

# Hot topics in biosecurity and epidemic response

Special international seminar from NHMRC Centre for Research Excellence in Epidemic Response

A special seminar will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016 in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine, UNSW Australia. Come and hear from international experts from the US and Malaysia on a range of topics related to international health law, global biosecurity and emergency management. RSVP to Dr Abrar A Chughtai: [abrar.chughtai@unsw.edu.au](mailto:abrar.chughtai@unsw.edu.au)

## Challenge of hazards governance

*Speaker: Associate Professor Brian J Gerber*

Associate Professor Brian J Gerber is Director of the Emergency Management and Homeland Security program at the College of Public Service and Community Solutions, Arizona State University. Dr Gerber's research specialisation areas include disaster policy and management, homeland security policy and administration, and environmental regulatory policy. He has extensive experience performing policy analysis and program evaluation work for state and local government agencies, as well as major national nonprofit agencies engaged in disaster relief and recovery work. Currently he is working on research related to local governments and climate change, large scale disaster evacuation management, the dynamics of natural hazards governance.

## Laboratory biosecurity, gain of function research and insider threat

*Speaker: Chief Thomas Engells*

Chief Thomas Engells is the Chief of Police at The University of Texas Medical Branch Police Department. He has a Masters of Science (Criminal Justice Management) and a Masters of Arts (Homeland Defense and Security). He was selected as the inaugural recipient of The University of Texas System Police Pace Setter Award, 2012; The University of Texas Police Chief of the Year, 2011 and 2014; The Texas Association of College and University Police Administrators – Law Enforcement Administrator of the Year in 2006 and has served as Chair, Clinical Ethics Committee of the MD Anderson Cancer Center.

## Shift from international to global governance of epidemics in a globalized world

*Speaker: Professor Obi Aginam*

Professor Obi Aginam is Senior Research Fellow and Head, Governance for Global Health, United Nations University International Institute for Global Health. He is also an Adjunct Research Professor of Law at Carleton University, Ottawa, and Visiting Professor in the Integrated Research System for Sustainability Science, University of Tokyo. His expertise cuts across global health governance, globalization of public health, impacts of global/regional trade agreements on health, health and human rights, public-private partnerships, food safety, South-South cooperation, and the regulatory/normative authorities of inter-governmental organizations.

Light refreshment is provided

Venue: Room 305, Level 3, Samuels Building, UNSW Upper Campus, Randwick

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# Seminar Invitation

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May

11:00 - 12:30 pm

Room 305 Samuels Building



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