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## After Work Lecture

### The Hong Kong Disc Degeneration Cohort Study – What have we learned?

**Prof. Dr. Dino Samartzis**

The University of Hong Kong, Medical Faculty,  
Division of Spine Surgery

**Tuesday, 31 March 2015, 5pm to 6pm**  
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### **Prof. Dr. Dino Samartzis**

Dino Samartzis, DSc, is professor at The University of Hong Kong, Director of Clinical Spine Research at the Division of Spine Surgery at the Department of Orthopaedics & Traumatology, and Deputy Director of the Laboratory and Clinical Research Institute of Pain. He has published over 270 journal articles, book chapters and multimedia, has served as chief editor of numerous textbooks and journal theme issues, and received over 45 research awards. He has studied at Northwestern University, Harvard University, University of Oxford, and others. He has helped to develop one of the world's largest programs dedicated to a multidisciplinary approach addressing risk factors and outcomes, novel imaging, phenotype classifications, and biomarker discovery addressing spine degeneration and pain from a personalized approach.

### **The Hong Kong Disc Degeneration Cohort Study – What have we learned?**

Prof. Samartzis will share his research findings based on the Hong Kong Disc Degeneration Population-Based Cohort Study. Based on this cohort, he will discuss some of the seminal findings of disc degeneration and low back pain in relation to genetics, lifestyle/ occupation, phenotype discovery, biomarker initiatives and other platforms.

*This After Work Lecture is organized by the Centre for Health Sciences. We look forward to seeing you in Winterthur!*

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