

Health care in developed and developing countries will be the subject of nine lectures

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Health care in developed and developing countries will be analyzed in a series of nine lectures Oct. 27 through 31 at the University of California, San Diego.

Sponsored by the Urban and Rural Studies Program of UCSD's Third College, the series will feature guest lecturer Dr. Vicente Navarro, associate professor in the Department of Health Care Organization at Johns Hopkins University.

A noted analyst and critic of health care in the U.S. and in developing countries, Navarro has been a consultant to the World Health Organization, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, various other U.S. governmental units and several foreign countries.

He is an M.D. and also holds a Diploma in Medical Services Administration from the University of Edinburgh and a Doctor in Public Health degree from Johns Hopkins.

His lecture series at UCSD, "Political Economy of Health and Health Care," will include two talks daily Oct. 27 through Oct. 30 and one on Oct. 31 in a variety of campus locations.

Each session will be self-contained although the series as a whole will present a comprehensive analysis of the political economy of health systems in developed and developing nations.

All lectures are open to the public. According to Faustina Solis, UCSD associate professor of community medicine and coordinator of the series, there will be ample seating for the major lectures, but space will be limited for some of the other sessions.

Highlight of the series will be Navarro's discussion of political and economic factors in health care in the U.S. at 4 p.m., Oct. 30 in room 2100 of the Basic Science Building at the School of Medicine.

Two other major talks in the series on Oct. 28 will cover the underdevelopment of health care in several foreign countries. Navarro will discuss the situations in Cuba and China at 10 a.m. in room 2135 of the Biology Building, Muir College campus. In his second lecture of the day, he'll talk about the problems and possibilities of the health care situations in Chile, Portugal and Spain at 4 p.m. in room 1330 of the Humanities and Social Sciences Building, Muir campus.

The balance of Navarro's lecture series will include the following talks: "The Political Economy of Health Care in Underdeveloped Countries" at 11 a.m. Oct. 27 in Conference Room A, Building 111, Matthews campus; "Economic Dependency Among Nations and Its Implications for Health Services in Developed and Developing Countries" at 4 p.m. Oct. 27 in room 2305 of the Humanities and Social Sciences Building, Muir campus; "The Underdevelopment of Health in Developed Countries: The Case of Rural and Center City Urban America" at 10 a.m. Oct. 29 in Conference Room A.

"The Political Sociology of Health and Health Care: Class and Race as Determinants of Roles in the Health Sector" at 4 p.m. Oct 29 in room 1110 of the Psychology and Linguistics Building, Muir campus; "The Political Sociology of Medical Care: Sex Roles in Health Sector" at 10 a.m. Oct. 30 in Conference Room A, and "Summary and Epilogue of the Cities: Analysis of Present Strategies for Change and Exploration of Alternatives" at 10 a.m. Oct. 31 in room 2402 of the Applied Physics and Mathematics Building, Muir campus.

Born in Spain, Navarro has taught in Sweden, Colombia, Argentina and Puerto Rico in addition to the United States. He is editor of the quarterly "International Journal of Health Services, Planning Administration, Evaluation" and author of numerous books, monographs and articles ranging from planning methodology to an analysis of health care in Chile.

Navarro's current teaching focuses on concepts, policy and methodology in health planning and the political economy of the health system.

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