



SPECIAL GUEST LECTURE – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Right to the Highest Attainable Standard of Health: Implications For New Zealand

Presenter: Professor Paul Hunt

Thursday 16th February 12-1

GBLT3, Lecture Theatre 3, Old Government Building, Pipitea Campus of Victoria University of Wellington, 55 Lambton Quay, Wellington.

This lecture explores the right to health as recognised in international law. It examines the right of people to access the determinants of health and benefit from public health services, as well as access to health care. Professor Hunt will consider some of the implications of the right to health for New Zealand.



Professor Paul Hunt, a national of New Zealand and United Kingdom, teaches international human rights law at Essex University. He is also an Adjunct Professor at Waikato University. Between 1990-1992, he served as Associate Director of the African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies in the Gambia. Between 1992-2000, he was Senior Lecturer at Waikato University. In 1998, he was nominated by the Government of New Zealand, and elected by the UN, to serve as an independent expert on the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (1999-2002). Between 2002-2008, he was the UN Special Rapporteur on the right to the

highest attainable standard of health. During this period, the UN published some 30 reports of Paul's on a wide-range of right-to-health issues. He has also published extensively, in the academic literature, on economic, social and cultural rights. Today, Paul teaches at Essex University and advises WHO Assistant Director-General, Dr Flavia Bustreo, on health and human rights. In 2008, he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by the Nordic School of Public Health.

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