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Congress Update



Thank you to everyone who made the 2023 Cape Town congress such a success!



Congratulations to our award winners who were celebrated in Cape Town!

Congratulations to all IHEA award winners who were celebrated and recognized during the Cape Town 2023 Congress. Congratulations as well to the winners who could not join us in Cape Town - we hope to see you in Calgary in 2025!

IHEA Congress Recordings

Our [opening](#) and [closing](#) plenaries are now available online for anyone to view on our [YouTube channel](#)! Our Pre-Congress session recordings will also be available in the coming week to the general public on our YouTube channel.

For those who registered to attend the Congress, session recordings are available in the [online program](#) (you have to login to view them). Once logged in, simply navigate to a session and scroll down to view the recording, which is embedded in the page. Our provider is still finalizing some recordings, so if the one you are looking for is not yet available, it will be in the coming week! These recordings are only available to those who registered for the Congress (virtually or in-person).

Save the Date for IHEA 2025

The IHEA 2025 Congress will be held in Calgary, Alberta, Canada from July 19 – 23, 2025! To learn more about the Congress, [click here](#)!



Deadline Extended: Special Journal Issues

IHEA extends our thanks and gratitude to everyone for presenting and discussing your research at the recent IHEA Congress in Cape Town.

We wanted to make sure that you are aware of the opportunity to submit this research for consideration for publication in a special issue of Congress papers.

There are calls for two special issues:

- [Social Science And Medicine \(SSM\) Special Issue: “Equity In Health Care And Health: The Contribution Of Health Economics. 15th World Congress On Health Economics”](#)
- [SSM Health Systems Special Issue: “Advancing Universal Health Coverage In African Countries: 15th World Congress On Health Economics”](#)

Please see full details of the calls for these special issues [here](#). **The deadline for expressions of interest has been extended to 15 August.**

4th Asian Workshop on Econometrics and Health Economics

Location: Manila, Philippines

Date: December 13-16, 2023

[This series of workshops](#) provides a forum for the development and dissemination of applications of econometrics in health economics. The Workshop will follow the format of the long-running European Workshops on Econometrics and Health Economics, with a particular vision to: promote health economics research with an applied microeconomics focus in Asia; strengthen the research network within the region; develop a research network with other regions; and build on the research capacity of early-career health economists in Asia.

The workshop program consists of up to 13 oral and 10 poster presentations. For oral presentations, each paper is allocated one hour, made up of a presentation by the author, followed by a response from a discussant and a general discussion. In the poster session, the author presents four 15-minute talks in front of a small audience. The number of participants will be limited to 48. Workshop participants will be expected to attend the whole meeting and play a role as either author, discussant, or chairperson.

The Workshop will begin with a pre-workshop dinner on Wednesday, December 13. On Thursday morning, we will have keynote lectures by Manisha Shah, UCLA.

The Workshop concludes at noon on Saturday, December 16, followed by an optional half-day study tour to visit a deprived community near Manila.

Submission of Papers

Papers for the 2023 Workshop will be selected on the basis of full drafts. The deadline for submitting papers is Monday, August 14, 2023.

Presentations by doctoral students and junior researchers are encouraged. Submitted papers should be unpublished and not accepted for publication in a peer-reviewed journal. Electronic submission of papers is required. To submit the paper, follow the instructions on the online registration page. Decisions will be made and announced in mid September 2023.

Registration

Register online: to attend the Workshop, you must register by Monday, August 14, 2023 as places are limited. Up to 48 participants will be selected and announced in late September.

[Register your intention here.](#)

Registration fees: for participants who are accepted for the Workshop, a registration fee of \$550 USD is payable in October. A reduced fee of \$350 USD is available for accepted participants who are PhD students on August 14, 2023.

Registration fee includes: three nights of accommodation with breakfast and dinner; and lunch on Thursday and Friday.

Travel grants: a limited number of travel grants will be offered to selected participants. Selection will be made based on the assessment of the paper, with priorities given to junior researchers and applicants from developing or underrepresented countries.

Enquiries: Asian-WEHE@list.waseda.jp.

Upcoming Webinars

Measuring The Unmeasurable: DCEs To Value Health For Cost-Utility Analysis

Date: September 7, 2023

Time: 3:00 AM - 4:00 AM EDT; 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM BST; 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM AEST

Featuring speaker: Richard Norman, Curtin University

Richard is a Health Economist with ongoing interest in the economic evaluation of healthcare, the measurement and valuation of quality of life, discrete choice experiments and econometric analysis of large panel datasets. He is a Chief Investigator on projects currently funded by the NHMRC and the ARC. He is an associate editor of Value in Health, and is a permanent member of the Economics Sub-Committee of the Australian Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC).

Economics Of Adolescent Sexual And Reproductive Health Interventions In Ghana And Senegal (EcASaRH)

Date: September 7, 2023

Time: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM EDT; 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM BST

Featuring speaker: Ama Pokuaa Fenny, University of Ghana

The provisional plan is a one hour time slot composed of 5 minutes of initial housekeeping, an approximate 40 minute presentation and 15 minutes for discussion.

Africa's population is predominantly young, with the majority under 30 years old. In the ECOWAS region, where more than one-third of the population falls between 10 and 24 years old, there is a significant demand for reproductive and sexual health services among the youth. However, many countries lack comprehensive plans to address Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health (ASRH), including information on intervention costs and resource requirements. To bridge this gap, a study was conducted to identify priority intervention components, estimate their costs, and explore implementation requirements in Ghana and Senegal. The study also assessed funding needs and strategies to implement these interventions in a multi-sectoral approach. To identify priority interventions, the study used various criteria, including addressing social determinants of adolescent health, sustainability, scalability, and cultural values. The four most crucial interventions were selected for both countries. The costing analysis followed an activity-based approach, estimating costs for a seven-year period in the case of Ghana and average cost per adolescent in the case of Senegal. Ghana's ASRH funding fluctuated and heavily relied on donors, with the majority of costs going towards enhancing national capacity for integrated family planning and maternal health services. On the other hand, Senegal showed a combination of support from multiple partners for reproductive health services, making it challenging to distinguish funding specifically for adolescent reproductive interventions. In Senegal, the majority costs is for capacity strengthening of adolescents and communication/sensitization to communities. In addition, school-based interventions seem to be less expensive using cost per recipient approach. To overcome budget constraints, the study recommended mobilizing equitable and sustainable domestic resources and engaging stakeholders across sectors like health and education to optimize resource utilization for ASRH interventions in Africa. Cross-learning and

experience-sharing among key stakeholders were also emphasized to yield greater future returns on investments in ASRH.

Did You Know

IHEA's website has an events page that provides information on health economics short courses, workshops, conferences, webinars and other events offered by academic institutions around the world and by national or regional health economics associations.

Check out our website [here](#).

