

HEALTH ECONOMICS COLLABORATION SEMINAR

Whither South African Health and Health Care?

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Health Economics Collaboration:

The School of Public Health, Sydney University

The George Institute for International Health, and

The National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre (NDARC)

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Level 10, King George V Building
Missenden Rd Camperdown

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Currently in South Africa there are discussions going on at the highest level on the possibilities of introducing a National Health Insurance. This paper will take a political economy stance in examining this issue. What are the economic, political and health backgrounds to this proposal? What are the chances of success and what might 'success' mean? What will happen to the private sector? How much of a difference will an NHI make? The paper will cover issues examined in a recent special edition of *The Lancet* featuring health in South Africa.

The presenter is a health economist and honorary professor both in HERMES, University of Sydney and in the Health Economics Unit at the University of Cape Town in South Africa. He recently spent three months at UCT where inter alia he examined the current political economy of health.