

# *“Impact of Crises on Healthcare Workers: Current Evidence, Reflections, and Opportunities”*

Join us in a virtual seminar featuring a research presentation and discussion on current evidence, reflections from the field, and opportunities to support healthcare workers in the context of crises.



**Thursday, 14 December 2023**  
**3:00 pm - 4:00 pm GMT**  
**5:00 pm - 6:00 pm EET**  
**10:00 am - 11:00 am EST**

## [Register via Zoom](#)

This seminar is organized by the Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS (CIRA) at Yale University (P30MH062294, PI: Trace Kershaw, PhD) and the Yale AIDS Program, supported by the Kempf Memorial Fund of the Yale MacMillan Center (awarded to Julia Rozanova, PhD and Sheela Sheno, MD, MPH), the Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology & Neuroscience at King's College London and the European Institute of Public Health Policy in Ukraine.

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## OVERVIEW

The goals of the virtual seminar are to:

- 1) highlight the emerging evidence on how crises, such as the war in Ukraine, the conflict in the Middle East, and the COVID-19 crisis; have put healthcare workers at risk of occupational burnout and mental and physical health hazards
- 2) identify gaps and opportunities to support healthcare workers' health and well-being through practice and policy change and collaborative research.

## PANEL AGENDA (in Greenwich Mean Time)

- 03:00 pm- 03:05 pm      Welcome and Introduction**  
Julia Rozanova, King's College London and YSoM
- 03:05 pm-03:15 pm      Opening Session: “Prolonged Armed Conflict and Syria’s Healthcare Workforce”**  
Aula Abbara, Imperial College London
- 03:15 pm-03:30 pm      Ukrainian Healthcare Workers’ Testimonies**
- 03:30 pm-03:35 pm      Remarks: “Perspectives and Concerns from Addiction Treatment Services”**  
Sir John Strang, King’s College London
- 03:35 pm-03:55 pm      Panel Discussion**  
Moderator: Kaveh Khoshnood, Yale School of Public Health  
Panelists:
- Aula Abbara, Imperial College London
  - Sir John Strang, King’s College London
  - Volodymyr Yariy, Kyiv City Narcological Clinical Hospital "Sociotherapy"
  - Oksana Lutsenko, Kyiv City Clinical Hospital #5
  - Iryna Kuznetsova, Donetsk Regional AIDS Prevention and Control Center
- 03:55 pm-04:00 pm      Closing**  
Sheela Shenoi, Yale School of Medicine

## **SPEAKER AND PANELIST BIOS**

### **Aula Abbara, MD(Res)**

#### **Imperial College London, United Kingdom**

Dr. Aula Abbara is a consultant in Infectious Diseases/General Medicine at Imperial College NHS Healthcare Trust and an Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturer at Imperial College, London. She works part-time with MSF as an infectious diseases advisor. She has experience in a range of refugee and humanitarian settings which includes clinical work, teaching and capacity building of infection and microbiology services in areas affected by the Syrian conflict including refugee hosting countries and in the Ebola response. Current research includes a collaboration on antimicrobial resistance in conflict, use of telemicrobiology in conflict, attacks on healthcare in Syria and health systems governance in conflict. She is leading work on the experiences of Syrian and refugee healthcare workers. She chairs the Syria Public Health Network and Health Professionals for Global Health.

### **Kaveh Khoshnood, PhD, MPH**

#### **Yale School of Public Health, United States**

Dr. Khoshnood is an Associate Professor and Director of Undergraduate Studies at the Yale School of Public Health and executive committee member at Yale Council on Middle East Studies. He is co-founder of Yale Violence and Health Study Group and a faculty member of the Program on Conflict, Resiliency and Health at the Yale MacMillan Center. Dr. Khoshnood is trained as an infectious disease epidemiologist and has more than three decades of domestic and international experience in HIV prevention research among people who use drugs and other at-risk populations. Dr. Khoshnood's research interests include: 1) epidemiology and prevention of HIV/AIDS, 2) research ethics and 3) humanitarian health. His projects are primarily in China, Lebanon and Bhutan. Dr. Khoshnood teaches a new course on health in humanitarian crises.

### **Iryna Kuznetsova, MD**

#### **Donetsk Regional AIDS Prevention and Control Center, Ukraine**

Dr. Kuznetsova was trained as a physician in 1982-1988 at the Donetsk State Medical University, majoring in "hygiene, sanitation and epidemiology". Since 1996, she has furthered her clinical epidemiology qualifications through attending certified courses at the Donetsk State Medical University. From 1988 through 2016, Dr. Kuznetsova worked as a doctor-epidemiologist in the structural units of the sanitary and epidemiological service of Ukraine, including Slavyansk interdistrict sanitation station, Slovyansk district office of the Main Department of the State Sanitation Service of Ukraine in Donetsk region, and Slavyansk District Branch of the State Institution Donetsk Regional Laboratory Center of the State Sanitation Service of Ukraine. Since 2016, she has worked as an epidemiologist at the Donetsk Regional AIDS Prevention and Control Center, in the Department of Preventive, Organizational and Methodological Work and Epidemiological Monitoring.

## **SPEAKER AND PANELIST BIOS (Continued)**

### **Oksana Lutsenko, MD**

#### **Kyiv City Clinical Hospital #5, Ukraine**

Dr. Lutsenko studied at the Kyiv Medical University of the Ukrainian Association of Folk Medicine in 2003-2009 at the Faculty of Medicine. She completed an internship at the Department of Infectious Diseases of the Medical Academy of Medical Sciences in 2009-2011. Dr. Lutsenko has worked at the Kyiv City Clinical Hospital #5 since 2011. She has 12 years' experience of providing frontline HIV care. Her current position is the infectious disease doctor at the outpatient department of the Kyiv City AIDS Prevention and Control Center of Kyiv City Clinical Hospital #5.

### **Julia Rozanova, PhD**

#### **King's College London, United Kingdom and Yale School of Medicine, United States**

Julia Rozanova received her PhD in Sociology and subsequently trained in Social Gerontology and Implementation Science, completing a postdoctoral fellowship at Yale School of Medicine. Julia is a Lecturer in Global Mental Health at King's College London and an affiliate of the Yale AIDS Program. With Yale colleague Sheela Shenoi and colleagues from the European Institute on Public Health Policy in Kyiv, she has conducted research at the intersection of HIV, addiction, and aging in Ukraine since 2017.

### **Sheela Shenoi, MD, MPH**

#### **Yale School of Medicine, United States**

Sheela Shenoi is an Associate Professor of Medicine in the AIDS Program of the Section of Infectious Diseases and Associate Director of the Office of Global Health at Yale University School of Medicine. She conducts clinical research on tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS with a focus on resource-limited settings. She evaluates strategies to improve diagnosis, linkage and retention in care, in prison settings and exploring the role of community-based services to facilitate implementation. She prioritizes prevention strategies and integration of HIV and TB services.

### **Sir John Strang, MBBS, FRCPsych, FRCP, MD, F.Med.Sci.**

#### **King's College London, United Kingdom**

Professor Sir John Strang is the head of the leading UK and European Addictions research group at the National Addiction Centre (King's College London) and academic lead of the Addictions Clinical Academic Group (CAG) within the Kings Health Partners Academic Health Science Centre (AHSC). He is qualified as a medical doctor and senior academic. He has contributed to major UK and international policy and practice committees, including the UN and WHO. He has published extensively in the addiction field, with over 600 publications, with a special interest in policy formation and the relationship of research to the improvement of treatment. He has 40 years' experience in diverse areas of the addiction treatment field, including as a lead clinician for innovative responses in community and residential settings. He was awarded EUFAS Lifetime Achievement Award (2019) and received knighthood (2016) in the Queen's Birthday Honours for 'services to medicine, addictions and public health'.

## **SPEAKER AND PANELIST BIOS (Continued)**

### **Volodymyr Yariy, MD, PhD**

#### **Kyiv City Narcological Clinical Hospital "Sociotherapy", Ukraine**

Dr. Yariy first received his clinical training in nursing, followed by earning a medical degree from Kyiv National Medical University in 1997. He completed his residency and fellowship in addiction treatment at the Kharkiv Medical Academy of Postgraduate Education. In 2017, he earned a PhD from the Institute of Neurology, Psychiatry and Narcology of National Academy of Medical Sciences of Ukraine with a dissertation focused on the use of psychosocial support for recovery in treating patients with opioid use disorders. Dr. Yariy worked as a nurse in Kyiv in 1992-1997, and as a medical doctor and addiction psychiatrist thereafter. In 2000, he began his career at the "Sociotherapy" addiction treatment clinic in Kyiv, and he has been its Senior Clinical Director since 2007. Dr. Yariy is one of Ukraine's key addiction treatment experts, and has served in an advisory role for the Ministry of Health of Ukraine. He has collaborated extensively with national and international research teams on NIH-funded projects focused on expanding medication-assisted therapy in Ukraine, and on linkage to care among older adults with HIV with and without comorbid addictions.