

# Emerging Health Policy Research Conference

## Call for Abstracts Now Open

The Menzies Centre for Health Policy invites abstracts for its annual Emerging Health Policy Research Conference, to be held at the **University of Sydney on Thursday, 27 June 2019**.

The Emerging Health Policy Research Conference showcases **emerging health policy research** of academic researchers, health policy professionals and higher degree research students. We invite submissions for oral presentations from all areas of health policy - including international health, health systems, history of public health, indigenous health, health economics, health promotion and sociology. An abstract can include research that has been completed, or that has been planned, but not conducted or finalised.

Participation in the Emerging Health Policy Research Conference provides an opportunity to:

- discuss health policy responses to current local, national and global health challenges;
- present in progress health policy research to a wide audience of students, academics and practitioners; and
- discuss new ideas and identify opportunities for collaboration across disciplinary boundaries

### Instructions for Abstract Submission

- **Due Date:** Abstracts of no more than 250 words should be submitted by **Friday, 26 April** to [mchp@sydney.edu.au](mailto:mchp@sydney.edu.au)
- **Abstract Format:** All abstracts should be submitted using the EHPR Abstract Template available on the [conference website](#).
- **Presentation:** It is anticipated presentations will be allocated 15 minutes, including 5 minutes question time.
- **Acceptance:** You will be advised of acceptance or non-acceptance by **Friday, 10 May**.
- **Registration:** All presenters must complete a registration form. A subsidised registration fee of \$50 +GST will apply to all presenters.
- **Publication:** All accepted abstracts will be reproduced on the Centre's website.
- **Conference Prize:** A prize will be awarded to the best presentation.



### Keynote Presentation

#### **STEP into UHC - developing the health technology assessment unit of the Philippines as an integral ingredient of UHC**

*Ioana Ursu, Director and Founder, Mapping Health*

The concept of cost-effectiveness as main criteria for procurement of new technologies was embedded in Filipino policy back in 2003. In this talk Ioana Ursu will discuss how a decade old policy concept finally became a real HTA unit (STEP) within DOH, with a decisive role in the implementation of the recently signed UHC Act of the Philippines.

*Ioana Ursu, PharmD, is the former Secretary of State of MOH Romania and senior health systems consultant, with over 15 years experience in policy making and advisory services focusing on pharmaceuticals. In her ministerial role, Ioana was in charge of the national pharmaceutical policy and pharmaceutical sector development. In her extensive consultancy activity, Ioana worked on mapping health systems and advising sector stakeholders globally.*

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