

Hengjin Dong

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Before joining Zhejiang University in July 2009 he was the leader of the Junior Group of International Health Economics and Technology Assessment at Heidelberg University (2006-2009), a senior research fellow at the Health Economics Research Group (HERG), Brunel University, UK (2004-2006), a post-doc and then a senior lecturer at the Department of Tropical Hygiene and Public Health, Heidelberg University (2000-2004), a professor (1997-2000) and director of the Department of Hospital Management, a vice-director of the health technology research centre and a director assistant of the School of Public Health, Fudan University (former Shanghai Medical University, SMU) (1998-2000).

He obtained Bachelor in Public Health and Medicine in 1983, Master of Medical Science in 1986 from SMU. He also obtained Master of Arts in Health Management, Planning and Policy from the Nuffield Institute for Health, the University of Leeds in 1991, and Ph.D. in Health Systems Research from the Division of International Health, Karolinska Institute in 2000. The title of his PhD thesis is Health financing policy: drug use in rural China.

He has been responsible for several projects in the areas of health financing, health economics and health systems research funded by the World Bank, Sida/SAREC and WHO in China. While working in China, as a World Bank domestic expert, he joined the World Bank Health IV project, working on rural health care financing research. While working in Germany, he was responsible for the research on the introduction and implementation of community-based health insurance (CBI) in Burkina Faso. He has carried out willingness-to-pay study and time preference study. His research at HERG was on the economic evaluation of medical devices, aiming to develop tools and methodologies that effectively assess the value of a medical device product development at each stage of the product life-cycle, from pre-concept to mature product. Currently he is working on Enlarging the risk pool of New Cooperative Medical Schemes (NCMS) to improve sustainability of rural health insurance in Zhejiang province which was funded by CMB and economic and feasibility evaluation of An integrated surveillance system for infectious disease in rural China: generating evidence for early detection of disease outbreaks in resource-poor settings which was funded by EU and another EU funded project on economic evaluation of Large scale innovative demand side financing programs focused on reducing maternal mortality in India: a proposal to evaluate impact.

Hengjin has more than 100 publications including some books. Most were in the areas of health financing and economic evaluation in health technologies. He also is one of members of Editorial Board of PharmacoEconomics, and Health Research Policy and Systems.