

MICHAEL MARMOT
**FAIR SOCIETY,
HEALTHY LIVES**

Fair Society, Healthy Lives, the fourth Annual Balzan Lecture by 2004 Balzan Prize-winner Sir Michael Marmot, is a very timely contribution to the debate on what kind of society we should live in and the role of the state in creating such a society particularly in the field of health care. Sir Michael makes an impassioned case for early intervention to create the conditions for a fair society and correspondingly a healthier life for all. The Annual Balzan Lecture is a well regarded series of academic lecturers given by Balzan Prizewinners on topics related to



their Balzan Research projects that showcase the latest developments in various academic fields. These publications are destined for a general audience. It is intended that through these volumes the conclusions derived from the innovative research emanating from the Balzan Research projects will be brought to a much wider public. Sir Michael's Balzan Research Project has established a series of fellowships at University College London's International Institute for Society and Health tied to research on the determinants of health and well-being in society.

Fair Society, Healthy Lives, la quarta Annual Balzan Lecture del vincitore del premio Balzan 2004 Sir Michael Marmot, rappresenta un attualissimo contributo al dibattito riguardo al tipo di società in cui dovremmo vivere e al ruolo dello stato nella sua creazione, in particolare nel campo dell'assistenza sanitaria. Si tratta della più recente Annual Balzan Lecture destinata al grande pubblico.

MICHAEL MARMOT, b. 1945, Director of the International Institute for Society and Health and of the Institute of Health Equity, University College London, was awarded in 2004 the Balzan Prize for Epidemiology. Chair of the WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health, he produced the report *Closing the Gap in a Generation* (2008). At the British Government's request, he conducted the «Strategic Review of Health Inequalities in England post 2010», which published its report *Fair Society, Healthy Lives* (2010). The Regional Director of WHO Europe invited him to conduct the «European Review of Social Determinants of Health and the Health Divide», which reported in 2012.

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