



Guest lecture seminar

Selling sex without HIV – Pakistan’s HIV Epidemic

Speaker Mohsin Saeed Khan, PhD
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Venue Clinical Research Centre (CRC), Auditorium (Aula),
Entrance 72, Jan Waldenströms gata
Skåne University Hospital in Malmö (SUS Malmö)

Dr. Mohsin Saeed Khan has 17 years of public health experience working for Government of Pakistan and multilateral, bilateral and international NGOs including World Bank, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, CIDA, DFID, GTZ, EC, British Council and National AIDS Control Program as a Health Systems Specialist.



In June 2011, he defended his doctoral dissertation entitled "Poverty of Opportunity for Women Selling Sex in Lahore, Pakistan: Knowledge, Experiences and Magnitude of HIV and STIs" at the Division of Global health (IHCAR), Karolinska Institutet (KI), Stockholm. The main aim with the thesis was to estimate the magnitude and severity of HIV / STIs among women selling sex along with their health seeking behaviour and the level of preparedness of the health system for management of HIV/STIs.

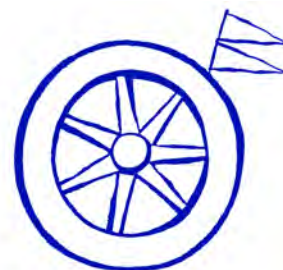
Lecture abstract: The national prevalence of HIV in Pakistan is less than 1%. The HIV epidemic is concentrated among Injecting Drug Users (37%), Hijras (Transvestities – 7.3%) - the epidemic is concentrated among males. Has Pakistan been able to avert a heterosexual HIV epidemic? Is it a game of demand and supply or typologies of most at risk populations? The government of Pakistan has not financed the HIV programme since 2010. The contributions by global financing institutions have also decreased. Only 10% of the health care providers know how to correctly diagnose and treat STIs including Gonorrhoea and Syphilis. The hidden face of risky behaviours, denial, financial instability, global politics and security – have they contributed to the HIV epidemic in Pakistan.

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