

Florey Medical Research Foundation
5.30 – 6.30pm
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Florey Lecture Theatre
Free admission

Climate Change and Health, Present and Future Risks: A Core Issue for 'Sustainability'

The eminent journal *The Lancet* recently announced that “Climate change is the biggest global health threat of the 21st century”. A bold statement, but indicative of emerging evidence. On current form we are moving towards a more precarious and health-unfriendly world.

Professor Anthony J McMichael, MBBs, PhD

- MBBS, Adelaide University, 1967
- Epidemiologist
- Holds an NHMRC Australia Fellowship at the Australian National University, Canberra.
- Honorary Professor of Climate Change and Health at the University of Copenhagen.
- Previously Professor of Epidemiology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.
- Current President of the International Society for Environmental Epidemiology.
- Senior advisor to World Health Organisation (WHO) on climate change and health
- Chairs the Tropical Disease Research Program work on environment, climate, agriculture and infectious diseases.

Professor McMichael's past research interests have spanned dietary, social and environmental epidemiology.

(1979-1994) In South Australia, he coordinated a long-running cohort study of environmental lead exposure and early child neurocognitive development in Port Pirie.

During the 1990's he helped pioneer the study of health risks from global environmental change, especially climate change.

In 1993-2006 he played a leading role in health risk assessment for the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (for which he won approximately 1/2000th of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize).