



## **ASSESSING PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS TO DRUG DEVELOPMENT: A NOVEL FRAMEWORK**

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## SPEAKER

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Donald W. Light is a professor of comparative health policy and psychiatry at the Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine, USA. He has received visiting appointments at the universities of Princeton, Stanford, Harvard, Oxford, Cambridge, Manchester, and other major universities. Trained in history and sociology at Stanford University, the University of Chicago, and Brandeis, Light has published books and articles about health care, the professions, and more recently about the pharmaceutical industry. Articles about the latter can be found at [pharmamyths.net](http://pharmamyths.net). Citations to his work rank in the 96th percentile of all citations tracked by Google Scholar. His latest project pulls

together estimates of the net cost of Covid-19 vaccines, which are a fraction of current prices. Therefore, prices could be much lower and affordable to most countries where the global pandemic still rages ([more information](#)).

## MODERATOR

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Marcela Vieira is Researcher and Project Coordinator of the Knowledge Network for Innovation and Access to Medicines, a project of the Global Health Centre. She has a background in Law and Social Sciences, with a specialisation in Intellectual Property Law and New Technologies of Information and holds a masters degree in Public Health from the Universidade de Sao Paulo (Brazil), obtained with a dissertation about alternatives models of innovation for health technologies. Prior to joining the Global Health Centre, she was coordinator of the Brazilian civil society Working Group on Intellectual Property (GTPI) and legal consultant and researcher at accessIBSA: Innovation & Access to

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