

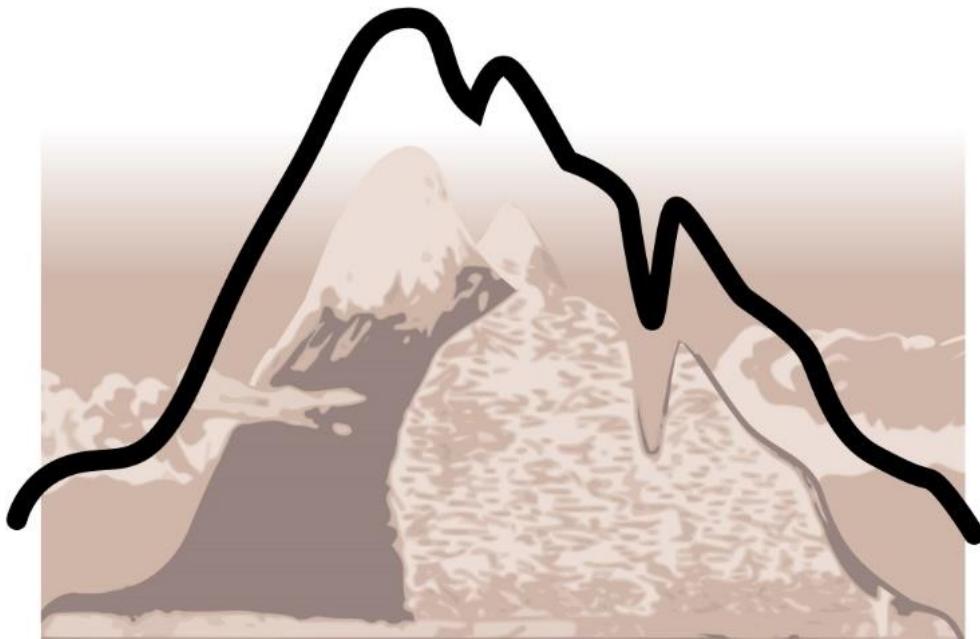


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COVID-19 Webinar series:

## The public health impact of COVID-19 in Latin America



November - December 2020, Canberra, Australia

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## PROGRAM\*: The public health impact of COVID-19 in Latin America

Webinar series: 5 November - 3 December 2020, Canberra, Australia (4 Nov - 2 Dec 2020, South America)

<p><b>Webinar 1:</b> (English) <b>The public health impact of COVID-19 in Latin America: <i>The Evidence</i></b> 9.00-10.30am AEDT (Canberra) Thursday 5 November (Wed evening 4 Nov South America)</p>	<p>Introduction: Noel Campbell, ANCLAS Overview of webinar series on COVID-19: Luis Salvador-Carulla, ANU Understanding the situation in Latin America: Studies by Australian researchers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The importance of the regional perspective, broad general situation in Latin America - Francesco Paolucci</li> <li>- COVID 19 public health response and its impact in five Latin American countries - Ana Rita Sequeira</li> <li>- Modelling Disease Transmission in the Presence of Public Health Interventions during the COVID19 Pandemic - Blanca Gallego</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A moderated by Luis Salvador-Carulla</p>
<p><b>Webinar 2:</b> (English) <b>The public health impact of COVID-19 in South America: Brazil, Chile, Uruguay</b> 9.00-10.30 am AEDT (Canberra) Friday 13 November (Thur evening 12 Nov South America)</p>	<p>Introduction: Noel Campbell The public health impact of COVID-19 in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Brazil - Denise Razzouk</li> <li>- Chile - Carolina Velasco</li> <li>- Uruguay - José Pedro Arcos</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A moderated by Francesco Paolucci</p>
<p><b>Webinar 3:</b> (English) <b>The public health impact of COVID-19 in Central America and the Caribbean: Mexico, Costa Rica, Cuba</b> 9.00-10.30am AEDT (Canberra) Thursday 19 November (Wed evening 18 Nov South America)</p>	<p>Introduction: Noel Campbell The public health impact of COVID-19 in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mexico - Eduardo Lazcano-Ponce</li> <li>- Costa Rica - Pedro Leon Azofeifa</li> <li>- Cuba - Pedro Mas Bermejo</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A moderated by Gisselle Gallego</p>
<p><b>Webinar 4:</b> (English) <b>The impact of COVID 19 on Mental Health in Latin America</b> 9.00-10.30am AEDT (Canberra) Thursday 26 November (Wed evening 25 Nov South America)</p>	<p>Introduction: Noel Campbell The impact of COVID-19 on Mental Health in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Chile – Matias Irrarrazaval</li> <li>- Mexico – Maria Elena Medina Mora</li> <li>- Brazil - Denise Razzouk</li> </ul> <p>Q&amp;A moderated by Luis Salvador-Carulla</p>
<p><b>Webinar 5:</b> (Spanish) <b>The public health impact of COVID-19 in Latin America: Roundtable - Lessons learnt</b> 9.00-10.30am AEDT (Canberra) Thursday 3 December (Wed evening 2 Dec South America)</p>	<p>Introduction: Noel Campbell Lessons learnt from the webinar series - Gisselle Gallego Panel views on lessons learnt - Webinar series speakers' perspectives Panel discussion/Q&amp;A moderated by Fernanda Penalzoza</p> <p>* Program subject to change at discretion of organisers</p>



## ABOUT THE SERIES

Latin America is an immensely diverse region in terms of geography, resources and development. COVID-19 reached Latin America slightly later than other regions, allowing some emergency preparedness response in areas characterised by low health system capacities and socioeconomic disparities. However, the onset and evolution of COVID-19 has impacted different countries in different ways and public health and policy responses have been equally diverse. The objective of this five-part webinar series is examine and learn from the experience of six Latin American countries in dealing with the pandemic.

### Host:

Noel Campbell (ANCLAS)

### Co-chairs:

Luis Salvador-Carulla, Francesco Paolucci, Fernanda Penaloza, Gisselle Gallego

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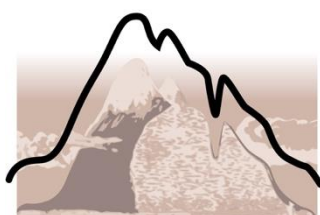
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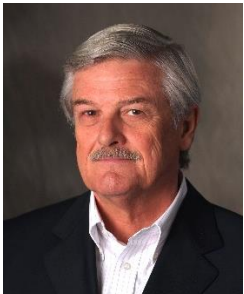


The iconic image is based on the diagram Humboldt produced from his expedition to the Chimborazo Volcano.  
<https://www.sciencenews.org/article/iconic-humboldt-map-may-need-crucial-updates> It reflects the importance of Latin America in science and also may indicate the peaks and valleys of the pandemic.  
(Artwork by Erin Walsh, Research School of Population Health)



## HOST, CO-CHAIRS & CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

<p>Noel Campbell Series Host</p> 	<p>Noel Campbell (BA, LL.B (Hons) ANU, MA (Okla)), is Associate Director, Australian Centre for Latin America Studies, ANU, and former Australian Ambassador to Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay (2014-2018). He served as Official Secretary to the Governor of New South Wales (2009-2012) and Australian Ambassador to Spain (2006-2009), the United Arab Emirates (2002-2005) and the former Yugoslavia (1994-1997). From 1998 to 2002. He was Chef de Cabinet to the Director General of the International Atomic Energy Agency where he advised the Director General on a range of international political, legal and strategic issues relevant to the mandate of the Agency. Noel has also served at Australian Embassies in Buenos Aires, Lima, Geneva and Washington.</p>
<p>Luis Salvador-Carulla Co-Chair</p> 	<p>Luis Salvador-Carulla is Head of the Centre for Mental Health Research at the Research School of Population Health, Australian National University. He has been an advisor to the Government of Catalonia (Spain), the Spanish Ministry of Health, the European Commission (EC) and the World Health Organisation (WHO). His research has focused on developing decision support systems in health and social policy, including tools for analysis of technical efficiency and benchmarking, indicators for health policy analysis and priority setting in mental health and in disability. He has coordinated the Integrated Atlas of Mental Health Project for mapping mental health services in over 30 local areas around the World.</p>
<p>Gisselle Gallego Co-Chair &amp; Presenter</p> 	<p>Gisselle Gallego PhD is a Senior Research Fellow, Translational Research at the School of Medicine, University of Notre Dame. She is a clinical and health services researcher with skills and experience in the evaluation of health policy, knowledge translation and the use of mixed methods in research. Her research and teaching focus on the experiences of marginalised populations. This includes the experiences of culturally and linguistically diverse people, those living with disability, ageing populations as well as the intersection of these.</p>
<p>Fernanda Penaloza Co-Chair</p> 	<p>Fernanda Penaloza is a Latin Americanist, with a strong background in critical theory, and expertise in Latin American Cultural Studies. Interdisciplinary in nature, her work is primarily concerned with how knowledge production, and political, economic and cultural forces shape the peoples of Latin America and the region itself—both as a signifier and as a geopolitical location. Her recent publications focus on Latin American cultures and their interconnections with Australia; Mapping Connections: Australia and Latin America (co-edited with Sarah Walsh, Palgrave, 2019) is the most recent publication to illustrate the line of research she's developing.</p>



<p>Francesco Paolucci Co-Chair &amp; Presenter</p> 	<p>Francesco Paolucci is Professor of Health Economics &amp; Policy at the Faculty of Business &amp; Law, University of Newcastle, Australia, and the School of Economics &amp; Management, University of Bologna, Italy. He has more than fifteen years' experience engaging in health economics policy and management in countries including Austria, Australia, Chile, China, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Qatar, South Africa, Spain, UK, USA. He is widely published and recently published a single-authored book: <i>Health care financing and insurance options for design</i> (Springer), led and coordinated the COVID-19 special issue for the peer-reviewed journal, Health Policy and Technology.</p>
<p>José Pedro Arcos Presenter</p> 	<p>Jose Pedro Arcos is Associate Professor, Thorax Institute, University of the Republic, a Member of the National Academy of Medicine of Uruguay, and Member of Scientific Advisory Group which advises the President on the government's approach to COVID-19. His previous experience includes service as: Assistant Professor, Laboratorio de Funcion Respiratoria, Hospital de Clinicas; Attending Physician, Clinica Medica 1, Maciel Hospital; Adviser, Department of Physiopathology, School of Medicine; and Attending Physician, Centro de Tratamientos Especializados, Maciel Hospital. He was a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Pulmonary Physiology Division, University of California, San Diego.</p>
<p>Blanca Gallego Presenter</p> 	<p>Blanca Gallego Luxan leads the Clinical Machine Learning research unit at the Centre for Big Data Research in Health, UNSW. Trained as a physicist, she obtained her PhD in climate modelling from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). She relocated to Australia in 2003 where she worked at the University of Sydney developing accounting frameworks for assessing the environmental impact of large corporations. Since 2006 Blanca's work has focussed on the analysis of medical data and the development and application of Artificial Intelligence methods to improve healthcare.</p>
<p>Alexandre Kalache Presenter</p> 	<p>Alexandre Kalache is a medical epidemiologist. He is President of the <a href="#">International Longevity Centre-Brazil</a> (ILC BR), Co-director, Age Friendly Foundation, Boston, HelpAge International Global Ambassador on Ageing, and Co-President of the <a href="#">Global Alliance of International Longevity Centres</a> (ILC-GA). He is a former director of the <a href="#">World Health Organization</a> global ageing programme. He is Senior Advisor at the New York Academy of Medicine and has sat on a multitude of boards ranging from the World Economic Forum to the Gulbenkian Foundation. Dr Alexandre Kalache was Adelaide's Thinker in Residence in 2011-2012.</p>





<p>Eduardo Lazcano-Ponce Presenter</p> 	<p>Eduardo Lazcano-Ponce is Academic Dean, National Institute of Public Health of Mexico. As Epidemiology editor of the Journal Salud Pública de México, he has edited 362 articles in peer-reviewed journals. He undertook postgraduate studies in epidemiology at both the Medical School of the National Autonomous University of Mexico and the National Institute of Public Health of Mexico (INSP). He was a Visiting Fellow at the International Agency for Research on Cancer in Lyon, France (1999-2000) and at the ANU Research School of Population Health (2018-2019). At INSP (Mexico), Dr Lazcano-Ponce established research on Intellectual Disability Disorders (IDD) regarding early child development and disabilities. To understand the real dimension of IDD as a public health problem in Latin American regions, he has carried out studies combining epidemiological, clinical and social sciences research, as well as economic and health systems research.</p>
<p>Pedro Leon Azofeifa Presenter</p> 	<p>Pedro Leon Azofeifa is a Professor at University of Costa Rica, San José, Costa Rica and a member of the Covid-19 Task Force, National Academy of Sciences, San Pedro, Costa Rica. He is a graduate of Baylor University, the University of Costa Rica and the University of Oregon. Dr Leon has many years' experience coordinating projects of scientific and social relevance related to the genetic analysis of human diseases. One of his most notable achievements in conjunction with an interdisciplinary team was the discovery of the gene that produces deafness. He also researches the gene that produces manic depressive illness. He participated in the molecular study of a corn virus and recently studied the genetics of salamanders and onychophores, as well as the genes that are present in the formation of embryos.</p>
<p>Pedro Mas Bermejo Presenter</p> 	<p>Pedro Más Bermejo is a Physician with dual specialties epidemiology and public health. He is Emeritus Research Scientist at the Tropical Medicine Institute "Pedro Kouri", Emeritus member of the Cuban Academy of Sciences and Full Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health at the National School of Public Health (Medical University of Havana) and Adjunct Professor School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine at Tulane University, USA. He trained in Epidemiology in Cuba (1982), did a PhD degree in Karlova University, Prague, Czech Republic (1992) and undertook postdoctoral training at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine UK (1994-1995). In July 2020 Pedro was appointed as an advisory group member of the InterAcademy Partnership (IAP) which aims to provide a mechanism for other national academies, national governments and others to obtain reliable information related to COVID-19 and its implications in different countries.</p>
<p>Matias Irarrazaval Presenter</p> 	<p>Matias Irarrazaval is Director of Mental Health, Ministry of Health of Chile. He also works for the Ministry of Health as a child and adolescent psychiatrist. Dr. Irarrázaval earned a Master of Public Health from Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and also holds a Postdoctoral fellowship from Harvard Medical School. Previously, he worked for the Pan American Health Organization / World Health Organization as a specialist in evidence and research in mental health and as a consultant for UNICEF and UNESCO. He also currently works on several research projects which aim to implement prevention programmes and establish sustainable scaling of public health systems to improve access to mental health treatment in Chile and the Americas.</p>



<p>Maria Elena Medina Mora Presenter</p> 	<p>Maria Elena Medina Mora is founder and leader of the Center for Global Mental Health Research, National Institute of Psychiatry, Mexico, and Professor of the Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health, National Autonomous University of Mexico. She is former Director-General Director of the Mexican National Institute of Psychiatry, and an advisor to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, World Health Organization.</p>
<p>Denise Razzouk Presenter</p> 	<p>Denise Razzouk is a psychiatrist with a Master of Science and PhD in health sciences from the Department of Psychiatry, Universidade Federal de São Paulo (Unifesp), Brazil, an MBA in Health Management from Fundação Getúlio Vargas (FGV) and post-doctorate in health economics, King's College, London (as part of fellowship program funded by Capes). She is currently an Affiliated Professor in the Department of Psychiatry (Unifesp); she coordinates the Centre of Mental Health Economics (CESM) - a research group aiming to develop studies on mental health economics, focusing on the Brazilian health system. She is a Full Professor of Psychiatry in the Medical College, Universidade Metropolitana de Santos, Brazil. Personal website MindsUp: <a href="https://www.drmindsup.com/home-english.html">https://www.drmindsup.com/home-english.html</a></p>
<p>Ana Rita Sequeira Presenter</p> 	<p>Ana Rita Sequeira is the Academic Chair of the Health Administration, Policy and Leadership program and a Lecturer in Health Policy at Murdoch University. Ana Rita's research interests include Global Health, health policy and economics; and how to translate research into practice, bringing together both community perspectives and policy towards health and social development. Her unique profile combines experience in complex study design and analysis and applied health economics and policy to inform policy-making. She has been involved with research using population-based linked data to study health outcomes of marginalised populations and health service utilisation, as well as lead and collaborates with inter and multi-disciplinary research teams on refugee health, aboriginal health, and health systems research in resourced-limited countries.</p>
<p>Carolina Velasco Presenter</p> 	<p>Carolina Velasco MSc. Economics, is a health researcher at Centro de Estudios Públicos, a prestigious think tank in Chile. Her previous roles including working as Advisor to the Minister of Education, and as a researcher integrating the Social Policy Program (Libertad y Desarrollo). She is a current and former member of various government advisory committees related to social policies. In 2007, she was recognised in top 100 young leaders of the country by <i>El Mercurio</i> (premier newspaper in Chile) and Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez. She is a Board member of Entre Pares, an educational foundation, and has lectured in a number of universities in Chile, including Universidad Católica, Universidad de los Andes, Universidad del Desarrollo, and Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez. Carolina's publications include papers, book chapters and working papers relating to public policies in health and education.</p>