



The banner features a photograph of a meeting room with people seated around a table. In the top right corner is the IHEA logo, which consists of a globe icon and the text "IHEA INTERNATIONAL HEALTH ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION". A large blue speech bubble on the right contains the text "August Newsletter" and a "Read More" button. In the bottom left corner, there are social media icons for a website and Twitter, with the text "www.healtheconomics.org" and "@healtheconomics".

### Did You Know?

The IHEA Scientific Committee undertakes fully blinded reviews of all individual abstracts and organized session proposals for the Congress (i.e. reviewers have no indication of the author(s) or their institutional affiliation). Each abstract is reviewed independently by three reviewers. The average reviewer score is used to identify which abstracts and organized sessions will be accepted for the program. But, program chairs for each field scrutinize all scores and re-review any abstracts where there is divergence in reviewer scores to ensure that no abstract submitters are disadvantaged by 'strict markers'. Details of the panel of reviewers and program chairs can be found [here](#) .



**IHEA 2025 World Congress**  
Bali, Indonesia | July 19 – 23, 2025



## IHEA 2025 Congress Abstract submission system is now open!

IHEA is pleased to invite you to join us at the Bali International Convention Centre, Westin Resort, Nusa Dua, Bali for the 16<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Health Economics from July 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025. We would like to encourage health economists and economists to make submissions in the form of an individual abstract or an organized session. Submissions can focus on any aspect of health economics research; they must be based on research that applies **economics** to a health or health system issue, and must be submitted by **November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 11:30 pm EST**.

To foster diversity and promote submission of high quality abstracts, each person will be restricted to submitting only two abstracts where they are the presenter. This could include:

- two individual abstracts,
- one individual abstract and one as part of an organized session, or
- two paper presentations as part of two organized sessions.

More information about abstract submissions is available [here](#). We strongly encourage everyone to download the guidelines for [individual abstract](#) and [organized session](#) submissions. These can be used to collate all information required beforehand and provide a step-by-step guide to the online submission system. The submission system will send an email confirming successful submission – if you do not receive the email **please check your spam/junk folder**. If the email has gone to your junk folder, **please set it as a safe sender in your mail system** so that you are assured of receiving future emails about your submission.

Abstracts can be submitted [here](#).

## Call for Pre-Congress Session proposals: IHEA 2025 Congress, Bali

A program of pre-congress sessions will take place on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July and Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at the Bali International Convention Centre (BICC). The sessions provide an opportunity to take advantage of health economists coming together from around the world. These sessions are organized and coordinated by the person or organization submitting the proposal, after review by IHEA and the Local Organizing Committee. Sessions may be open or closed depending on the nature of the meeting, but should preferably be open for congress delegates to join. IHEA particularly encourages **capacity strengthening workshops**.

All rooms will be equipped with a laptop, data projector, screen and microphone. Unfortunately, hybrid format is not feasible. Rooms with a range of seating capacity are available and sessions can be scheduled for 2 hours, half day (3.5 hours including refreshment break), or full day. The cost to session organizers is as presented below. Two-day sessions are also possible; the cost is double that for a single day. Mid-morning and afternoon beverages will be provided for all pre-congress session participants. These prices are based on the venue hire, audio-visual equipment and catering costs associated with holding these sessions. Any surplus

generated from the pre-congress sessions will be used to assist in covering the costs of the core congress and to keep registration fees for the congress as low as possible.

**Pre-congress session costs (US Dollars)**

Venue capacity*	2 hours	1/2 day	Full day
30	1,575	2,250	4,500
70-80	2,450	3,500	7,000
100-120	3,500	5,000	10,000
200	N/A	10,000	20,000

*\* Note: These capacities are for theatre seating (i.e. no tables). If you prefer classroom layout (i.e. chairs and tables), the capacity will be approximately 50% of that listed above.*

Proposals for pre-congress sessions should be submitted using [this online form](#) at any stage before **20 December 2024**, but acceptance of proposals may close before that date as available space will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Proposals should provide the following information:

- Name, institutional affiliation and contact details of session organizer
- Session title
- A description of the intended audience for the session
- Session length (2 hours, ½ day or full day, or two-days)
- Required room size, preferred seating arrangements (theatre or classroom)
- Preferred session date (Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> or Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July, noting that scheduling will be done on a first come, first served basis)
- Description of session format (e.g. training workshop, mini-conference with open call for peer-review of abstracts, organized session, meeting, etc.) and whether the session will be open to all delegates or by invitation only
- A brief description of the session (max. 100 words) – this will be used to assess the proposed session, and if accepted, will be posted on the Congress website and in the program
- Billing details (name, organization and contact details for invoice)

IHEA encourages pre-congress session organizers to seek sponsorship to cover the costs of their session, rather than charging participants, to facilitate access to these sessions particularly

for congress delegates with limited financial resources such as delegates from low- and middle-income countries, students and early career researchers. Sponsors of pre-congress sessions will be listed on the congress website and acknowledged in the session.

Overviews of accepted sessions will be listed on the congress website, included in informational emails sent to congress participants and the congress program. Session organizers are encouraged to advertise their session through other websites, and listservs. Congress delegates will have an opportunity to register for these sessions in advance.

Please contact [diane.mcintyre@healtheconomics.org](mailto:diane.mcintyre@healtheconomics.org) if you would like to discuss ideas for a pre-congress session, ***particularly if you are wanting to propose a capacity strengthening workshop.***

### **Are you an early career researcher in a low- and middle-income country (LMIC) and wanting support in preparing an abstract for the 2025 IHEA Congress? Only 3 weeks left!**

IHEA will once again be offering support to early career researchers (ECRs) in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) who do not have access to senior colleagues at their institution. LMIC ECRs are able to submit a draft abstract by late September, for review and detailed feedback on how to improve the abstract. A team of established health economists will review each abstract and provide detailed feedback on how the abstract can be improved by late October, to allow researchers to finalize and submit their abstracts before the submission deadline of **November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

Those who would like to apply for such support should fulfil the following basic criteria:

- Must have graduated with their highest degree within the last five years;
- Must be a citizen of, and working or studying in, a LMIC; and
- The abstract must be on research undertaken in a LMIC.

As the purpose of this initiative is to provide support to LMIC ECRs ***who do not have*** access to senior collegial support, applicants should also fulfil the following criteria:

- If currently studying at a university in a high-income country, the abstract should not be for research that is being undertaken as part of their Masters or PhD for which they are receiving supervisory support;
- Be working in an institution that does **not** have senior health economics staff;
- The abstract should not have established health economists as co-authors.

Before drafting an abstract, please watch the recording of the webinar on “Successful Abstract Writing – Tips for the IHEA Congress”. This very helpful video recording is available in:

- English (click [here](#))
- French (click [here](#))
- Spanish (click [here](#))

Abstracts should be a maximum of 500 words and should be submitted, and the application form completed, [here](#) by **September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024**.

LMIC ECRs who participate in the abstract support program, and whose abstract is selected by the Scientific Committee for presentation at the 2025 Congress, will be offered support in preparing their oral or poster presentation.

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## **Would you like your research considered for the “Adam Wagstaff Award for Outstanding Research on the Economics of Healthcare Financing and Delivery in Low- and Middle-Income Countries”?**

### **Submit an abstract for the 2025 IHEA Congress!**

The Adam Wagstaff prize will be awarded to the best IHEA congress paper on the economics of healthcare financing or delivery in a low- or middle-income country(ies) that is written and presented by a researcher from a low- or middle-income country (LMIC). This prestigious prize is awarded to honor Adam’s lifelong commitment to research that analyses, promotes and monitors health system efficiency and equity in LMICs and improves the health of the world’s poorest.

If you meet the criteria below, you need to submit an abstract for the 2025 IHEA Congress and indicate that you wish your paper to be considered for this award. If your abstract is accepted by the Scientific Committee for oral presentation at the Congress, you will be invited to submit a *full paper* before the Congress for review by the selection committee.

To be eligible for consideration for this prize:

- This award is intended for early career researchers (ECRs)/recent graduates, not those currently studying. Students are encouraged to submit an entry for the annual IHEA Student Paper Prize.
- The paper must focus on the economics of healthcare financing or delivery in a LMIC. The research should be policy-relevant in that it should provide insights into how to improve healthcare financing or delivery. Papers with an equity focus are encouraged.
- The first author of the paper (or corresponding author where authors are listed alphabetically) and *presenter* at the congress must be a citizen of a LMIC (using the [World Bank country income classification](#)). Co-authors on the paper are not restricted to LMIC citizens.
- The main author and presenter at the congress must have submitted their doctorate or have completed their doctorate within the last seven full-time equivalent years.

- To be considered for the award, a full paper must be available three months before the congress and be submitted with a personal statement of 500 words outlining your future career plans at the time of application.
- Submitters should be willing to commit to contributing to health economics in LMICs if they win this award. This could take the form of mentoring researchers with very limited experience, co-supervising a (post-)graduate student, serving on the Award Committee in future, or related activity, depending on the skills and preferences of the Awardee.

Please see [here](#) for more detailed information on eligibility criteria, frequently asked questions on these criteria (FAQs), and nature of the award.

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## Call for Submissions for the 2025 Student Paper Prize

Deadline: **Monday 20 January 2025**

The International Health Economics Association (IHEA) is pleased to invite submissions for the [Annual Student Paper Prize in Health Economics](#).

A student is defined as someone currently studying (full or part time) at a higher education institution, at either Masters or Doctoral level. In addition, students who graduated in the past year (since September 2024) qualify as long as the paper was written while registered as a student.

Papers can be published or unpublished, but must be in comparable format to a published paper in Journal of Health Economics or Health Economics, of maximum length 8,000 words (**excluding** abstract, tables, figures, references and any appendices). Papers should be in English. Previous winners of this Prize are not eligible to submit a paper.

Papers will be reviewed by an International Committee chaired by Tinna Laufey Ásgeirsdóttir (University of Iceland) and co-chaired by Shiko Maruyama (Jinan University, Guangzhou).

The Prize will be: complimentary registration for the 2025 IHEA Congress to present the paper in a Student Prize Special Organized Session chaired by the IHEA President, or Chair of the Prize Committee; a cash prize; and the offer (if the author wishes, and the paper is unpublished) of potential fast track publication in Health Economics, subject to Editorial approval. The papers in 2nd and 3rd place will receive a small cash prize and complimentary registration for the 2025 IHEA Congress. They will be invited to give brief presentations at the IHEA Congress Student Prize Special Organized Session. All prize winners will also receive a certificate that will be presented during one of the Congress plenaries.

Students are invited to submit their papers via the online system [here](#) (select the “Student Paper Prize” button and scroll to the bottom of the page). You will be asked to complete a form and to upload two files:

- Your full paper (including abstract, tables, figures, references and any appendices)
- A cover letter, signed by your supervisor, which outlines your contribution to the paper and research on which it is based (percentage and nature of contribution – conceptualization, data collection, analysis, writing, etc.) and a description of the relative contribution of any co-authors. The student contribution should be at least 75%.

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## **5th Meeting of the Asian Workshop on Econometrics and Health Economics – Guangzhou, China, December 2024**

We are delighted to announce the 5th Meeting of the Asian Workshop on Econometrics and Health Economics, which will take place in Guangzhou, China, from Monday, December 16th to Thursday, 19th, 2024.

This year, the keynote lectures will be given by Professor Hanming Fang (University of Pennsylvania).

You can find the Workshop flyer here:

[https://prj-wishproject.w.waseda.jp/asian-wehe/img/AW05\\_Flyer20240617.pdf](https://prj-wishproject.w.waseda.jp/asian-wehe/img/AW05_Flyer20240617.pdf)

We warmly encourage you to submit your paper at <http://www.waseda.jp/prj-wishproject/asian-wehe/index.html> where you can also find further details and past programs.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Guangzhou in December!

Sok Chul Hong (Seoul National University)  
Tarun Jain (Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad)  
Karine Lamiraud (ESSEC Business School)  
Xiaoyan Lei (Peking University)  
Ming-Jen Lin (National Taiwan University)  
Shiko Maruyama (Jinan University)  
Haruko Noguchi (Waseda University)  
Nada Wasi (Bank of Thailand)  
Joanne Yoong (Research For Impact Singapore)  
Asian Workshop on Econometrics and Health Economics

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## **News from University Members**

**Defensive Medicine and IVF: The Effect of Assisted Reproduction on Obstetric Interventions and Child Health at Birth**

We are excited to extend an invitation for the upcoming Value in Health Economics and Policy Group seminar titled “Defensive Medicine and IVF: the effect of assisted reproduction on obstetric interventions and child health at birth”

**Date:** 6th September 2024

**Time:** 11:00am - 12:00pm (Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra time)

**Location:** Room X301 (NUSpace) or Zoom.

**Register here to get the Zoom link:**

[https://uonewcastle.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_VGp0R9IYRCySw2OM9\\_uvYw](https://uonewcastle.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_VGp0R9IYRCySw2OM9_uvYw)

We are welcoming Dr Fabio Martinenghi (Research Fellow at the University of Newcastle).

Dr Martinenghi is an applied economist focusing on Health Economics, Law & Economics and Education. In his work, he studies policy-relevant issues by applying modern econometric tools to linked administrative datasets. Most recently, he has been developing a research agenda around the impacts of infertility and assisted reproduction on maternal and child outcomes. He is also an investigator within the Centre for Big Data Research in Health (NHMRC grant APP1127437), and an affiliate of the Tax and Transfer Policy Institute and of the Life Course Centre.

The seminar will be chaired by Dr Mesfin Genie (Lecturer in Health Economics at the University of Newcastle).

### **Abstract**

A growing share of the world’s population is being born via assisted reproductive technology (ART), including in-vitro fertilisation (IVF). However, two concerns persist. First, ART pregnancies correlate with predictors of poor outcomes at birth—and it is unclear whether this relationship is causal. Second, the emotional and financial costs associated with ART-use might exacerbate defensive medical behaviour, where physicians intervene more than necessary to reduce the risk of adverse medical outcomes and litigation. We address the challenge of identifying the pure effect of ART-use on both maternal and infant outcomes at birth by leveraging exogenous variation in the success of ART cycles. We compare the obstetric outcomes for ART-conceived births with those of spontaneously-conceived births after a failed ART treatment. Moreover, we flexibly adjust for key confounders using double machine learning. We do this using clinical registry ART data and administrative maternal and infant data from New South Wales (NSW) between 2009-2017. We find that ART slightly decreases the risk of obstetric interventions, lowering the risk of a caesarean section and increasing the rate of spontaneous labour (+3.5 p.p.). Moreover, we find that ART has a statistically and clinically insignificant effect on infant health outcomes.

**Summer/Autumn 2024 - Health Economics Short Courses - Health Economics Research Centre (HERC) - University of Oxford**



If both courses are taken, this is an intensive week-long course for health economists and health professionals, with some knowledge of health economics, who wish to learn about the methodology of cost-effectiveness analysis as applied in health care.

**Registration open now for both courses, which can be booked together or separately.** Please see the main [Applied Methods of Cost-effectiveness Analysis](#) course page for full course details, including registration and pricing.

### **Online: Introduction to Health Economic Evaluation | 24-25 September 2024**

For health professionals and health researchers who would like to understand the basics of health economics and its relevance to the health service. No previous knowledge of economics is required. Please see the main [Introduction to Health Economic Evaluation](#) course page for full course details, including registration and pricing.

*Early bird deadline – noon on 09 August 2024*

### **Online: Inequality in Health and Health Care: Theoretical and Empirical Considerations| 06–08 November 2024**

This course will cover theoretical concepts on inequity and inequality in health as well as its measurement. It will also provide an overview of selected available (longitudinal) household survey data and cohort studies that combine socio-economic and demographic variables along with various health measures – these datasets provide good sources for empirical inequality in health research. Please see the main [Inequality in Health and Health Care: Theoretical and Empirical Considerations](#) course page for full details, including registration and pricing.

*Early bird deadline – noon on 27 September 2024*

For full information on all of the above courses, including pricing and discounted rates for booking on more than one online course (applicable to certain online courses only) please visit <https://www.herc.ox.ac.uk/herc-short-courses> or contact us via e-mail at [herc@ndph.ox.ac.uk](mailto:herc@ndph.ox.ac.uk)

If you would like to make a group booking, please contact us at [herc@ndph.ox.ac.uk](mailto:herc@ndph.ox.ac.uk) for more details.

To be placed on a waiting list, please visit <https://oxford.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/waiting-list--herc-short-courses-2024> and we will notify you when registration(s) have opened.

### **Benefit-Cost Analysis: Valuing Life and Health program**

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health is offering the Benefit-Cost Analysis: Valuing Life and Health program from **September 16-20, 2024**.

In this online course, Lisa A. Robinson, a leading Harvard expert on benefit-cost analysis, will aid you in understanding the basic analytic framework and its application globally. By the end of the course, you will:

- Understand the fundamental concepts that underlie benefit-cost analysis and its advantages and limitations
- Identify the major components of a benefit-cost analysis and what each should include
- Know methods for valuing changes in health and longevity and the estimates recommended for use in high-, middle-, and low-income settings
- Increase familiarity with methods for valuing health and longevity, including revealed—and stated—preference studies and their application
- Learn about sources of guidance, including default values

Visit the Harvard Chan School website for more information: <https://bit.ly/3U3smdl>. Questions can be directed to Kristen Scott at [kescott@hsph.harvard.edu](mailto:kescott@hsph.harvard.edu).

## **Applying Discrete Choice Experiments In Health Economics - September 24-26, 2024 - University of Aberdeen**

The HERU short course on 'Applying Discrete Choice Experiments in Health Economics' will take place in Aberdeen, Scotland, from 24th-26th September 2024.

The course is aimed at researchers interested in the application of Discrete Choice Applications (DCEs) and provides:

An introduction to the theoretical and practical basis for the development and application of DCEs in health economics.

A step by step guide to the design of DCEs, questionnaire development, data input, data analysis and interpretation of results – using case studies based on published research.

An update on methodological issues raised in the application of DCEs in health economics.

The course fee includes teaching material, accommodation, all lunches, a course welcome reception and dinner. The course lasts for three full days (from Tuesday morning to Thursday afternoon), with a course meal at the end. Accommodation is provided for four nights (Monday to Thursday).

Registration and further details are available from the DCE course website.

Please note that the **closing date for registration is 13th September 2024** (registering before 23rd August saves £100 on the delegate booking fee) and there are limited spaces available.

## **Details**

**Date** – 24th to 26th September, 2024

**Website** –

<https://www.abdn.ac.uk/heru/short-course-on-using-dces-in-health-economics-1032.php>

**Venue** – Park Inn by Radisson hotel, Aberdeen, Scotland.

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## **Upcoming Events**

### **Monthly VERB Webinar on Risky Health Behaviors - Trading Sex: A General Theory of Gender Norms and Sexual Exchange**

**Date:** September 9, 2024

**Time:** 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM EDT / 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM UTC

**Speaker:** Marina Della Giusta

[Learn more and register here](#)



### **Quantifying Mental Health: Research on Measurement in Mental Health Economics**

**Date:** September 12, 2024

**Time:** TBD

**Speaker:** TBD

[Learn more and register here](#)

### **Best Practice in Health Preference Research – Webinar 1: An Overview of Data Collection in Health Preference Research**

**Date:** September 17, 2024

**Time:** 6:00 AM - 7:00 AM EDT / 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM UTC

**Panelists:** Semra Ozdemir, Ateasha F. Mohamed & Richard Norman

[Learn more and register here](#)

## Digital Health Technology ECR Scholar Zoom Research Mixer (Flash Talks)

**Date:** September 19, 2024

**Time:** 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM EDT / 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM UTC

**Details:** Mixer for early career researchers (ECRs)

[Learn more and register here](#)

## Who Should Value Child and Adolescent Health? Views and Recommendations from the Adult Public, International Experts, and Adolescents Themselves

**Date:** September 24, 2024

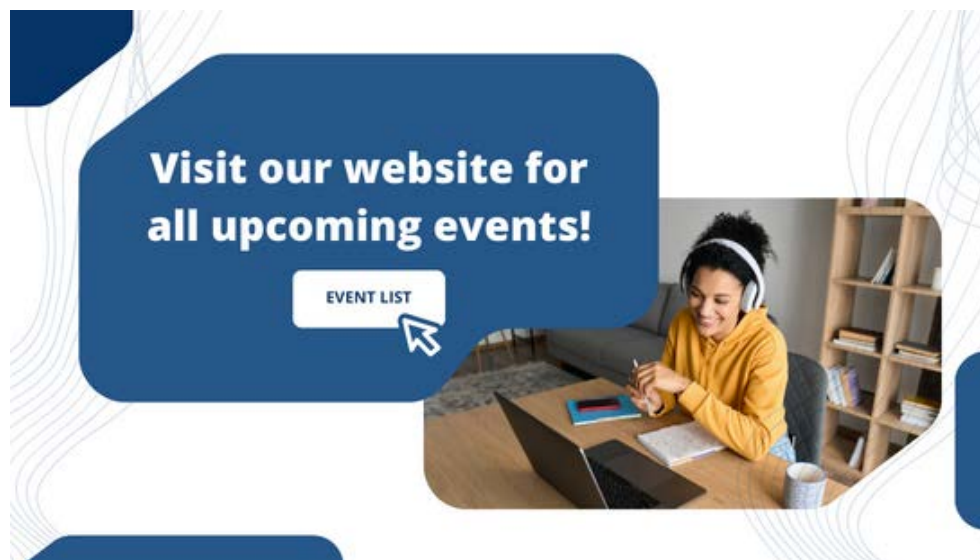
**Time:** 5:00 AM - 6:00 AM EDT / 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM UTC

**Details:** Philip Powell

[Learn more and register here](#)



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