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PRIVATIZATION OF PRIMARY HEALTHCARE**



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Speaker Profile

Prof. Maureen Mackintosh

Emeritus Professor of Economics, The Open University, United Kingdom

Maureen Mackintosh is Emeritus Professor of Economics at The Open University. She is a development economist. Her research focuses on commercialisation of health care, and on local production of medicines in African countries. She was principal investigator 2018-21 for the collaborative research project, Innovation for Cancer Care in Africa (ICCA) with Tanzanian, Kenyan and Indian colleagues.

Publications include Banda, Mackintosh, Karimi Njeru et al. (eds) (2024) Cancer Care in Pandemic Times: Building Inclusive Local Health Security in Africa and India; and Mackintosh, Channon, Karan et al. (2016) What is the private sector? Understanding private provision in the health systems of low income and middle income countries, The Lancet 387, 26 June.

Dr. Abhay Shukla

Practicing Doctor

Co-convener of People's Health Movement and Coordinator, SATHI-CEHAT

Abhay Shukla is a public health physician based in India, working on public and community health issues for the last 35 years. He is a Senior Consultant with SATHI Pune (Support for Advocacy and Training to Health Initiatives), and is a National Co-convener of Jan Swasthya Abhiyaan (People's Health Movement – India). He has co-edited / authored the books Review of Health care in India, Health system in India – crisis and alternatives and Dissenting Diagnosis, exposing malpractices in the private medical sector in India.

Abhay has been involved in developing Community Based Monitoring and Planning (CBMP) of health services, and drafting of the national 'Patients' Rights Charter' developed by National Human Rights Commission. He has been involved in developing various community-based health responses to the COVID epidemic in Maharashtra, while drafting official Health rights advisories in response to COVID. He is active in campaigns for patient's rights, social regulation of the private healthcare sector, and developing a system for Universal Health Care.

Vivek Divan

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Vivek Divan is the Coordinator of C-HELP. His expertise for over two decades has been at the intersections of law, health and sexuality, with particular focus on HIV, TB and LGBTQ concerns.

He has worked both nationally and internationally on these issues, including leading efforts to challenge Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code, drafting a Bill that became India's HIV/AIDS Act in 2017, building capacity on patent law and access to medicines, serving as member of the Secretariat and Technical Advisory Group of the Global Commission on HIV & the Law, and co-authoring the Legal Environment Assessment on TB in India. He has also participated as an expert advisor and speaker at various national and international fora, and has published widely. He obtained his law degree from NLSIU, Bangalore, and an LL.M. from Cornell University.