



# LSHTM-CHARITÉ GLOBAL HEALTH LECTURE SERIES

## PRETERM BIRTHS IN A COVID19 WORLD: SCIENCE, SYSTEMS AND SOCIAL IMPACT

November 17, 2020 from 16:30-18:00 CET

Location: Online via Zoom

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*Sixth event***MATERNAL, CHILD  
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This sixth event of the LSHTM-Charite Global Health Lecture series will focus on preterm births during the COVID-19 pandemic, exploring the direct and indirect effects of COVID-19 on deliveries and neonatal health around the world. During the event, speakers will share insights

into how the current pandemic is impacting on families, will explore approaches to mitigating against preterm births, and will discuss policy tensions and implementation challenges that exist.

**Programme**

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| Welcome      | Johanna Hanefeld |
| Opening      | Anshu Banerjee   |
| Science Talk | Joy Lawn         |
| Panelist 1   | Suman Rao        |
| Panelist 2   | Queen Dube       |
| Panelist 3   | Silke Mader      |

**Venue and Audience**

This event is open to all and will take place online: <https://bit.ly/37gB55o>.

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## ANSHU BANERJEE

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## JOY LAWN

PROFESSOR OF  
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### MODERATOR - SHORT BIO

Dr Anshu Banerjee is currently the Director for the Department of Maternal, New born, Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing in the World Health Organization (WHO). He was earlier the Director (Global Coordination) in the Office of the Assistant Director-General in Family, Women's and Children's Health, WHO as well as the WHO Country Representative in Albania and Sudan. While based in Geneva with the Reproductive Health and Research (RHR) Geneva, he was seconded to UNMEER in Accra for the Ebola crisis. Dr Banerjee holds a PhD in tuberculosis control from the University of Amsterdam, Netherlands, a Master's in Public Health for Developing Countries from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, United Kingdom, and a medical degree from the University of Antwerp, Belgium.

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER - SHORT BIO

Joy Lawn is Professor of Maternal Reproductive and Child Health Epidemiology and Director of MARCH Centre, London School Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. Joy is an African-born, British-trained paediatrician and perinatal epidemiologist with 30 years' experience including: clinical care, epidemiological burden estimates, design and evaluation of maternal, newborn and child care services at scale, especially in sub-Saharan Africa. Her paediatric training was in the UK, followed by teaching, implementation and research, mainly living in Africa, including a decade with Save the Children. Her MPH was from Emory, Atlanta, USA, whilst at CDC, and her PhD at Institute of Child Health, London. She directs the MARCH Centre (Maternal Adolescent Reproductive & Child Health) at London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, including more than 600 academics. Her main contribution to global health has been developing the evidence-base to measure and reduce the global burden of 2.5 million neonatal deaths, 2.6 million stillbirths, and 15million preterm births, including informing the relevant Sustainable Development Goal target. She has published >260 peer-reviewed papers including leading several influential Lancet series. She and her research team work on large, multi-country studies on newborn health, stillbirths and child development worldwide. She is a champion for women's research leadership, and is one of the few women nominated to membership of both UK Academy of Medical Sciences and USA National Academy of Medicine.



## SUMAN RAO

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## QUEEN DUBE

HEAD OF PEDIATRICS

QUEEN ELIZABETH  
CENTRAL HOSPITAL,  
MALAWI

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### SPEAKER - SHORT BIO

Suman Rao is Professor of Neonatology at St. John's Medical College in Bangalore, South India. She is also a consultant in the Department of Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent and Aging at the WHO. She has worked for over 20 years to improve outcomes of the small and sick newborns and has done pioneering research in Kangaroo mother care and developmentally supportive care in India. She is a national trainer for Neonatal resuscitation and has led the initiatives to mentor Special Newborn Care Units and reduce neonatal mortality. She is keen on low cost innovations and has helped to develop low cost remote monitoring of newborns, therapeutic hypothermia devices and CPAP devices. She has been part of WHO projects on immediate KMC, ACTION and Scale up KMC implementation research. She teaches medical and nursing students and supports their budding research interests.

### SPEAKER - SHORT BIO

Dr. Queen Dube is Head of pediatrics at Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital, the largest tertiary hospital in Malawi. Dr. Dube has worked with the Ministry of Health, Saving Newborn Lives, WHO, Pediatrics and Child Health association of Malawi and UNICEF to improve the quality of newborn care in district hospitals and to improve the quality of care for the small and sick newborn in Malawi. She took a leading role in the development of the "Every Newborn Action Plan for Malawi". She has identified challenges in neonatal care, developed and implemented new technical solutions at various Malawian hospitals. She teaches medical students both undergraduate and postgraduate. She has led several research studies on the small and sick newborn including- neonatal sepsis- Aetiology and long term outcome, Immediate KMC, KMC innovation, KMC follow up and point of care diagnostics for sick and small newborns. She has also done studies on HIV encephalopathy, and Emergency paediatric care. Queen is a co-PI on NEST360, a multi-institutional initiative to halve in patient neonatal mortality in Africa. She is also part of various technical advisory panels for neonatal research trials.





## SILKE MADER

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INFANTS (EFCNI)

GLOBAL ALLIANCE OF  
NEWBORN CARE  
(GLANCE)

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### SPEAKER - SHORT BIO

Silke Mader has been a passionate and influential advocate for maternal and newborn health for over 20 years. As a former patient with HELLP syndrome and mother of preterm babies at week 25 (twin boy survived at 515 grams, twin girl deceased), she built on all of her personal experience to improve care for parents, preterm babies and sick newborns. Care that hardly existed at the time. She knows from her own experience that a strong partnership between health professionals and parents is the best way to face the emotional roller coaster ride of a preterm or sick baby and to overcome the obstacles. This led to establishing EFCNI – European Foundation for the Care of Newborn Infants in Munich 2008 where she acts as Chairwoman and founding member. One of the major achievements of the foundation was the establishment of World Prematurity Day, the development as well as the implementation of The European Standards of Care for Newborn Health founding of the Global Alliance for Newborn Care (GLANCE). In times of the pandemic, GLANCE joined forces with partnering parent organisations, healthcare professionals and medical societies all over the world to develop its first global campaign “Zero Separation. Together for better care! Keep preterm and sick babies close to their parents”. Silke Mader is author and editor of many publications on topics related to maternal and newborn health and received several national and international awards and medals for her engagement.