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Focusing the equity lens: evaluating the differential impact of social welfare and health system “reforms”

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Paul Bernard was a champion of the scrupulous collection and use of population statistics. Maintaining the highest ethical standards in the use of such evidence, he was a forceful advocate for the welfare state and health equity. This lecture will address some developments of the gravest concern to all who share Paul's vision and values on these issues. It examines the concerted attack on the principles of the welfare state and the provision of universal services that has gathered renewed pace with the onset of the global economic recession. It uses two case studies. First is the use and abuse of evidence to divide the population and undermine the principles of solidarity on which social protection is based, laying the groundwork for retrenchment of the welfare state. Second is the current undermining of universal health systems – not least the British and Canadian systems – by the distortion of evidence to justify the break-up and commercialisation of universal services. The lecture concludes by asking what could and should social and population health researchers do about these developments? How and why should we use an equity lens to measure the impact of social welfare and health systems "reforms"?

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Paul Bernard

