in Mass Media from SIES College of Arts, Science and Commerce affiliated to the Mumbai University. She is the winner of the 2018 Global Health Reporting Contest Award, and has been a 2019 RAF fellow to the UN. Disha has also received reporting grants from Pulitzer Centre, Earth Journalism Network and International Women's Media Fund, among others. Her work has appeared in Undark, The Open Notebook, Health Policy Watch, Vice and IndiaSpend. She has held full-time positions at Times Group, Zee Digital, DNA and most recently was the Associate Editor at IndiaSpend. She's currently also a Forbes science contributor.

MOHAMMED NADEEM CHAUDHRY

Pakistan Based Journalist



Mohammed Nadeem Chaudhry is a graduate in educational qualification, with 17 years of journalism experience. He covers health issues for the national newspaper of Pakistan Ausaf and Health Policy Watch. He has a long career of reporting with different news wires and newspapers. He also covers health issues debated at parliamentary level. Nadeem is elected joint secretary of the National Press Club of Pakistan and President of the Federal Health Reporters Association. He received a Health Board Award by Sehat.com. Nadeem regularly appears on electronic media as analyst on Health reporting issues and works as v-logger and digital journalist.

KERRY CULLINAN

Africa Editor, Health Policy Watch; Southern African Correspondent, OpenDemocracy



Kerry Cullinan is a writer, public health advocate and Africa editor of Health Policy Watch. She founded and ran Africa's first independent non-profit health news agency, Health-e News, for 14 years. She is also the Southern African Correspondent for openDemocracy, a global online platform.

MODERATOR

ELAINE FLETCHER

Editor in Chief, Health Policy Watch



Elaine Fletcher is a veteran news correspondent as well as a former editor at the World Health Organization, where she co-founded and managed the BreatheLife campaign on air pollution, climate and health. She served as a managing editor for the UNICEF/UNDP, World Bank WHO Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR), reporting on trends in diagnosis and treatment of malaria, tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS and other neglected diseases of poverty, as well as issues of access to essential medicines and health technologies. Prior to that, she served as a correspondent for major newspapers such as the San Francisco Examiner and Newhouse News

Service, including first-hand reporting from the Middle East on the impacts of poverty, conflict and unsustainable development on the health of women, children and other vulnerable groups. Elaine is a co-author or editor of over three dozen peer-reviewed journal articles and WHO reports on various aspects of health and development, including: environmental management of vector borne disease; maternal and child health; environmental risk factors for non-communicable diseases; urban health, air pollution and sustainable development; traffic injuries; climate change and health; health equity; and access to health services.

WELCOME REMARKS

SUERIE MOON

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Suerie Moon, MPA, PhD, is Co-Director of the Global Health Centre and Professor of Practice at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva. She also teaches and advises doctoral students at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health as adjunct Lecturer on Global Health. Her research and teaching focus on global governance, the political economy of global health (focusing on innovation and access to medicines; outbreak preparedness and response; trade, investment and intellectual property rules; and development assistance for health), the evolution of international regimes, and

innovative policies for addressing global problems. She is the author, with Wolfgang Hein, of *Informal Norms in Global Governance: Human Rights, Intellectual Property Rules, and Access to Medicines* (Routledge, 2013). She has conducted research on the policies and politics shaping innovation and access to medicines for twenty years, starting at Médecins Sans Frontières in 1999. She has served on a number of expert advisory bodies, including most recently the Board of Directors of the Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative, WHO Fair Pricing Forum Advisory Group, Expert Advisory Group to the UN Secretary General's High-Level Panel on Access to Medicines, Proposal Review Committee of UNITAID, and US National Academies of Medicine Forum on Antimicrobial Threats. Prior to joining the Graduate Institute, she was Study Director of the Harvard-LSHTM Independent Panel on the Global Response to Ebola, and co-founded and led the Forum on Global Governance for Health, a focal point at Harvard University for research, debate and strategic convening on issues at the intersection of global governance and health. She received a BA from Yale, an MPA from Princeton, and PhD from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.



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