

# IGPA CANBERRA CONVERSATION PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

## HEROIN PRESCRIPTION: THE NEED FOR RATIONAL POLICY

**DATE:** Thursday 27 July 2017

**TIME:** 12.30pm - 1.30pm

**VENUE:** Function Room, Theo Notaras Multicultural Centre, North Building, 180 London Circuit, CANBERRA CITY

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**ABOUT:** Public policy discourse on heroin prescription, and more generally drug law reform, is invariably influenced by morality politics, with entrenched ideological positions. Almost 20 years after the heroin prescription trial was abandoned by the Federal government, this IGPA Seminar discusses prescription heroin as a rational approach to improving health and social outcomes.

The Seminar is organized in association with and support from Families and Friends for Drug Law Reform (FFDLR). The event is jointly convened by Professorial Fellow Jon Stanhope AO and Adjunct Professor Dr Khalid Ahmed PSM. It will be in the form of a panel discussion facilitated by Mr Michael Moore AO, Former MLA, ACT Legislative Assembly and currently the President of World Federation of Public Health Associations.

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**DR MARIANNE JAUNCEY** is a Public Health Physician, with conjoint positions at both Sydney Medical School and the National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre of UNSW. She has worked in the drug and alcohol field for nearly two decades.

Dr Jauncey is Medical Director at the Uniting Medically Supervised Injecting Centre in Sydney's Kings Cross. This is the only such service of its kind in Australia, which has now been operational for 16 years. Her research interests include increasing access to hepatitis C treatment for people who inject drugs, the physiology of drug overdose, and mechanisms to increase community debate about drugs.

In her current role at the supervised injecting centre, Marianne works for Uniting, which is the social services and advocacy arm of the Uniting Church NSW & ACT. Marianne is the lead spokesperson for the Church's advocacy campaign calling for evidence-based harm reduction and treatment programs, and for a rethink on drug policy more broadly. She is proud to speak not only as a clinician and public health specialist but also on behalf of Uniting.



**MR DAVID MCDONALD** is an interdisciplinary social scientist and policy analyst with research interests at the intersection of criminal justice and population health, and building evidence-informed public policy.

David has wide experience in research and evaluation, policy analysis, and policy and program development in the alcohol and other drugs, criminal justice and related fields. David is currently the Director of the consultancy Social Research & Evaluation Pty Ltd, a Campus Visitor at ANU's National Centre for Epidemiology and Population Health, and the research advisor to the ACT Government's drug policy advisory group and to the Alcohol Tobacco and Other Drug Association ACT (ATODA).



**MR MICHAEL MOORE AM** was an independent member of the Australian Capital Territory Legislative Assembly for four terms, from 1989 to 2001. As Chair of an Assembly Committee he initiated the ACT Heroin Trial proposal in the early 1990s. He served as Australia's first independent minister as Minister of Health and Community Care from 1998 to 2001.

Since 2008, Michael has been the chief executive officer of the Public Health Association of Australia. He was elected as President of the World Federation of Public Health Associations in 2016. He is a Visiting Professor with the University of Technology Sydney and an Adjunct Professor with the University of Canberra with an academic interest in health and governance. Michael has over 30 publications in peer reviewed journals. In January 2017 he was made a Member in the General Division of the Order of Australia for "significant service to community health, particularly to social policy reform, and to the community of the Australian Capital Territory".

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