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Suicide, Mental Health and the Media: A shared space in news and entertainment

Presenter: Dr Dan Reidenberg

**Thursday 6th December 2018, 11am-12 noon,
Room 410, Level 4, 207 Bouverie Street, Carlton**



Traditional news media are covering suicide and mental health more today than ever before. Likewise, we are seeing more television and movies, even musicians, portraying suicide and mental distress issues in their creative works. Despite there being professional guides and recommendations for those industries to follow, we still do not have universal support for them and at times unhelpful depictions and stories are done about suicide. This is now a clearly shared space between our industries that needs attention and discussion.

In this presentation Dr. Reidenberg will talk about a current media event that covered both news and entertainment in 2017 and 2018 – the Netflix Series 13 Reasons Why, as well as news media best practices, entertainment industry best practices, and share his thoughts on what the future looks like in this space.

Dr. Dan Reidenberg (PSYD, FAPA, DAPA, FACFEI, CRS, BCPC, CMT, CPAI) is the Executive Director of Suicide Awareness Voices of Education, Managing Director of the National Council for Suicide Prevention, General Secretary of the International Association for Suicide Prevention, and Co-Chair of the International Media and Suicide Task Force. Dr. Reidenberg speaks internationally and specialises in training media on best practices for reporting on suicide in the USA and around the world.

He has led the development of the US Recommendations for Media Reporting on Suicide; the Recommendations for Reporting on Mass Shootings; the Recommendations for Blogging on Suicide; helped develop the Media Recommendations on Bullying, and was co-lead for the World Health Organization's Media Guide for Reporting on Suicide. He led the workgroup on Warning Signs for Suicide and helped develop the US National Strategy for Suicide Prevention and the US National Research Agenda and is assisting India in the development of their Best Practices. He has received numerous awards for his work including the Service to Humanity Award, Service to Suicidology Award, as a Champion of Change by The Obama Administration and he is recognized in Who's Who in America and Who's Who in the World.

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