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CARL HART

Professor of Psychology, Columbia University; Visiting Research Fellow, Global Health Centre



Dr Carl L. Hart, Ziff Professor at Columbia University and former chair of the Department of Psychology, is one of the world's preeminent experts on the effects of so-called recreational drugs on the human mind and body. Dr Hart has published more than 100 scientific articles in the area of neuropsychopharmacology and is co-author of the textbook *Drugs, Society and Human Behavior* (with Charles Ksir). He is also an award-winning trade book author. His book, "*High Price: A Neuroscientist's Journey of Self-Discovery That Challenges Everything You Know About Drugs and Society,*" was the 2014 winner of the PEN/E.O. Wilson Literary Science Writing Award. His most recent book is entitled,

"Drug Use for Grown-ups: Chasing Liberty in the Land of Fear." Prof. Hart has appeared on multiple podcasts, radio and television shows. His essays have been published in several popular publications including *The New York Times, Scientific American, The Nation, Ebony,* and *O Globo* (Brazil's leading newspaper). In 2016, the city of Miami issued a proclamation declaring February 1, 2016 "Dr. Carl Hart Day."

MICHEL KAZATCHKINE

Commissioner, Global Commission on Drug Policy; Member of the International Advisory Board, Global Health Centre



Michel Kazatchkine has over 30 years of experience in the fight against AIDS as a leading physician, researcher, administrator, advocate, policy-maker, and diplomat. He attended medical school in Paris and has completed postdoctoral fellowships at St. Mary's hospital in London and Harvard Medical School. He is Professor of Immunology at Université René Descartes in Paris and has authored over 500 publications. Professor Kazatchkine has played key roles in various organisations, serving as director of the national Agency for Research on AIDS in France (1998-2005), and as French ambassador on HIV/AIDS and communicable diseases (2005-2007). In 2007, he was elected

Executive Director of the Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, a position in which he served until March 2012. Since 2018, he is the Special Advisor to the Joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) for Eastern Europe and Central Asia. He is also a Senior Fellow with the Global Health Centre, and a member of the Global Commission on Drug Policy.

THOMAS ZELTNER

Chair, Swiss Research Institute for Public Health and Addiction; Member of the International Advisory Board, Global Health Centre



Thomas Zeltner has been Professor of Public Health at the University of Berne and is a Visiting Scientist at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (Boston). He serves as Deputy Chair of the University Council of the Medical University of Vienna, and is the founder and first chairman of the WHO Foundation established in Geneva in Mai 2020. The WHO Foundation is a grantmaking organisation with the objective of addressing the most pressing global health challenges of tomorrow by raising significant new funding for WHO from non-traditional sources. He is the President of the UNESCO-Commission of Switzerland. From 1991 to 2009, he has been the Director-General of the Federal Office of Public Health of Switzerland, the National Health and Public Health Authority, and Secretary of State for Health of Switzerland.

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 cofounded 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 noncommunicable diseases; urban health, air pollution and sustainable development; traffic injuries; climate change and health; health equity; and access to health services.



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