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Presidents Corner

One of the implications of Piketty’s thesis that the rate of growth of capital ("r") exceeds national economic growth ("g") is that the power of capitalists will overtake the power of governments. Recently several authors have examined the implications of shifting power on knowledge creation and the academy. Power has always influenced the genesis and flow of ideas. David Callahan’s (2017) The Givers documents the tremendous growth of philanthropic support for the academy. His concern is that philanthropic patronage for scientific inquiry is not accountable to the community in the way that government support has been. Giridharadas’s Winners Take All (2018) more pointedly worries that the rising class of neo-patricians fetishizes problem solving in order to stall fundamental changes in the system that enriched them.

In the field of health economics we are regularly asked to both solve problems and reform the systems that create the problems. We must do so in an environment surrounded by power and for the sake of the powerless. The downstream cures for disease fuel far more profits and power than the system reforms to address upstream causes of disease. If the sources of research support in health economics continue to pivot towards foundations and philanthropies we must all stay vigilant. It is up to us to ensure that the ideas we bring to our field ultimately reform health systems to serve those in need and not those in power.

- David Bishai (iHEA President)
Results of the abstract review process will be available on March 6th. All those with an accepted abstract must register by April 1st (5:00 PM EST) to retain their place on the program.

Registration fees remain unchanged at their 2017 levels. Early-bird registration closes on March 31st (5:00 PM EST).

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**Participate in Pre-Congress Sessions**

Full details of the pre-congress sessions are now available here. Register for these sessions at the same time as you register for the congress.

There is also still time to submit an abstract for the "Economics of the Health Workforce Conference", which will be run as a pre-congress session.
Preparing for your Basel trip

A visa is required for participants from certain countries in order to travel to Switzerland. We strongly recommend that visa applications be submitted sufficiently in advance of the Congress, so that a Schengen visa can be issued in time for your travel. It is the responsibility of the participant to obtain a visa, if necessary. Delegate must be registered in order to request and Invitation Letter. We encourage you to begin this process as soon as possible. For further information visit our Visa page.

The 3rd Economics of the Health Workforce Conference 2019 will be running in conjunction with the iHEA Congress!

The abstract submission deadline is March 18, 2019.
Click here for more information.

Click here for more 'Did you Know' information on Basel.

*** Accommodation information will be provided shortly.

ASSA Abstracts

Call for abstracts for iHEA sessions at the 2020 ASSA/AEA annual meeting to be released soon

As in previous years, iHEA will be soliciting papers for presentation in two iHEA organized sessions at the 2020 Allied Social Science Association (ASSA) annual meeting to be held in San Diego, CA on January 3-5, 2020. These iHEA sessions will focus on international health economics research. We encourage all those interested in this opportunity to begin preparing their abstracts - the details of the abstract submission portal will be announced shortly.
SIG News

"If you don't manage your time, someone else will": Yes, but how?
Presented by the iHEA ECR SIG

Friday, March 15, 2019

8:00 AM ET/1:00 PM GMT
Presenter: Richard Smith, University of Exeter

"The single most common comment I ever hear - at any stage of someone's career - is that they "don't have enough time". Yet, given that essentially we all have the same 'standard allocation' of 24 hours per day, why is this? And why does it seem that other people always seem to have more time; they produce more papers, teach more courses, and have more rapid promotions, but at the same time are always there for their kids school play, watching football at the weekend, and going on long weekends with their partner? The answer, of course, is that it is not the amount of time we have that differs, but how we manage it."

In this webinar Richard will give some reflections on strategies that he has seen, and has used himself, to feel more in control of his time and make more productive use of it. Richard will look, inter alia, at the importance of monitoring time use, ways to use less time on what we do, how to use concepts of 'diminishing returns' and 'satisficing' to our advantage, creating more 'productive' time from each day, the importance of perception versus reality, how to use collaboration and teams to 'save' time, why we need to say 'yes' to say 'no', and the critical role of values and focus. Richard will also be answering any questions from participants!

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Health System's performance: how to measure it and why?
Presented by the iHEA Health System's Efficiency SIG

Friday, March 29, 2019

8:00 AM ET/1:00 PM GMT
Presenter: Zeynep Or, Research Director, The Institute for Research and Information in Health Economics

This webinar will introduce a general framework for thinking about health system's performance and present different measurement methods, reflecting on issues emerging in the debate about international comparisons of different health systems. The webinar aims to provide insights into comparative analyses of health systems and promote a better understanding of the potential and limitations of performance measurement.
Zeynep Or is research director at IRDES and is also affiliated to the department of economics in University Paris-Dauphine. She has a PhD. and HDR (Habilitation à Diriger des Recherches). Zeynep specializes in evaluation of health system’s performance from an international comparison perspectives, including the determinants of health outcomes, analysis of efficiency, equity and health service quality. More about Zeynep can be accessed at http://www.irdes.fr/recherche/equipe/or-zeynep.html

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If you have any questions or feedback around iHEA webinars, please reach out to us at ihea@healtheconomics.org.

University Member News
University Member Health Economics Training Programs

iHEA has developed a Health Economics Training Programs page on the website for our University Members. Click here to check out the latest training programs and courses available!

To learn more about this University Member benefit and other benefits click here.

Career Center

The iHEA Career Center allows you to post your job openings and fellowships, find potential candidates and search new positions. It is open to members and non-members alike. You are able to search by Keyword, Country, Organization, Job category and more. We encourage everyone to click here to view this wonderful resource. We do hope that you utilize this tool and should you have any questions, please reach out to jobs@healtheconomics.org.

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SocialLink User Guide

We have now launched a SocialLink user guide for all members who are looking for information and tips on using SocialLink to connect with other members! We hope that this guide will give members a better idea on how they can best use SocialLink, our member community and networking app, to connect with other members and engage with our Special Interest Groups.

Please click here to access the SocialLink user guide. This guide outlines the various features available to all members and those who use our groups feature to engage with Special Interest Groups. It also includes an FAQ section.

As well, below are online links to information on SocialLink:

- To learn more about updating your member profile and adjusting your communication/notification settings, click here!
- To learn more about the functionality of the mobile app version of SocialLink, click here!
- Access the online FAQ section here.

We will continue to build out the FAQ section of SocialLink, but if you have any questions please reach out to us at ihea@healtheconomics.org!