

# 2023 MIPS Seminar Program

 25 Aug 2023    11:00 am to 12:00 pm    LT5

## THE CUMMING CENTRE FOR PANDEMIC THERAPEUTICS: VISION AND PROGRESS TO DATE

**Professor Sharon Lewin** - Director of the Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity



Sharon Lewin is the Director of the Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity, a joint venture between the University of Melbourne and Royal Melbourne Hospital; Director of the Cumming Global Centre for Pandemic Therapeutics; and Melbourne Laureate Professor, The University of Melbourne.

She is an infectious diseases physician and basic scientist. She trained at Monash University completing her medical degree in 1986 and PhD in virology in 1997. She went on to a highly productive post-doctoral fellowship with Dr David Ho, Time Man of the Year in 1995, at Rockefeller University in New York and returned to Melbourne in 1999. Her research focuses on understanding why HIV persists on treatment and developing clinical trials aimed at ultimately finding a cure for HIV infection and is recognized as a leading global expert in HIV science. She is currently the President of the International AIDS Society, a global organisation with >17,000 members.

She played a pivotal role in Australia's response to COVID-19 through her leadership of Doherty Institute, The Australian Partnership in Research for Infectious Disease Emergencies (APPRISE) and as co-chair of the National COVID Health and Research Advisory Committee. She is widely recognized for her broad expertise in infectious diseases and is currently the President of the Scientific Advisory Board to the ANRS-MIE in France.

She has received multiple national and international awards with highlights being Melburnian of the Year in 2014 and the Outstanding Women Researcher award from the Australian Academy of Health and Medical Science in 2022.

She is passionate about science communication and community engagement and has provided objective and rational insights on both HIV and COVID-19 to the government, national and international media, civil society and the business community.