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POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW IN HEALTH ECONOMICS

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Education

London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine

PHD HEALTH ECONOMICS

- Advisors: John Cairns (LSHTM) and Mylene Lagarde (LSE)
- Examiners: Joan Costa-i-Font (LSE) and Ottar Mæstad (CMI)

London, UK

2016 - 2018

Sciences Po Paris (PSIA)

MSC INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (SUMMA CUM LAUDE)

- Graduated as the valedictorian

Paris, France

2013 - 2015

University of York

BA PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS AND ECONOMICS (FIRST CLASS HONOURS WITH DISTINCTION)

- 2013 PPE Prize for highest set of final marks

York, UK

2010 - 2013

United World College of the Adriatic

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE

Duino, Italy

2008 - 2010

Academic positions

Postdoctoral Fellow in Health Economics

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS, UNIVERSITY OF GOTHENBURG

- Parental leave (November 2021 - January 2023)

2020 - present

Research Fellow in Health Economics

LONDON SCHOOL OF HYGIENE & TROPICAL MEDICINE

2018 - 2020

Research Assistant in Health Economics

LONDON SCHOOL OF HYGIENE & TROPICAL MEDICINE

2015 - 2018

Publications

PUBLISHED

Kovacs, R.J., Dunaïski M., Tukiainen, J., (2023) The effect of compulsory face mask policies on community mobility in Germany. Forthcoming in *The Scandinavian Journal of Economics*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/sjoe.12537>

Kovacs, R. J., Lagarde, M., (2022). Does high workload reduce the quality of healthcare? Evidence from rural Senegal. *Journal of Health Economics*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jhealeco.2022.102600>

Kovacs, R. J., Lagarde, M., Cairns, J. (2022). Can patients improve the quality of care they receive? Experimental evidence from Senegal. *World Development*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2021.105740>

Kovacs, R. J., Barreto, J., Nunes da Silva, E., et al. (2020). Socioeconomic inequalities in the quality of primary care under Brazil's national pay-for-performance programme: a longitudinal study of family health teams *The Lancet Global Health*. [https://doi.org/10.1016/S2214-109X\(20\)30480-0](https://doi.org/10.1016/S2214-109X(20)30480-0)

Kovacs, R. J., Lagarde, M., Cairns, J. (2020). Overconfident health workers provide lower quality healthcare. *Journal of Economic Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.joep.2019.102213>

- Kovacs, R. J.**, Lagarde, M., Cairns, J. (2020). Measuring patient trust: Comparing measures from a survey and an economic experiment. *Health Economics*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/hec.3870>
- Kovacs, R. J.**, Powell-Jackson, T., Kristensen, S., Singh N., Borghi J. (2020). How are pay-for-performance schemes in healthcare designed in low- and middle-income countries? Typology and systematic literature review. *BMC Health Services Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12913-020-05075-y>
- Kovacs, R. J.** (2017). The macro-level drivers of intimate partner violence: New evidence from a multilevel dataset. *Global Public Health*. <http://doi.org/10.1080/17441692.2017.1317010>
- Singh N., **Kovacs, R. J.**, Cassidy, R., Kristensen, S., Borghi J. Brown, W.G. (2021). A realist review to assess for whom, under what conditions and how pay for performance programmes work in low- and middle-income countries. *Social Science and Medicine*.
- Wiseman V., Lagarde, M., **Kovacs, R. J.**, et al. (2021). Using unannounced standardised patients to obtain data on quality of care in low-income and middle-income countries: key challenges and opportunities. *BMJ Global Health*.
- Anselmi, L. [...] **Kovacs, R.J.**, et al., (2020). Pay for Performance: A Reflection on How a Global Perspective Could Enhance Policy and Research. *International Journal of Health Policy and Management*.
- Fichera, L. [...] **Kovacs, R.J.**, et al., (2021). Can Results-Based Financing improve health outcomes in resource poor settings? Evidence from Zimbabwe. *Social Science and Medicine*.
- Kovacs, R. J.**, Brown, G.W., Kadungare, A., Kristensen, R., et al,(2022). Who gets paid in pay-for-performance? Inequalities in the distribution of financial bonuses in Zimbabwe. *Health Policy and Planning*.

WORKING PAPERS

- Kovacs, R.J.**, et al., (2023). Paying Our Way to Better Health? The Impact of Public Spending on Health Outcomes in Brazil. Under review. Available at: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4427528
- Kovacs, R.J.**, (2023). Does free maternity care improve access and save lives? Quasi-experimental evidence from Kenya. Available at: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4523231
- Kovacs, R.J.**, et al., (2023). The Determinants of Trust: Findings From Large, Representative Samples in Six OECD Countries. Under review. Available at: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4572719

Fellowships, & Grants

2023 - 2024	Principal Investigator, Research Grant , Adlerbertska Foundation	1,112,832 SEK
2021 - 2024	Principal Investigator, Research Fellowship , Wellcome Trust	£ 274,182
2018 - 2021	Co-Investigator , UK Medical Research Council and Brazilian CONFAP	£ 249,429
2018	Principal Investigator , LSHTM Health Economics and Systems Analysis group	£ 30,147

Conference presentations

- Nordic Conference in Development Economics, (NCDE) 2023. *Does free maternity care improve access and save lives? Quasi experimental evidence from Kenya*. Individual presentation
- International Health Economics Association (iHEA) Congress, Basel 2019. *Socioeconomic inequalities in health facility performance in Brazil's national pay-for-performance scheme*. Individual presentation
- Centre for the Study of African Economies (CSAE) conference, Oxford 2019. *Tell your doctor! Patients' disclosure of information and quality of care in Senegal*. Individual presentation
- Health Economics Study Group (HESG), York 2019. *A busy day: caseload and the quality of healthcare in Senegal*. Individual presentation
- European Health Economics Association PhD and Early Career Researcher Conference, Catania 2018. *Can patients get providers to deliver better healthcare? Evidence from a field experiment in Senegal*. Individual presentation

European Health Economics Association Conference (EuHEA), Maastricht 2018. *Overconfident health workers provide lower quality healthcare*. Individual presentation

Health Economics Study Group (HESG), London 2018. *Measuring Patient Trust*. Individual presentation

Kyoto Global Conference, Kyoto 2017. *Can patients get providers to deliver better care? Evidence from a field experiment in Senegal*. Individual presentation

International Health Economics Association (iHEA) Congress, Boston 2017. *Measuring Patient Trust*. Individual presentation

Languages

German (native)

English (native)

French (fluent)

Spanish (fluent)

Italian (advanced)

Portuguese (intermediate)

Swedish (beginner)