Battling pandemics in an era of populism: Lessons from coronavirus
Featuring: Dr Kumanan Wilson

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Outline
Prompted by the European outbreaks of cholera in the 19th century there has been a recognition that fighting the spread of disease requires international cooperation. This became particularly evident after the SARS outbreak resulting in the approval of revised International Health Regulations. These Regulations were unprecedented in their scope and emerged in an era where there was a recognition of the importance of global collaboration.

As we enter a new era, with a return of isolationism, the battle against pandemics has become more problematic. The early responses to the coronavirus outbreak demonstrate some these emerging challenges. This talk will discuss the emergence of the current approach to battling global public health emergencies and warning signs for managing future such threats.

Dr Kumanan Wilson
Dr Kumanan Wilson is Professor in Medicine and Epidemiology at the University of Ottawa and scientist and physician at the Ottawa Hospital. He is currently a consultant to both the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the World Health Organization. His research has examined issues related to global and national public health security, leading him to develop the CANImmunize pan-Canadian digital immunization platform.

Dr. Wilson has published over 300 academic papers spanning the fields of digital health, immunization, pandemic preparedness, blood safety and health policy.

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