



**Global Determinants of Health and Wellbeing:
Poverty and Social Deprivation in an unstable world**
Location: University College London-UCL 12th June 2025; 9.30-16.00



Online Programme

09.30 Registration

10.15 Introduction and chair, Olly Thorp

10.20 Welcome to UK and International Guests, Commissioner Jenine Main

10.25 Political perspectives on war in Europe, Dr Joanna Szostek, University of Glasgow [SDH4* Introduction to Part I]

10.40 Homes for Ukrainians- the role of local authorities

Video clip brief interview with Svitlana Semaniv [SDH4* chapter 7]

10.55 The role of the Salvation Army in Europe: Commissioner Cedric Hills [SDH4* chapters 16]

11.10 Mothering as a response to countering adverse childhood experiences in the UK and Norway, Dr Rebecca Harrocks [SDH4* chapters 8 and 14]

11.25 Refugees, migration and mental health issues. Professor Cornelius Katona

11.40 Social Determinants of Health, Bristol University Publications and the development of an *International Collaborative University Network*: Professor Adrian Bonner

11.55 Directions for lunch and afternoon sessions, Olly Thorp

12.00 End of morning session

* Social Determinants of Health in Europe: Direct and Indirect Consequences of War; The wicked issues of War. University of Bristol Press; <https://policy.bristoluniversitypress.co.uk/social-determinants-of-health-in-europe>

12.30 Lunch

Panel Discussions 14.00-15.30

- **Migration and displaced people**

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- Chair: Professor Cornelius Katona [Helen Bamber Foundation]
- Panel Members: Damaris Frick, Dr Lucy Kanya, Dr Ayesha Ahmad, Tanya Laidlaw

- **Health and wellbeing: Reducing Harm and Creating Health**

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- Chair: Professor Nicholas Pleace [University of York]
- Panel Members: Professor Carolyn Snell, Katherine Knight, Lt Col Drew McCombe, Jo Underwood

- **Climate Inequalities**

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- Chair: Professor Richard Simmons [University of Stirling]
- Panel Members: Professor Qunshan Zhao, Helen Drewery, Joanne Beale, Zoe Metcalf

16.00 Close of Conference

About the Contributors

Morning Session

10.15-12.00

Chair, Olly Thorpe is Director for Research and Development in the Salvation Army. He has had various roles in the movement since 2008, as well as a brief time with the Scout Association. He has an MA in Youth Work and Community Development and has held a variety of volunteer roles in local churches, supporting with community work and in leadership.

Commissioner Jenine Main has dedicated 39 years to her service as a Salvation Army officer, holding roles across England, Wales, and the Isle of Man, that have included church leadership and DHQ and THQ appointments. Over the past decade, she stepped into senior leadership roles, including Divisional leadership, Territorial Secretary for Women's Ministries in the Caribbean Territory (2018-2020) and the Territorial Secretary for Leader Development upon returning to the UK and Ireland Territory (UKIT). In January 2024, she and her husband Paul were appointed as Territorial Leaders of UKIT. Married for 38 years, they have two adult children and four grandchildren who bring them immense joy. Jenine invests time in her own Christian Spiritual Formation and enjoys reading, walking, swimming, and exploring new places across the UK. Her passion lies in meeting people and witnessing the diversity of The Salvation Army, which continues to energize and inspire her in her ministry.

Dr Joanna Szostek is a Senior Lecturer in Political Communication at the University of Glasgow, and an associate fellow of the Chatham House Russia and Eurasia Programme. She has conducted extensive research in Ukraine and Russia, with a focus on the media and public opinion. Her research is published in leading peer-reviewed journals, including *Perspectives on Politics*, *The International Journal of Press/Politics*, *New Media and Society*, *Post-Soviet Affairs* and *European Security*. She has also given numerous interviews about Russia's war on Ukraine to national and international media, including BBC Newsnight, BBC Scotland, France 24 and The New York Times. Joanna's professional experience includes several years at BBC Monitoring and many years of living and working in Russia and Ukraine. She has also spent time on secondment with the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and she holds a doctorate in politics from the University of Oxford.

Svitlana Semaniv is a Psychologist and trauma-focused therapist with over a decade of experience in mental health care, specialising in trauma, anxiety, stress management, and crisis intervention. Since 2022, providing psychological support to Ukrainian refugees in the UK, with a focus on trauma recovery and emotional resilience. Previous work in Ukraine included individual and group therapy, as well as leading national initiatives aimed at increasing mental health awareness and delivering training programmes for professionals. Committed to professional development and promoting accessible, community-based psychological support.

Bohdana Tymoskyshyn is a teacher of English Language. She worked and is still contracted to work in a primary school in Ukraine but now displaced to the UK. She trained at Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University, following studies at Kolomyia Organisation of The Red Cross Society. She maintains her academic studies on a yearly basis at Ivano Frankivsk Institute of Postgraduate Pedagogical Education

Commissioner Cedric Hills is Secretary for Europe, The Salvation Army. Commissioned as a Salvation Army officer in 1986, his international humanitarian experience began in 1996. Whilst managing a welfare centre for NATO troops serving in Sarejevo, he was tasked to establish an emergency feeding and winterisation programme for families impacted by the Bosnian war in the small village of Sipovo. Witnessing at first-hand the impact of war and conflict had a profound impact upon him. Further emergency management deployments to conflict zones included the Republic of Georgia, Afghanistan, Albania & Kosovo and Iraq. In his current role, he has oversight of TSA activities in the 34 countries of The Salvation Army's Europe Zone, including the UK, Russia, Germany, the Netherlands, Finland, Switzerland, France, Norway, Sweden, Austria, Iceland, Greece, and Spain. He holds a BA (hons) in Theology and Ministry.

Dr Rebecca Harrocks is a Senior Researcher at The Salvation Army Territorial Headquarters in London. She has a MA in Theology and Religious Studies from the University of Nottingham, and a doctorate in Theology from King's College London. Her PhD thesis looked at belonging, inclusion, and boundary markers within the Jewish communities of ancient Alexandria and Egypt, through the lenses of sex, gender, marriage, and procreation. She occasionally lectures in Ancient History and Biblical Studies. Rebecca spent seven years working with single-parent families and coordinating a peer-support group for solo parents, experiencing some of the many legal, social, emotional, mental, and physical health challenges encountered by others in this cohort. She is passionate about the support of families in all their diversity, not only through policy and the traditional roles of statutory services, but particularly via proactive and inclusive efforts of churches, other places of worship, and FBOs.

Professor Cornelius Katona was trained in general and old age psychiatry at Cambridge and St George's Medical Schools. After teaching psychiatry in elderly care at University College he was appointed Foundation Professor of

the Elderly, then Dean of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. His expertise in assessing psychiatric patients has led to him assessing and reporting on the mental health of asylum seekers and refugees. He is an honorary professor at University College and Medical Director of the Helen Bamber Foundation [a leading charity supporting traumatised asylum seekers and refugees].

Professor Adrian Bonner is an honorary Professor in the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Stirling, and Consultant in Community-based research for the Salvation Army. Adrian's early research was concerned with neurobiological aspects of alcohol at the Universities of Surrey and Kent. At this time, he became Chairman of the Congress of the European Society for Biomedical Research into Alcohol. The publication *Social exclusion and the way out: An individual and community response to human social dysfunction* (Bonner, 2006) provided the basis for research into *The Seeds of Exclusion* (Bonner A, C. Luscombe, 2008), The Salvation Army-University of Kent and Cardiff research a major report that continues to influence Salvation Army strategic planning in a number of TSA territories. These activities were undertaken while he was a Reader at the University of Kent. Building on academic research published in approximately 100 journal articles, Adrian founded and is editor of the Bristol University Press series on *Social Determinants of Health*. The fourth volume in the series, *Social Determinants of Health in Europe: Direct and Indirect Consequences of War; The wicked issues of War-SDH4* was published in December 2024.

Panel Discussions

14.00-15.30

Panel A: Migration and Displaced people

Chair

Professor Cornelius Katona was trained in general and old age psychiatry at Cambridge and St George's Medical Schools. After teaching psychiatry in elderly care at University College he was appointed Foundation Professor of the Elderly, then Dean of the Royal College of Psychiatrists. His expertise in assessing psychiatric patients has led to him assessing and reporting on the mental health of asylum seekers and refugees. He is an honorary professor at University College and Medical Director of the Helen Bamber Foundation [a leading charity supporting traumatised asylum seekers and refugees].

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Dr Lucy Kanya, PhD MPH is Assistant Professorial Research Fellow at the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). She has a health economics and policy background with Lucy has a health economics and policy background and over 15 years of experience in social science research in Africa and the United Kingdom. Her research interests include maternal and perinatal health, the economics and politics of healthcare financing in low- and middle-income countries, and private-sector engagement in health. She has been part of the LSE's African Health Observatory-Platform on Health Systems and Policies (AHOP), which leverages existing national and regional collaborations to form a network of National Centres for health systems analysis and in-country knowledge brokering. Lucy is the impact lead for the food (in) security lab at the LSE's Global School of Sustainability.

Lucy also serves as the Senior Regional Technical Director for Africa Programs with Vitamin Angels (VA). In this, she works closely with VA country teams in Africa, using an implementation science approach to inform the design and ongoing refinement of our programs in the region.

Tanya Laidlaw is a UK-based immigration advisor and consultant partner at a London law firm, specialising in complex immigration routes including the Homes for Ukraine Scheme and Global Talent visa. Originally from Ukraine, Tanya combines personal insight with professional expertise to support displaced individuals and migrants navigating the UK immigration system. She holds degrees from a Ukrainian pedagogical institute and the University of Westminster, and is a frequent speaker at legal and community forums. Tanya is also actively involved in mentoring legal professionals and advocating for policies that are both fair and practical. Her work bridges legal precision with compassionate advocacy for those rebuilding their lives in the UK and beyond.

Damaris Frick is the Director of The Salvation Army International Emergency Services. Her involvement in the humanitarian field commenced in January 2006 with a deployment to Northern Pakistan for the earthquake relief programme. For several years she held mainly field based or field supporting positions managing disaster relief operations in locations including Myanmar, Indonesia, Eastern DRC, Haiti, Pakistan, Uganda, the Philippines and Vanuatu. She now oversees the management of relief and recovery operations of the Salvation Army worldwide and provides technical and strategic support to Salvation Army Leadership and humanitarian personnel worldwide. Her team has been instrumental in shaping the global support to the Covid-19 crisis and now also the locally led but internationally supported response to the war in Europe. Since 2009 she has also been involved in facilitating disaster preparedness and response workshops, training and conferences. Damaris

holds a MA (Diploma) in Social Work (Freiburg, Germany) and a MA Development and Emergency Practice (Oxford Brookes).

Dr Ayesha Ahmadis is a Reader in Global Health Humanities at City St. George's University of London and holds a PhD in medical ethics as well as a postgraduate qualification in psychoanalysis, specialising in trauma. Her research expertise is in transcultural psychiatry and refugee mental health. She particularly works in contexts of conflict and humanitarian crisis. Dr Ahmad develops trauma therapeutic interventions using traditional storytelling with a particular focus on Afghanistan. Dr Ahmad's specialisation is in psychological trauma and the ethical consequences of concepts that are used in mental health. In her work, Dr Ahmad critically explores the notion of land trauma, as it is juxtaposed with a medicalised and biomedical paradigm of a temporal understanding of post-traumatic stress disorder. Dr Ahmad also works as an Expert Witness providing academic reports on asylum seeker cases related to war, mental health, and gender-based violence. She writes poetry to reflect on the stories she receives.

Panel B: Reducing Harm and Creating Health

Chair

Professor Nicholas Pleace is Professor of Housing and Society. He is an interdisciplinary researcher whose interests centre on housing exclusion, homelessness and inequalities linked to the built environment. He is interested in the intersections of between homeless and climate justice. He has worked on impact-driven research on homelessness policy and practise. He has been a member of the European Observatory on Homelessness, via FEANTSA.

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Katherine Knight has over twenty-five years' experience in sport and physical activity and is passionate about making a positive impact at scale. She began at The Football Association in the nineties as part of a small team working on women's football. She built the first ever Marketing and Communication strategy which helped it become the top female participation sport in England, second team participation sport (to men's football) and even shifted cultural norms for women. It was mission led, put the athletes at the centre and made transformative change.

For the last 10 years she has been a Director at Intelligent Health, founded by Dr William Bird, MBE, where the focus is on tackling inequalities, ill health and climate change through building active communities. Katherine has guided the growth of a mass participation game called Beat the Street that encourages people to improve their health through small changes to daily behaviour - through walking, wheeling and cycling. Katherine has led the national work with Sport England since 2017 building it into a programme that has been taken across England and is now recognised as a transformational tool for places.

In her spare time Katherine is Chair of Rounders England and although she has retired from playing football she still loves heading out for walks with her family and friends.

Professor Carolyn Snell is a Professor in Social Policy in the School for Business and Society at the University of York. Prior to this she held a research post at the Stockholm Environment Institute where she worked on the social and public policy aspects of environmental policies. Her research and publications largely focus on energy policy in the UK, with a particular interest in the intersection of fuel poverty, energy policy, and climate policy. Carolyn is one of the founding members of the Social Policy Association's Climate Justice network.

Jo Underwood is a supervising solicitor and lecturer in the King's Legal Clinic at The Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London. A solicitor since 2003, she specialises in housing and public law. She teaches and supervises undergraduate law students to advise clients who are homeless or badly housed. Previously, Jo was the head of the strategic litigation team in the housing and homelessness charity Shelter. Jo has led test cases and third-party interventions on behalf of Shelter in several leading cases concerning homelessness, social security and poor housing. These cases include numerous Supreme Court challenges relating to homelessness, the benefit cap and out of area temporary housing placements. Jo also carried out training, policy, campaigning and research activities at Shelter, centred around improving policy and practice regarding homelessness and poor housing.

Jo is active in the field of housing and homelessness law and is a member of the Housing Law Practitioners Association. Her research is focused around improving policy and practice regarding homelessness, poor housing and access to legal advice.

Lt Col Drew McCombe, is Secretary for Salvation Army Mission Services in UK and Ireland. He has been a Salvation Army officer in local churches, planting new ministries and congregations, and has held leadership roles for The Salvation Army at divisional and national level. Currently he is Secretary for Mission with responsibilities across the UK and Ireland, based at TSA Territorial Headquarters in London. This includes organizational responsibility for the following services in the UK and Ireland: Homelessness, Addiction, Employment Plus, Older Persons, Victim Support-Human Trafficking [Home Office contract], Children and Young people, Family ministries, Prison ministries, Family Tracing, International Projects [UKIT Office], Financial Inclusion, Strawberry Fields Education and Employment Services, Hadleigh Farm. Refugee Support, and Research and Development.

Panel C: Climate Inequalities

Chair

Professor Richard Simmons is Professor in Public and Social Policy in the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Stirling. He has over 25 years' experience of public and social policy research, teaching, impact and leadership, where he has led major projects across a range of public policy agendas including user and community engagement, the governance and delivery of public services, and multi-sectoral partnership working. This spans a range of local, regional, national and international contexts. His work focuses in three core areas: (i) CITIZEN, USER, COMMUNITY VOICE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE, where he has undertaken major UKRI research projects as part of the £3.5m Democracy and Participation programme and £5m Cultures of Consumption programme, as well as a £500k project for NIHR in the UK NHS. (ii) HUMAN CO-OPERATION AND INSTITUTIONAL WORK, where he has undertaken major UKRI research projects as part of the £5m Non-Governmental Public Action programme in Tanzania and Sri Lanka, and a €7M EU project, 'Strength2Food', looking at local economic development through public procurement in Serbia. (iii) POLICY AND SYSTEM INNOVATION, this includes a major UKRI project on procurement as part of the COVID-19 Rapid Response Programme, and a current £5.1m project within the Local Policy Innovation Partnership Programme ('Optimising Outcomes from Water Resources'). Much of his research has focussed on the development of innovative conceptual and theoretical frameworks and their application in a range of empirical public and social policy contexts where interventions may enhance opportunities to achieve shared goals. He writes widely on these issues for academic, policy and practitioner audiences, including various contributions to the Social Determinants of Health series from Bristol University Press.

Panel Members

Dr Qunshan Zhao is a Professor in Urban Analytics in Urban Studies and Social Policy and an Associate Director (Urban Sensing & Analytics) of the Urban Big Data Centre (UBDC) at the School of Social and Political Sciences at the University of Glasgow, UK. Qunshan's research has three main keywords, including Cities, Sensors, and Data. His research interest focuses on creating a sustainable urban future and tackling related social, economic, and environmental problems by using new forms of data and related analytical approaches. Ongoing research efforts include urban infrastructure location optimization (urban green infrastructure; bike sharing station; alternative refuelling stations location modelling), human-environment interactions (human mobility patterns in urban/natural spaces, particularly by mobile phone app data), housing energy efficiency and fuel poverty (fuel poverty and housing environment sensing and evaluation), 3D city modelling, urban slum modelling in Global South, and open source spatial optimization methods development (pysal/spopt)

Joanne Beale is an engineer by training, at the University of Cambridge, with 15 years' experience in the international development sector, most of it as a water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) specialist but with a growing interest in more holistic community development particularly through a faith-based lens. Joanne has worked for several secular and faith-based organisations in a employment and freelance capacity including many years with WaterAid which saw her offering technical support to a large number of country programmes. She also spent 3 years living and working in rural Mozambique for the Anglican church where she designed and managed a highly effective WASH programme. She currently works as the International Community Development Lead at The Salvation Army's International Headquarters where she is focused on building partnerships, capacity and strategy across a range of technical areas.

Zoe Metcalf. Strategic Client Advisor - Local & Central Government, AtkinsRéalis. With over 25 years' experience of working with clients to help unlock urban challenges that deliver transformational development projects. An expert in the resilience of urban systems and major project delivery. Zoe is one of the driving forces behind 'Connected thriving places' which is a place-led, community based regenerative methodology to deliver better quality of life outcomes for all, alongside net zero pathways, climate resilience and nature positive solutions. Through this approach Zoe has been working closely with Local Government and devolved regions to support the identification and delivery of major infrastructure, built environment and nature-based programmes. Underpinned by credible data and digitally enabled, aligned to investment priorities, deliver value and credible outcomes that build a better future for people and nature.

Helen Drewery works for Quakers in Britain for much of her career, supporting Quakers (members of the Religious Society of Friends) from their central office. She became head of Quaker Peace and Social Witness, the department focussing on work for peace, social justice and environmental justice. In that role, she line-managed the Director of the Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO) in Geneva. Recently she has renewed her involvement with QUNO, becoming Co-Clerk (equivalent to chair) of its governing body. QUNO has four work programmes, Human Impacts of Climate Change, Human Rights & Refugees, Sustainable & Just Economic Systems, and Peace & Disarmament. It works to break down the silos in which UN bodies often work, to make fruitful connections between these subjects.

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