

**Health Financing Policies, Health System Performance and Obstacles to Universal Coverage**  
*September 1-3, 2016*

1. Profile of facilitators

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Current position and affiliation:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Group Leader, Health Systems and Policy, Department of Public Health and Epidemiology, Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute</li> <li>2. External Collaborator, Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute; Consultant Lead Economist (Health Financing), World Bank</li> <li>3. Technical officer, Health Financing, Department of Health Systems Governance and Financing, World Health Organization</li> </ol>
Areas of interest:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Health policy and systems research; Health financing; Health economics Methods to evaluate and validate health interventions; Health policy analysis and evaluation; Impact of global forces on public health.</li> <li>2. Health economics, health care financing, Universal Health Coverage</li> <li>3. Health financing, Universal Health Coverage, statistics and econometrics</li> </ol>
Publications :	<p>Dr. David B Evans has more than 200 publications, including the World Health Report 2010 on Health Systems Financing: the Path to Universal Coverage</p>

Curriculum Vitae:	<p><b>Frabrizio Tediosi</b> is Group Leader for Health Systems and Policy, Department of Public Health and Epidemiology, Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, University of Basel. Since 2007 he is also associate researcher at the Centre for Research on Health and Social Care Management and adjunct professor at Bocconi University in Milan. He holds a degree in economics and management from the University of Pavia, an MSc in Health Economics from the University of York, and a PhD in Public Health and Epidemiology from University of Basel.</p> <p><b>David B. Evans</b> is a health financing expert working as a consultant to the World Bank. He was until February 2015 Director of the Department of Health Systems Governance and Financing in the Cluster on Health Systems and Services at the World Health Organization. He has a PhD in economics and worked as an academic in Australia and Singapore before joining WHO. His work has covered social and economic aspects of tropical disease control, the assessment of health system performance and the generation, analysis and application of evidence for health policy. His current focus is on supporting countries to develop effective, efficient and equitable health financing systems, and to strengthen leadership and governance within health systems. He was the lead author for the World Health Report 2010 entitled "Health systems financing: the path to universal coverage"</p> <p><b>Gabriela Flores</b> is an expert in the field of analytical assessment of financial protection and financial risk protection, econometric analysis of related data, and health financing strategies linked to moving closer to universal health coverage. She joined the World Health Organization (HGF) in January 2015 to take the main responsibility of coordinating WHO inputs to annual joint chapter on progress towards financial protection in the world with the World Bank. She holds a PhD in Statistics and Econometrics from the University of Geneva.</p>
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## 2. Course description

Objectives:	<p>At the end of the course participants will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Familiar with the key issues in health systems financing for ensuring access to needed services with financial risk protection;</li> <li>- Able to assess alternative methods of: raising revenue to funding health services; pooling funds to spread financial risks and reduce financial barriers to access; and purchasing or providing services efficiently and effectively;</li> <li>- Able to appreciate the challenges of health systems and financing policies that can benefit the poor;</li> <li>- Able to identify some of the other types of health system strategies that are needed to support changes in health financing policies;</li> <li>- Able to adopt a systematic approach to assess and design health financing policies</li> </ul>
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Content of the course:	<p>The course provides students with an overview of the patterns and key issues of health systems financing policies, with an emphasis on critical assessment of current and future policy options and issues. The course analyses methods and tools to assess health financing policies and it reviews effective policy instruments to improve health system performance through better health financing policy. It is structured around the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Objectives of health financing system;</li> <li>➤ Raising revenues – thinking outside the box;</li> <li>➤ Pooling revenues – insurance, taxes and the costs of fragmentation;</li> <li>➤ Purchasing – getting more health for the money including questions of benefits packages;</li> <li>➤ Health system development that complements health financing reforms;</li> <li>➤ Coordinating reform – aligning policy instruments with policy objectives.</li> </ul> <p>The course offers examples and practical experiences from low, middle, and high income countries. The key principles and challenges of attaining and maintaining universal coverage, as well as the tools analysed, are relevant to low, middle and high income countries</p>
Prerequisites:	<p>No specific prerequisite. The course will mostly benefit policy-makers and practitioners at all level of seniority in the health sector, managers of service-provider organizations and individuals involved in health system reforms. It will benefit also individuals interested in how health systems can address existing inequalities in access to health services, in how the global health community can support national health systems to develop and implement financing policies.</p>
Pedagogical method:	<p>Mixture of lectures, discussion, individual and group paper exercises. Computer based exercises conditional on available facilities</p>

### 3. Detailed content and structure of course

Morning 11 am - 1 pm	Content	Method	Afternoon 2 pm – 5 pm	Content	Method
Thursday	Challenges of health financing systems to attain and maintain Universal Health Coverage	Lecture and group discussion	Thursday	Social Health Protection and health financing policies in low, middle, and high income countries  Group Work	Lecture and group work
Friday	Policy instruments to improve health system performance through better health financing policy	Lecture and group discussion	Friday	Methods for measuring financial risk protection	Lecture and group work
Saturday	Methodologies to assess health financing policies	Lecture and group discussion	Saturday	Group work presentations of case studies assigned by facilitators	Group presentations and discussion

### 4. Self study and assessment procedure

Self study:	
Assessment procedure:	Group work presentation underlined by a short synthesis text