

The Ebola Crisis: What it Means for West Africa and the World

October 27, 2014 | 1:00pm-5:00pm

Faculty House, Columbia University
64 Morningside Drive, New York, NY

1:10-1:40 Welcome and Opening Remarks

- **Jeffrey Sachs, PhD**, - Director, The Earth Institute, Columbia University
- **Irwin Redlener, MD** - Director, National Center for Disaster Preparedness, The Earth Institute, Columbia University

1:40-2:10 Covering an Epidemic – What We’re Learning from Ebola and What Journalists Need to Know

- **Richard Besser, MD** - Chief Medical Editor, ABC News; former Acting Director, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- **Celia Dugger**, Deputy Science Editor for Health, The New York Times

2:10-3:30 Panel 1: Ebola Fundamentals: What are the Major Challenges?

Moderator: Jeff Schlegelmilch, MPH, MBA - Managing Director for Strategic Planning and Operations, National Center for Disaster Preparedness

- **Ranu Dhillon, MD** – Senior Health Advisor, Earth Institute and Adjunct Assistant Professor, SIPA; Columbia University
- **Anne Liu, MPH** – Program Manager, Health Systems Development, Center on Globalization and Sustainable Development, Earth Institute, Columbia University
- **Jay Varma, MD** - Deputy Commissioner for Disease Control, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; former Medical Epidemiologist, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- **Robert Kanter, MD** – Adjunct Senior Research Scientist, National Center for Disaster Preparedness, Earth Institute, Columbia University; Professor of Pediatrics, Pediatric Critical Care Medicine, Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine, Roanoke, VA

3:30-3:45 Break

3:45-4:45 Panel 2: Is Science Keeping Up with the Demands of Ebola – and Challenges to Come?

Moderator: David Abramson, PhD, MPH - Deputy Director and Director of Research, National Center for Disaster Preparedness, Earth Institute, Columbia University; Assistant Professor of Sociomedical Sciences, Columbia University Medical Center

- **Robert Klitzman, MD** – Professor of Psychiatry; Director, Masters of Bioethics Program; Director, Ethics, Policy and Human Rights Core, HIV Center for Clinical and Behavioral Studies, Columbia University
- **Stephen Morse, PhD** – Director, Infectious Disease Epidemiology Certificate program, Professor of Epidemiology, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University Medical Center

4:45-5:00 Closing Remarks

- **Chernor Bah, MA** – Sierra Leonean Peace Activist and Chair, Youth Advocacy Group, UN Global Education First Initiative

5:00 Adjourn

- **Jeffrey Sachs, PhD**
 - **Irwin Redlener, MD**
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