

**The Centre for Global Mental Health invites you to
a lecture in memorial of Dr. Chesmal Siriwardhana**

Thursday 8th June 2017

**“Mental Health in Complex Emergencies,
with a focus on Sri Lanka”**

The Centre for Global Mental Health (CGMH) plans to host an annual lecture on Global Mental Health – focussing on topics of conflict, migration, mental health and research ethics – in memory of the life and work of Dr. Chesmal Siriwardhana.

The first lecture, by Dr. Barbara Lopes-Cardozo, will provide an overview of the burden of mental health problems in complex humanitarian emergencies. Dr. Lopes-Cardozo will then focus on the mental health work that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has been involved in in Sri Lanka. This will also include a brief summary of the work that Chesmal was doing in Sri Lanka in collaboration with CDC.

The talk will be followed by a drinks reception, at which friends and colleagues of Chesmal will be invited to share a few words.

Memorial Lecture – John Snow lecture theatre, 6pm – 7pm

- 6pm Welcome to London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine
- *Peter Piot*
- 6.05pm Reflections on the work of Dr. Chesmal Siriwardhana
- *Bayard Roberts*
- 6.15pm Mental Health in Complex Emergencies, with a focus on Sri Lanka
- *Barbara Lopes-Cardozo, MD, MPH*
- 6.45pm Q&A
- *chaired by Bayard Roberts*

Drinks reception - South Courtyard, 7pm – 8.30pm

At which friends and colleagues of Chesmal will be invited to share a few words on his life and legacy.

ALL WELCOME

If you have any queries about the event, please contact
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Click here to register: <https://tinyurl.com/CS-LSHTM-lecture>

Biography: Dr. Barbara Lopes Cardozo

Dr. Barbara Lopes Cardozo holds a Medical Degree from the University of Amsterdam, a Master's degree in Public Health from Tulane University, and a specialization in Psychiatry from Louisiana State University.



She is one of the founding members of Doctors without Borders (MSF) – Holland, winner of the 1999 Nobel Peace Prize. Among the dozens of missions with direct on-the-ground involvement by Dr. Lopes Cardozo during a decade with the organization are the Armenian Earthquake, Armero (Colombia) Volcano disaster, Peru cholera epidemic, as well as aid to victims of violent conflict in Somalia, Uganda, Haiti, and Nicaragua.

For the last 17 years, she has worked as a psychiatric epidemiologist at the Emergency Response and Recovery branch (ERRB) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, building CDC's mental health and psychosocial program in humanitarian emergencies from the ground up. While employed at CDC, Dr. Lopes Cardozo has conducted numerous mental health surveys and outcome evaluations of mental health programs in war-affected countries among others in Afghanistan, Kosovo, Cambodia, Thailand, Burma, Israel, Jordan, Chechnya, and Sri Lanka. She has also conducted mental health studies among humanitarian aid workers who work in these stressful conditions. She has been a pioneer in the field of mental health in emergencies.

She also teaches courses on public health and mental health in emergencies at Emory University as well as the University of Washington and the Royal Tropical Institute in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Dr Lopes Cardozo is also providing psychiatric care to patients at the International Medical Center, Grady Hospital in Atlanta.

Dr. Lopes Cardozo is also an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the Hubert Department of Global Health, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, and the School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Emory University.