

QESymposium 2019 - Organised parallel sessions

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Parallel session 2

Session title	Session objectives	Session outline	Speakers
“Same Same But Different”: the intersecting worlds of theory, arts and practice	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To share different experiences with the development of real world evidence from the Arts and Humanities approaches to Health and Sciences. 2. To debate how the Medical Humanities – qualitative evidence presented under different formats (i.e. poetry, films, narratives, art exhibitions, literature) – can help us forge humanising practices in health and beyond. 3. To debate what can the Medical Humanities tell us about complex situations in the translational worlds of health, education and policy-making to help us commit with collective decision-making to tackle the SDGs 	Presentations [10 min] followed by question and answer session [25 min] with all participants to discuss the session’s objectives	<p>Chair: Sharmila Sousa, Brazil</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fernanda Severo, Brazil • Rita Dayoub, United Kingdom / Syria • Trisha Bester, South Africa

Parallel session 4

Session title	Session objectives	Session outline	Speakers
Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research Policymaker roundtable: strengthening institutional capacity to demand, produce and use qualitative evidence	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To describe policymakers’ experiences in accessing and using qualitative evidence in decision making 2. To discuss ways of strengthening institutional capacity across sectors to demand, produce and use qualitative evidence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief introduction by the co-chairs • Inputs from the panellists (30 mins) • Discussion among the panellists (20 mins), with discussant, Tamara Lotfi • Open discussion with the audience (25 mins) • Summing up (5 mins) 	<p>Co-chairs: Velia Manyonga, Malawi and Simon Lewin, Norway / South Africa</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evelina Chapman, WHO EURO, Denmark • Fabu Moses, Guyana • Peninah Khisa, Kenya • Tamara Lotfi, Lebanon • Velia Manyonga, Malawi

Parallel session 5

Session title	Session objectives	Session outline	Speakers
Bridging qualitative data and decision-making in human rights	To debate different experiences on how to inform decision-making in human rights with the use of qualitative methodologies and data	Presentations from the speakers followed by discussion	Chair: Laura Boeira, Brazil Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ângelo Brandelli Costa, Brazil • Carolina Ramirez, Brazil • Caroline Reis, Brazil • Thais Duarte, Brazil

Parallel session 7

Session title	Session objectives	Session outline	Speakers
How can qualitative evidence strengthen evidence-informed policy making?	Knowledge exchange on how to build a culture of using many kinds of evidence to inform decision-making, focused on qualitative evidence	Roundtable discussions with invited speakers with expertise in evidence-informed policy. Each speaker will have a 15-minute slot to make a short presentation, and then proceed to call all speakers to have an open discussion guided by the questions and considerations sent by participants	Chair: Daniela Fortunato Rêgo, Brazil Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Camile Sachetti, Brazil • Guilherme Franco Netto, Brazil • John Lavis, Canada • Ludovic Reveiz, PAHO, USA

Parallel session 8

Session title	Session objectives	Session outline	Speakers
Narratives and counter-narratives on health policy-making in Africa: value of citizens' voices through qualitative discourse	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Illustrate how qualitative evidence has influenced the narratives on policy-making, including health governance and advocacy at country and local levels. 2. Describe the relative strength of qualitative methods in "speaking truth to power": capturing multiple perspectives from citizens and the powerless, including gender equity. 3. Facilitate discussion on novel or alternative means in which qualitative evidence can be applied, in the three cases from Africa and other contexts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel presentation, from 3 subregions in Africa • Group discussion on 3 case studies: Universal health coverage, immunization, health workers • Fishbowl discussion on the following topics: (1) What are emerging principles that can guide the use of qualitative evidence in policy-making? (2) How does qualitative evidence inform an understanding of gender and equity in ways that other forms of evidence cannot? (3) How can these lessons extend beyond the health sector to other areas of social change? 	Chair: Ravi M Ram, Kenya Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Mahama, Ghana • Kingsley Pereko, Ghana • Linda Shuro, South Africa • Peninah Khisa, Kenya • Ravi M Ram, Kenya

Parallel session 10

Session title	Session objectives	Session outline	Speakers
Using qualitative evidence in impact evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review fundamentals of impact evaluation and causal inference (purpose, challenges, considerations) Present examples of using qualitative evidence to enhance insights, inferences, and transferability of impact evaluations. Briefly introduce 3ie as an organization 	Presentation followed by open discussion period/Q&A	Chair: Douglas Glandon, USA Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anca Dumitrescu, USA Douglas Glandon, USA

Parallel session 11

Session title	Session objectives	Session outline	Speakers
Looking for a multidisciplinary virtuous circle in health care policy implementation in Latin America and the Caribbean	<p>To provide a series of experiences on policy implementation based on qualitative research developed in Latin America and the Caribbean, collecting the experience of people working in the Evidence to Action Thematic Working Group of Health Systems Global (E2A TWG).</p> <p>The aim of the proposal departs from the idea that the policy making process in health care involves a multidisciplinary interaction of actors who are required to establish a sound agenda of evidence based interventions. Such diagnosis should be leading to the formulation of a program or reform, which success relies on its legitimacy as well as on a robust implementation plan. Its follow-up and evaluation would provide new learnings for improving efficiency, facilitating community participation and assuring equity.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction of moderator and experts (5 mins) Presentation on how Health Systems Global and E2A TWG support evidence use in policy and practice (10 mins) Presentation by each panelist (45 mins) Discussion between moderator and panelists focused on broad context of how evidenced-based policy is shaped and influenced by various actors (10 mins) Audience 'question and answer' (20 mins) 	Chair: Dan Maceira, Argentina Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cristián Mansilla, Chile Emily Vargas Riaño, Mexico Fabu Moses, Guyana Irene Rodríguez Salas, Costa Rica

Parallel session 15

Session title	Session objectives	Session outline	Speakers
A 'glocal' perspective on the SDGs: perceptions from local groups and populations	The session will focus on how groups that are often marginalised perceive and relate to the SDGs and are working to ensure that they can participate in the implementation of actions to address the SDGs. What role can qualitative evidence play in this process in terms of the tools and knowledge used by these groups (rather than a researcher perspective)?	Round table discussion with the speakers sharing their experiences, and participants can then engage	Chair: Ulysses Panisset, Brazil Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Everardo Aguiar, Brazil • Marta Giane Machado Torres, Brazil • Richarlls Martins, Brazil • Stephani Montesanti, Canada

Parallel session 16

Session title	Session objectives	Session outline	Speakers
From Digital Health to the SDGs: bridging development and implementation with qualitative evidence	To share different experiences on the development of digital health interventions for the SDGs, and to debate how qualitative methodologies and evidence can contribute to understanding and theorising their impacts (or likely impacts) at both public and private sectors - i.e. what does qualitative evidence tell us about some of the factors that may affect the implementation of these kinds of interventions?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • Presentations by the speakers [10 mins each] • Small group discussion [30 mins] on the following: (1) How can we pair qualitative evidence and (big) data science to bridge the gaps in digital health development? (2) How can we pair qualitative evidence with big data science to solve some of the barriers to digital health implementation and monitoring (evaluation) in the public and private sectors? (3) How can we pair qualitative evidence and (big) data science to foster Precision Medicine initiatives? • Feedback and general discussion [30 mins] 	Chair: Sharmila Sousa, Brazil Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atila Rodrigues, Brazil, • Claire Glenton, Norway • Edson Amaro, Brazil • Simon Lewin, Norway and South Africa

Parallel session 18

Session title	Session objectives	Session outline	Speakers
Embedding co-production in evidence synthesis for decision making	This session will present different approaches to co-production/co-creation amongst various stakeholders to support policy making and share their experiences for embedding co-production in policy and decision making-relevant evidence synthesis within both public and private sectors	This session will consist of 3-4 presentations followed by discussion. Presenters will provide brief inputs in 3 areas: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="1124 300 1630 363">1. Key features of the co-production approaches within their organizations<li data-bbox="1124 371 1630 475">2. Case studies to demonstrate the application of the co-production approach in practice<li data-bbox="1124 483 1630 614">3. Reflections on how these approaches/models facilitate evidence use to inform policy and decision-making (positives and negatives)	Chair: Sharmila Sousa, Brazil Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="1673 228 2040 260">• Harsha Dayal, South Africa<li data-bbox="1673 268 2063 300">• Laurenz Langer, South Africa<li data-bbox="1673 308 1957 339">• Nilcéia Lopes, Brazil