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Disciplines: Health Financing, Health System Research, Health Economics, Research Methods

Research areas: Health Financing, Economic Evaluation, Equity, Malaria, Maternal Care, HIV/AIDS

Background

Manuela is trained in Sociology, in Health Economics, and in Public Health. She joined the Institute of Public Health (IPH) of the University of Heidelberg in 2002 and was appointed Leader of the Research Group in Health Economics and Health Financing in March 2011. Her areas of expertise include health financing and economic evaluation, with specific application to micro health insurance, malaria, maternal care, and HIV/AIDS, and the application of mixed methods in international health research.

Teaching

Manuela coordinates the *Introduction to Health Economics* module designed for medical students at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Heidelberg and the *Qualitative Research Methods* module taught within the Master of Science in International Health offered at the IPH. Manuela coordinates two TropEd-accredited short courses, *Health Financing: Principles of Insurance* and *Mixed Methods Research in International Health*, both taught on a yearly basis at the IPH.

Research

Manuela's research focuses on issues relevant to equitable access to care in sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia with specific reference to the impact of financing policies, from user fee alleviation to micro health insurance. In addition, she has conducted research on economic evaluation of malaria control policies, community and providers' perceptions relevant to health care demand and provision, and on quality of health care services. She has recently acquired a large DFG (German Research Society) grant to explore the link between microfinance and micro health insurance in Malawi and a Canadian Institute for Research grant to explore decision-making processes in maternal care financing policy (in collaboration with University of Montreal and Bocconi University).

Selected publications

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