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Presented by:

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Title:

Culture, Health and Sexuality: insights and perspectives from a rapidly developing field

Date:

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Venue:

Margaret Martin Lecture Theatre, Edgewood Campus,
University of KwaZulu-Natal

Time:

14h00

In this lecture, Peter Aggleton looks back over the last 25 years to chart the development of what has become an increasingly legitimate field of study, focusing on the intersections between culture, health and sexuality.

He traces the origins of this inter-disciplinary and cross-perspectival development to dissatisfaction with the limits of earlier 'single perspective' accounts of sex, sexual relationships and the sexual, offered by subjects such as anthropology, demography, psychology and sociology. Influential too has been the impact of social movements (particularly LGBTQ activism and second wave feminism) in advocating for rights and social change. Finally, the advent of HIV provided additional impetus to what has become an important new way of framing issues connecting the individual to culture, community and social structure.

Legitimacy for such an approach to understanding people and the socio-sexual relationships they enter into, has been provided by the emergence of a whole new field of research and scholarship resourced by specialist books and journals. Yet such progress has not been without opposition – by academic 'purists' calling for a return to what they see as less complex modes of explanation, and by policy makers seeking what they describe as programs and interventions that 'work'.

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Peter has worked internationally in health and development for over 30 years, with a focus on sexuality, well-being and health. He is the founding editor of the journal *Culture, Health & Sexuality* and editor-in chief of the journal *Sex Education*, both published by Routledge.

He is an adjunct professor in the Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society at La Trobe University, Australia, and holds visiting professorial positions at the UCL Institute of Education in London, and at the University of Sussex, UK.

Alongside his academic work, Peter has served as a senior adviser to numerous international agencies including UNESCO, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNAIDS and WHO.