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Dr. Wanrudee Isaranuwatthai is a Program Leader and Senior Researcher of the Health Intervention and Technology Assessment Program (HITAP), which is a semi-autonomous research institute of Thailand's Ministry of Public Health in Bangkok, Thailand. She is also an Affiliated Scientist at St. Michael's Hospital, and an Assistant Professor at the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation, University of Toronto, in Canada.

Her research focuses on how to apply health economics and health technology assessment (HTA) in the real-world setting as well as how to advance methods in economic evaluation. She has experience conducting economic evaluations using various methods with specific interest in the potential of big data (also person-level data from sources such as administrative databases, registries, and clinical trials) in health economics and HTA to support evidence generation and policy-making process.

She has collaborated with researchers, health professionals, and policy-makers in various areas to help communicate the value of health initiatives using economic evidence around the world (e.g., Bhutan, Kenya, and Canada). She has contributed to the training on HTA to support universal health coverage (UHC) and health systems in Asia, Africa, and North America. Dr. Isaranuwatthai is dedicated to the creation and use of evidence in healthcare decision making.

Prof. Ole Frithjof Norheim
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Ole Frithjof Norheim is a physician and a professor of medical ethics, Dept. of Global Public Health and Primary care, University of Bergen, Norway. Norheim's wide-ranging research interests include theories of distributive justice, inequality in health, how they apply to priority setting in health systems, and how to achieve Universal Health Coverage and the Sustainable Development Goal for health. He firmly believes that priority setting for health should aim for the greatest number of healthy life years for all, fairly distributed.

He is currently heading the research projects Inclusive Evaluation of Public Health Interventions (2017-2020, funded by NRC) and – with Stéphane Verguet – Disease Control Priorities – Ethiopia (2017-2020, funded by BMGF). Member of the Lancet NCDI Poverty Commission and the Lancet Global Health Commission on High Quality Health Systems. Norheim has chaired the 2009 revision of Norwegian Guidelines for Primary Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease, the World Health Organization's Consultative Group on Equity and Universal Health Coverage (2012-2014), and the third Norwegian National Committee on Priority Setting in Health Care (2013-2014). He has published more than 160 peer-reviewed papers in journals such as the Lancet, Lancet Global Health, BMJ, Bulletin of WHO, Health Policy and Planning, and Journal of Medical Ethics.

Dr Brian Asare
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Brian Asare is Senior Technical Advisor at the Pharmacy Directorate of the Ghana Ministry of Health as well as the Country Coordinator for Health Technology Assessments (HTA) in Ghana.

He joined mainstream health policy in 2008 at the Ghana National Drugs Programme. He has led and contributed to several technical initiatives in evidence-based policy and selection of medicines, development of clinical guidelines, health technology assessments, pricing systems, health systems strengthening, antimicrobial resistance and health information systems.

He currently serves on the National Committee on Selection of Medicines, Technical Committee on Pricing of Pharmaceuticals and Health Technologies, the National AMR policy platform, the National Medicines Policy Technical Working Group, among others. He also advises on technical issues in the Ghana Ministry of Health, where he facilitates several ADP initiatives in alignment with country strategies and policies.

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Jesse B. Bump is Executive Director of the Takemi Program in International Health and Lecturer on Global Health Policy in the Department of Global Health and Population at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, and a Member of the Bergen Center for Ethics and Priority Setting at the University of Bergen. He holds an AB in Astronomy and History from Amherst College, a PhD in the History of Science, Medicine, and Technology from Johns Hopkins University, and an MPH from Harvard University.

The overarching goal of Bump's research is to analyze the evolution of ideas and institutions that promote better societal performance in health. His work has focused on the special opportunities to build health systems and advance social protections during and after widespread disruption by infectious disease epidemics, colonial extraction, conflict, industrialization, globalization, and other processes. Using historical and political economy perspectives, Bump investigates how and when societies develop ways to understand and manage the largest threats to lives and livelihoods. His multi-disciplinary work leverages deeply historical scholarship with social science theories and methods to produce strategies for the present and future.

At the national level, he has examined how governments, citizens, and the private sector organize around health objectives, including environmental protections, epidemic responses, disease surveillance, universal health coverage, and related public health institutions. At the global level, he has studied the development of international organizations, analyzed their political economy, and advanced the struggle to make them more fair, more accountable, and more effective. Bump has collaborated with leading institutions to address some of the most significant issues in global health, including designing more equitable methods for setting priorities and allocating resources, developing strategies for managing the political economy of health reform, and navigating the politics of building institutions for public health. His research projects have generated solutions in many focused areas, as well, such as tobacco control, diarrheal diseases, onchocerciasis, congenital syphilis, and nutrition governance. Bump is an award-winning teacher and passionate advocate for his students. He offers popular courses on the history and political economy of global health and has delivered dozens of invited lectures around the world.

Dr. Hugo Turner
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Hugo Turner is a lecturer (equivalent to assistant professor) within the Department of Infectious Disease Epidemiology at Imperial College London. His research focuses on health economic analyses of infectious diseases in low and middle-income countries. Previous to his current position, Turner established a health economics group within the Oxford University Clinical Research Unit in Vietnam, building in-house capacity to design and perform health economic analyses within the unit. Turner specializes in performing various types of health economic analysis (such as costing of healthcare interventions, cost of illness analysis and cost-effectiveness analysis), as well as developing and using dynamic transmission models. He has worked on projects on a wide range of different infectious diseases; including several of the neglected tropical diseases (NTDs), dengue, Hepatitis C, HPV, and hospital-acquired infections. He also publishes papers that introduce key health economic concepts and methods to those outside of the field. The goal of his research career is to use health economics to help optimise and inform healthcare policy in low and middle-income countries.

Mr. Leslie Ong
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Leslie Ong is a Programme Specialist at the HIV, Health and Development Team at the United Nations Development Programme, supporting the implementation of the Access and Delivery Partnership (ADP) project. ADP works with low- and middle-income countries in Asia and Africa to promote the introduction and scale up of new medicines, vaccines and diagnostics. He has contributed to national policy reforms and health system strengthening through provision of technical and policy advisory support, as well as the establishment of South-South learning and exchange platforms, to enhance the selection, pricing, procurement and domestic production of pharmaceuticals. Prior to UNDP, Les worked with UNAIDS in Cambodia for to support the scale-up of innovative community-based strategies for HIV-related health services and facilitated cross-sectoral engagement to address policy and legal barriers to medicines access. Les began his career as a biomedical research scientist in Australia, with a focus on diabetes-induced vascular pathology, before making the shift to public health and development.

Ms. Rachel Archer
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Rachel Archer is a Project Associate at the Health Intervention and Technology Assessment Program (HITAP). Her work focuses on health system strengthening and supporting evidence-informed health policy making in low-and middle-income countries (LMICs). She has managed the Total Systems Effectiveness (TSE) project, an approach to strengthen vaccine decision-making in LMICs and currently leads the PMAC Commissioned Work project. Rachel has also supported capacity-building activities for Indonesia, Kenya and The Philippines. Rachel holds a Master's of Public Health from University of Sheffield, and a Bachelor of Arts in International Development from the University of Leeds. Whilst studying, she interned with various non-profit organisations across East and West Africa. This developed her skills and experience in international development management, data collection and monitoring and evaluation. For her Masters thesis, Rachel collaborated with the non-profit Shanti Uganda to investigate the trend towards teenage pregnancy in Luwero District, Uganda, through an intersectional framework. She was awarded the Carpenter Prize for Best Dissertation.

Ms. Alia Luz
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Alia Luz is Project Associate at the Health Intervention and Technology Assessment Program (HITAP) International Unit (HIU). Her work involves bilateral and multilateral collaboration with international organizations, HTA networks, academic units, and country governments to transmit health technology assessment expertise and support capacity building. She is involved in a range of projects, including international and domestic economic evaluation and health economics research, qualitative and evaluation research, and evidence generation in low- and middle-income countries.

In addition to technical support, Alia provides managerial and administrative coordination for the organization's country and regional projects in Asia. She has a B.A. in Economics from Bryn Mawr College, U.S.A. In 2018, she received her Masters of Science (MSc) in Health Policy, Planning, and Financing (HPPF) from both the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and the London School of Economics (LSE).