

Integrating the social determinants of health into health workforce education and training, 8 November 2023

Panel members



Mark S. Wolff, DDS, PhD

Dr. Mark S. Wolff is the Morton Amsterdam Dean of the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine and a Professor in the Department of Preventative and Restorative Dentistry. Formerly he was a Professor and Chair of the Department of Cariology and Comprehensive Care and Associate Dean for Pre-doctoral Clinical Education and Associate Dean for Development and Alumni Relations at the New York University College of Dentistry. He has designed, developed, and implemented an extensive curriculum in caries risk assessment and has designed dental information systems to assist dental schools in monitoring the risk of the entire dental patient

population. Dr. Wolff has completed numerous national and international research and oral health assessment programs. Dr. Wolff started his dental career as a private practitioner, creating a family practice that focused on the medically compromised and disabled patients of all ages. He has been a lifelong advocate and educator for individuals with physical, intellectual and developmental disabilities through the lifespan.

Dr. Wolff received his DDS degree and PhD in Oral Biology and Pathology from Stony Brook University. He has served as the principal or co-principal investigator on multiple bench top and clinical research projects investigating dental caries, novel remineralizing agents, dental erosion, periodontal disease, dental materials and dentinal hypersensitivity. He has co-authored over 100 scientific papers, text chapters and edited multiple textbooks. Dr. Wolff lectures world-wide and is a frequent consultant to industry. He has been the principal or co-principal investigator on more than \$9.0 million in industrial and National Institute of Health funded research. Prior to joining the NYU College of Dentistry in 2005, he served as Associate Dean at Stony Brook University School of Dental Medicine, where he helped develop and implement the first completely computerized dental record. Under his leadership, Penn Dental Medicine implemented extensive clinical programs of caries and health risk assessments, minimal intervention dentistry, tobacco cessation, evidence based dental education, community-based dentistry and dental care for all patients through the life-cycle. He frequently serves as a media source for information on consumer issues and hosted an annual radio series on dental issues on satellite radio.



Dr. Lujain Alqodmani

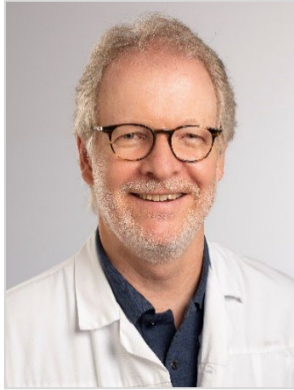
Director of Global Action and Project Portfolio

Dr. Lujain Alqodmani is the Director of Global Action and Project Portfolio at EAT and a member of EAT's senior leadership. She is currently on maternity leave. Lujain is responsible for implementation of EAT's strategic goals, oversees all EAT's projects and measures the overall organizational impact.

Lujain has a background in global health and medicine. Prior to joining EAT, she worked in various positions including serving as an emergency physician in Kuwait.

In addition to her work at EAT, She is the President of the World Medical Association (WMA) for the term 2023-2024. She served as the co-chair of the WMA Environment Caucus and was the International Relations Director of Kuwait Medical Association. Prior to this, she served as Membership Director at Women in Global Health, a Regional Coordinator of the Eastern Mediterranean Region of the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA) and IFMSA's Vice President for Internal Affairs. She was also a member of the Health Adaptation Committee of Environment Public Authority in preparation of Kuwait's Second National Determined Contributions Report to United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) 2018.

Lujain has participated in several UN conferences and World Health Assemblies. She has a medical degree from Kuwait University and a Master's degree in International healthcare management, economics and policy from SDA Bocconi. Lujain is a Syrian national.



Patrick Bodenmann, full professor

Within Unisanté, Patrick Bodenmann has made the care of populations in vulnerable situations his hobbyhorse. He is full professor at the Faculty of Biology and Medicine (FBM) of the University of Lausanne, in Switzerland. He is the Vice-Dean of Teaching and Diversity in this Faculty.

In the 2000s, Patrick Bodenmann completed his training in internal medicine in Lausanne with a Master's degree in public health in England, at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (MSc). His interest in those excluded from the health care system led him later, in 2012, to follow a training course at the Disparities Solutions Center of the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

Since 2016, Patrick Bodenmann has held the Chair of Medicine for Vulnerable Populations at UNIL and is head of the Department of Vulnerability and Social Medicine (DVMS) at Unisanté, Lausanne, Switzerland, which covers the care of the most disadvantaged, in the field of asylum, illegal immigrants, prisons, as well as in the emergency sector and people who do not seek care for economic reasons.

Professor Bodenmann is known for his research on equity of care and health equity, starting from the clinic of people in vulnerable situations, and the implementation of clinical approaches with these populations in order to maintain an excellent quality of care. His current research interests include the management of frequent users of emergency departments, the problems of deaf and hard of hearing patients, and the implementation of clinical management solutions for homeless people. He has received three grants from the Swiss National Science Foundation as principal investigator and other important national funds from the Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences and the Federal Office of Public Health.

Patrick Bodenmann is also very active on the educational front, as he has been Vice-Dean for Education and Diversity at the Faculty of Biology and Medicine (FBM), University of Lausanne since 2020. As for his actual teaching, he focuses on community medicine and health and first-line medicine; he has in particular developed a pre-graduate course and a medical curriculum from the 1st to the 5th year of training for medical students on the themes of social determinants of health, precariousness, racism and transcultural clinical skills.



Prof D Basu MBBS, MSc(Med), MPH, MBA, MMed, FCPHM (SA) PhD

Deb Basu is a Public Health and Preventive Medicine Specialist and currently serves as the Clinical and Academic Head of Public Health Medicine based at the Steve Biko Academic Hospital and University of Pretoria in South Africa. He is involved in both post- and undergraduate teaching and supervision of masters and doctoral students in the University covering the areas of Public health and Preventive medicine. In addition, he is involved with teaching at a number of international Universities in India, Italy, Kenya, and USA. In 2015, he was nominated as the course coordinator by WHO for *training of trainers course* in the '*Health In All Policies (HiAP)*' in Africa and has served as Director of the WHO Collaborating centre for SDH and HiAP (pending redesignation). As a Johnson & Johnson Health management Fellow sponsored by the Graduate Business School network, he worked at the Duke University conducting joint research projects in health and clinical management. He also won a fellowship for Salzburg Global seminar on 'Hooked on Health Care: Designing Strategies for Better Health. In 2015/16, he was appointed technical advisor to a project titled changing cities for diabetes for Johannesburg, one of the seven cities in the world chosen for this project. He also serves in the Editorial Board of the Open Journal of Preventive medicine as well as the chief editor of the Journal titled 'Southern African Journal of Public Health'. His national and international involvements include President of the South African Public Health and Preventive Medicine Association, Secretary General of IEA African Epidemiology Association, Hon Secretary of the Academic Doctors Association of South Africa and chairperson of the South African Preventive Medicine Task force and SAMA Education Science and Technology Committee to name a few. He is an active member of the University of Pretoria's COPC Research Unit which focuses on community based implementation science research. He has received a number of national and international grants. He has also presented in many conferences and published a number of papers in national and international peer reviewed journals. Focus of his research interest is translational research in the field of preventive health care and health systems strengthening.



Dr Rama V. Baru

Professor at the Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Dr Rama V. Baru is a professor at the Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health, Jawaharlal Nehru University. She has taught the Masters in Public Health and PhD programmes in the Centre for the last 26 years. She is an Honorary Fellow with the Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi and an Honorary Professor at India Studies Centre, Central China Normal University, Wuhan, China. Her research focus is on social determinants of health and infectious diseases, health policy, international health, privatisation of health services and

inequalities in health. She is the author of *Private Health Care in India: Social Characteristics and Trends* Sage Publication. She has edited several volumes on *School Health Services in India: The Social and Economic Contexts* (Sage Publication); *Medical Insurance Schemes for the Poor: Who Benefits?* (Academic Publication); a co-edited volume with Anuj Kapilashrami titled '*Global Health Governance and Commercialisation of Public Health in India: Actors, Institutions and the Dialectics of Global and Local*' published by Routledge. Her latest is co-authored book (with Madhurima Nundy) '*Commercialisation of Medical Care in China: Changing Landscapes* (Routledge).

She has published extensively in journals and contributed to several edited volumes. She was awarded the Balzan Fellowship by the University College, London, the Indo-Shastri Canadian Fellowship, the Yusuf Hamied Fellowship at the Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, New York.

She was formerly a member of the Technical Advisory Group for Lymphatic Filariasis at WHO, Geneva. She chaired the committee that developed the curriculum for gender mainstreaming in the National Tuberculosis programme, India. She is currently on several research and ethics committees in the Indian Council for Medical Research, Department of Health Research and the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, India. Most recently she has been invited to be a member of Strategic Technical Advisory Group for Infectious Hazards at the WHO, Geneva.



Julian Marcus FISHER

Julian Fisher is a policy advisor and educator with focused expertise in social and environmental determinants of health, health in all policy approaches, lifelong learning and education.

Julian is Director of German based non-governmental organization Zero Water Day Partnership (ZWDP). ZWDP is a member of the UN Mountain Partnership and Julian is a

member of Mountain Partnership Secretariat Scientific Committee. ZWDP is a co-sponsor of the [Children's Call to Action](#) to protect mountain areas from the impact of climate change launched at COP 26 Climate Conference in 2021, and cooperation partner with the International Federation of Mountain Guide Associations. ZWDP was accredited to host an official virtual side event at UN Water Conference 2023 and published a [report of the meeting](#).

Julian is also Director of Oral and Planetary Health and Adjunct Faculty at the Center for Integrative Global Oral Health University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine in a part-time capacity. He holds adjunct teaching positions; Research Assistant Professor, Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine (SUNY Upstate Medical University, New York, USA), and Research Assistant Professor, School of Health Sciences and Public Health (University of Georgia, Tbilisi, Georgia).

Julian's work experience covers a diverse range of professional domains including international public health policy and advocacy (consultancies for UN agencies including WHO, UNESCO & UNEP), health profession (federation) management, health workforce undergraduate and post graduate education, both classroom and web based. He also works closely with the UN Mountain Partnership on policy and advocacy, and capacity building projects.

His work has been based in geographical locations, including Europe, Africa (Tanzania, South Africa), Saudi Arabia, Falkland Islands and Antarctica within various sectors and organizations.



Pascal Zurn

Pascal Zurn is Unit Head of Health Labour Market & Partnerships in the Health Workforce Department at the World Health Organization, Geneva. He is specialized in health workforce issues, in particular health labour market analyses, with more than 20 years of experience at national and international level.

Pascal joined the World Health Organization in 2001. From 2005 to 2007 he was on a secondment to the OECD with the Health Division and worked on health systems analyses. From 2014 to 2016, Pascal was Health System Team Leader in the WHO Country Office in India.

Pascal is an economist by training with a Ph.D in economics from the University of Lausanne, Switzerland, and a MSc. in Health Economics from York University, UK.