



# Corruption in global health: the open secret

**Professor Patricia J. García**

**Wednesday 27 November 2019, 18.30 – 20.30**

The Knowledge Centre at the British Library, 96 Euston Road, London, NW1 2DB

We invite you to the **2019 Academy of Medical Sciences & The Lancet International Health Lecture**, presented by Dr Patricia J. García, former Minister of Health of Peru and former Chief of the Peruvian National Institute of Health. She is currently a Professor and Dean of the School of Public Health at Cayetano Heredia University (UPCH) in Lima-Peru.

“Corruption is embedded in health systems. All my life, as a researcher, as a public health worker, and as a Minister of Health, I have been able to see entrenched dishonesty and fraud. But despite being one of the most important barriers to implementing universal health coverage around the world, corruption is rarely openly discussed.

In this lecture, I will outline the magnitude of the problem, how it started and what is happening now. I will also discuss people’s fears around the topic and what is needed to address corruption: what are the responsibilities of the academic and research communities in both the global south and global north? If we are really aiming to achieve the sustainable development goals and ensure healthy lives for all, corruption in global health must no longer be an open secret.”

Professor García is recognised as a leader in Global Health, and has been member of the PAHO Foundation Technical Advisory Group (FTAG), board member of the Consortium of Universities in Global Health, and President of the Latin American Association Against STDs (ALACITS). She is affiliate Professor of the Department of Global Health, at University of Washington and of the School of Public Health at Tulane University. She has also been appointed as a member of the United States National Academy of Medicine, becoming the first Peruvian professional with such a distinction.

**The lecture is free to attend but booking is essential.**

It will also be web-cast. For more information, please visit [www.acmedsci.ac.uk/IHL](http://www.acmedsci.ac.uk/IHL)