

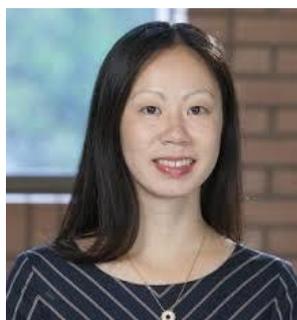
Joint Workshop of The King's Fund and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development

UNDERSTANDING RECENT TRENDS IN CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE MORTALITY IN HIGH INCOME COUNTRIES

Wednesday 6th November 2019, OECD, Paris

[OECD Boulogne Annex](#), 46, quai Alphonse Le Gallo, 92100 Boulogne-Billancourt Room BB2

Who's Who



Jessica Ho

Assistant Professor of Gerontology and Sociology
University of Southern California, USA

Jessica Y. Ho is a demographer whose expertise lies in the study of life expectancy and mortality. She received her Ph.D. in Demography and Sociology from the University of Pennsylvania and is an Assistant Professor of Gerontology and Sociology at the University of Southern California. She is also a Fellow at the Leonard D. Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics. Dr Ho is the recipient of a Career Development Award from the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development at the National Institutes of Health. She has contributed to and consulted for two National Academy of Sciences panels on international comparisons of American longevity. Her three major areas of research examine why American life expectancy lags behind other high-income countries, factors contributing to socioeconomic and racial/ethnic health inequalities, and health and aging in developing countries. A key focus of her recent research centres around factors leading to the rise of the contemporary American drug overdose epidemic, as well as the epidemic's broader implications for families, intergenerational transfers, and well-being.



Catherine Johnson

Lead Research Scientist in Cardiovascular Disease
Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation, University of Washington, USA

Dr Johnson is the Lead Research Scientist in Cardiovascular Disease at the Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation, University of Washington (USA). She is responsible for cardiovascular disease modelling and its associated causes and risk factors on the Global Burden of Disease study. She has co-authored a long list of publications in top journals such as The Lancet, New England Journal of Medicine, Journal of the American College of Cardiology and Neuroepidemiology.



Anton Kunst

Professor in Epidemiology and Head of Department of Public Health
Amsterdam UMC, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands

His main interests are with trends and inequalities in population health. Professor Kunst has published on time trends in cause-specific mortality in European countries, including on stroke and ischemic heart disease mortality. Much of his work focusses on inequalities in health, including cardiovascular disease mortality, according to socioeconomic status, ethnic origin, and place of residence. In addition to descriptive studies, he has studied the role of living conditions and behavioural factors such as smoking, drinking and overweight. Moreover, he investigated how preventive actions could be targeted and tailored to maximise their reach and impact among disadvantaged social groups. Professor Kunst has coordinated several European projects on these issues, the most recent of which is a Horizon2020 project on enhancing the effectiveness policies to prevent youth smoking. He has co-published on these topics in more than 400 papers in international scientific journals.



Susanne Løgstrup

Director
European Heart Network (EHN), Belgium

Susanne Løgstrup is Director of the European Heart Network (EHN), a Brussels-based alliance of foundations and associations dedicated to fighting heart disease and stroke and supporting patients throughout Europe. She has worked on policies relating to the promotion of cardiovascular health and the prevention of cardiovascular diseases since 1995.

Ms Løgstrup leads the development and implementation of EHN's strategy. She represents EHN in the European Chronic Disease Alliance (ECDA), where she chaired the writing group on the Alliance's first paper 'A unified prevention approach'. She was President of the Smoke Free Partnership (SFP) from 2016 to 2018. Ms Løgstrup has represented EHN on the European Commission's (EC) Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health. Ms Løgstrup also directs the development of EHN publications, including the publication European Cardiovascular Disease Statistics. EHN has published five editions since 2000, the most recent dating from 2017. Previously, Susanne Løgstrup was an Attorney-at-law in Copenhagen and Paris. Ms Løgstrup's academic background is in law and business administration, in which she holds masters' degrees. She is a Fellow of the European Society of Cardiology (FESC).



Martin O'Flaherty
Professor of Epidemiology
University of Liverpool, UK

Martin O'Flaherty work focus in reducing the burden of non-communicable diseases in populations by addressing its structural drivers.

His work contributed to explain trends in coronary heart disease mortality in more than 20 countries around the globe, including high, middle and low income settings highlighting that changes of risk factors for cardiovascular disease at population level is a powerful driver of the cardiovascular disease burden. Using simulation modelling approaches he explored strategies to prevent non-communicable diseases and its health, economic and equity impact in the UK, the EU, US and elsewhere. He is a member of the UK National CVD Prevention System Leadership Forum, the American Heart Association (AHA) Council on Epidemiology and Prevention Committees, and served two periods in the AHA Statistics committee, and contributed to develop the Liverpool City Council cardiovascular disease prevention strategy, with supporting research on NHS Health checks.