Building Fairer and Sustainable Societies in the Age of Global Transformation

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**Abstract:**
This talk will address the complexity, uncertainty and interdependency of some of the critical developmental challenges faced by modern societies with a focus on emergence and re-emergence of a wider spectrum of issues related to population, health, economy and social development. Country and region specific case studies will be examined highlighting the current and future priorities and solutions for reducing inequalities and improving health and wellbeing of populations. In addition, the discussion will highlight some of the challenges related to the feasibility and measurement of the UN Agenda on Sustainable Development Goals.

**Bio:**
Sabu Padmadas is Professor of Demography and Global Health, and co-Director of the Centre for Global Health, Population, Poverty and Policy at the University of Southampton. His research interests focus broadly on the application of demographic and statistical modelling of global health and wellbeing outcomes in low-middle income and transition economies. He has a distinguished academic career with 20 years’ research experience, published over 50 peer-reviewed scientific articles in leading international journals. A significant achievement of his academic career is the research spanning over a decade evaluating three cycles of the United Nations reproductive health and family planning programme in China, which generated high impact and policy response at the national level. Through multidisciplinary research-led teaching, he is committed to transferring scientific knowledge and building capacity in new generation researchers to solve global population and health challenges that societies face in modern societies. He is currently a Fellow of the Higher Education Academy in the UK.

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