



DECIDING UPON GLOBAL HEALTH FUNDING: BEHIND THE SCENES

BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS

SPEAKERS

FUMI KURIHARA

Research and Project Officer for the Global Health Centre project "Polio eradication: overcoming the final barriers and ensuring a lasting legacy for health systems"



Fumi Kurihara worked as Research and Project Officer for the Global Health Centre project "Polio eradication: overcoming the final barriers and ensuring a lasting legacy for health systems" from 2017-2020. In addition to the polio project, she supported the UHC2030 Core Team in developing and finalising the UHC Key Asks in preparation for the UN High-Level Meeting (HLM) in September 2019, as well as tracking policies on school (re)openings for the centre's Covid-19 Working Group. Prior to her work at the Global Health Centre, she worked as translator and interpreter for TV Asahi in Japan, and as research assistant for COHESION in the analysis of the double burden of NCDs and NTDs in Nepal. She also supported the Permanent Mission of Japan during two Human Rights Council Sessions. Fumi has a bachelor's degree in international liberal studies from Waseda University and a master's degree in international affairs from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (IHEID) with a specialisation in global health.

KARI HOEL

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Kari Hoel is Minister Counsellor for Global Health at the Permanent Mission of Norway to the United Nations in Geneva. She has previously been posted to the Norwegian Embassies in Madrid, Ottawa and Mexico City, and has had several positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She has a Master's degree in political science from l'Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po) and joined the Norwegian diplomatic service in 2004.

MODERATOR

RYAN WHITACRE

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Global Health Centre



Ryan Whitacre is a medical anthropologist, and postdoctoral research fellow. He holds positions at the Global Health Centre at the Graduate Institute, and the Center for Social Medicine at UC Berkeley. Through multidisciplinary inquiry and collaborative research, he aims to sharpen theory in critical medical anthropology and improve practice in global health. His research is principally concerned with the ways political and economic processes overdetermine socioeconomic inequality and drive health disparities around the world.

His current research examines financialisation as a problem in contemporary life, with broad implications for global health. He also examines emergent trends in the science and economics of global health, which aim to improve health outcomes, but struggle to address underlying causes. In past work he evaluated initiatives to develop and implement novel biomedical technologies, including oral HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and CRISPR-Cas9 gene-edited therapies, with interdisciplinary teams at UCSF, UC Berkeley, and the San Francisco Department of Public Health.