

BIO SKETCH:

Felicia Marie Knaul BA (International Development, University of Toronto), MA, PhD (Economics, Harvard University), is internationally recognized for her transformative and translational research in global health, health systems, and health economics focused on reducing inequities. Her work has influenced policy and improved the condition of at-risk populations in low and middle-income countries, particularly in Latin America. She founded and led a Mexican civil society organization; spearheaded multiple global networks of researchers, leaders of higher education, advocacy organizations, policymakers, and multi-sectoral policy initiatives; produced over 335 academic and policy publications (h-index: 42; over 9,325 citations); delivered hundreds of invited lectures; designed and organized nearly 75 international research symposia.

Since 2015, she has held leadership positions in academia, including Director of the Harvard Global Equity Initiative and Associate Professor at the Harvard Medical School. At the University of Miami, she is the Director of the Institute for Advanced Study of the Americas, Director of the Office for Hemispheric and Global Affairs, a Professor at the Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine with cross-appointments at the School of Nursing and Health Studies, the Miami Herbert Business School and the College of Arts and Sciences, and is a Full Member of the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center. Additionally, she is also the Secretary General of the Hemispheric University Consortium.

In Mexico, Dr. Knaul maintains a strong and synergistic program of research and advocacy. She is a Senior Economist at the Mexican Health Foundation (FUNSALUD) and mentors a research group in health economics. In 2023 she led the third in a series of health policy papers in *The Lancet* on Mexico's health system, a follow-on to the 2012 review of the reform and *The Lancet* 2006 Mexico series.

As a result of her breast cancer experience, Dr. Knaul founded and currently serves as President of *Cáncer de Mama: Tómatelo a Pecho*, a Mexican non-profit agency originally focused on breast cancer which has now expanded its mandate to include women's health and health system strengthening. Founded in 2008, *Tómatelo a Pecho* has trained thousands of primary care personnel using novel techniques. She lectures globally on the challenge of cancer, both as a patient advocate and health systems researcher. She chronicled her own cancer journey and those of other women in two published books: *Tómatelo a Pecho* (Grupo Santillana, 2009) and *Beauty without the Breast* (Harvard University Press, 2013). She also served as a Commissioner and co-author on *The Lancet* Breast Cancer Commission.

Her research is focused on violence against women and children, access to pain relief and palliative care, cancer (particularly breast cancer), health systems and reform, health financing, women and health, poverty and inequity, female labor force participation, and at-risk children and youth. She led the publication of several books including *Closing the Cancer Divide* (Harvard U. Press).

She currently serves as Co-Chair of *The Lancet* Commission on Gender-based Violence and Maltreatment of Young People, Co-Chair of *The Lancet* Commission on Cancer and Health Systems and as Commissioner on *The Lancet* Commission on Investing in Health 3.0 and *The Lancet* Oncology Commission on Cancer in the Commonwealth.

She founded and co-chaired (with Dr. Paul Farmer) *The Lancet* Commission on Global Access to Palliative Care and Pain Relief and lead-authored its report, described as "landmark" by *The Lancet*, with 61 global experts. Her work was featured in major outlets such as the BBC and the Washington Post. She is a leading co-author of *The Lancet* Commission on Women and Health.

She is an elected member of the Mexican National Academy of Medicine, an inducted Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences, an Honorary Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and was awarded Senior Level III of the Mexican National System of Researchers in 2018. She sits on several volunteer boards, including those for Kristi House, Esperanza United, the International Association for Hospice & Palliative Care, and previously the Union for International Cancer Control.

Her professional trajectory includes serving in high-ranking posts in the Secretariat of Public Education and in the Secretariat of Social Development of Mexico, and working on the teams that designed the 2003 Mexican health reform and the 1993 Colombian health reform.

Knaul is a citizen of Canada and the United Kingdom and a permanent resident of Mexico. She and her husband, Dr. Julio Frenk, have two children, Sofia Hannah and Mariana Havivah.