# COVID-19 Research Synergies Meeting

**Social Science Session (July 21, 2020)**

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<td>Setting the Scene: COVID-19 and the social science landscape (15 min)</td>
<td>Kristy Crooks and Kenneth Camargo&lt;br&gt;Presentation (15 min)&lt;br&gt;Co-chairs will share their perspectives on the COVID-19 social science landscape and present the agenda of the meeting.</td>
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<td>Breakout rooms (60 min)&lt;br&gt;• Populational experiences&lt;br&gt;• Communications and Engagement&lt;br&gt;• Governance&lt;br&gt;• Methodologies</td>
<td>5 minutes chair welcome&lt;br&gt;20 (4x5) minutes presentation&lt;br&gt;30 minutes discussion&lt;br&gt;5 minutes rapporteur closure&lt;br&gt;Speakers will present their research and reflect on 3 points:&lt;br&gt;- How will Covid-19 shape the social life of the communities that you study;&lt;br&gt;- What challenges will your research encounter during the next 12 months&lt;br&gt;- How can funders support maximising the impact of your research beyond offering additional funds</td>
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| 2:20 pm   | Population Experiences (60 min) | Welcome by the chair (5 min)  
Chair: Josephine P. Wong, Ryerson University  
Rapporteur: Biao Xiang, University of Oxford  
Presentations (5 min each)  
- Gautam Bhan, Indian Institute for Human Settlements  
- Denise Nacif Pimenta, Fundação Oswaldo Cruz  
- David Kaawa, Makerere University  
- Susan Levine, University of Cape Town  
Discussion (30 min)  
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| 2:20 pm   | Communications and Engagement (60 min) | Welcome by the chair (5 min)  
Chair: Phaik Yeong Cheah, MORU Mahidol Oxford Tropical Medicine Research Unit  
Rapporteur: Deborah Nyirenda, Malawi-Liverpool-Wellcome Trust Clinical Research Programme  
Presentations (5 min each)  
- Jamie Bedson, International Development Consultant  
- Ortwin Renn, IASS Potsdam  
- Sabina Faiz Rashid, Brac University  
- Rose Oronje, African Institute for Development Policy  
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Chair: Kelley Lee, Simon Fraser University |
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JAMIE BEDSON, INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONSULTANT

Jamie Bedson is an international development consultant specializing in community engagement, including the role of community engagement within the context of disease response. Jamie has also worked for several years as a development practitioner in countries in both Africa and Asia. His recent focus has been on the role of communities in taking action against disease transmission by promoting engagement between response actors, researchers and communities through improving the quality, coordination, integration and measurement of community engagement within the context of disease response.

This work has included the co-development of UNICEF’s Minimum Quality Standards and Indicators for Community Engagement, which aims to provide guidance and a framework for all stakeholders, including researchers, working in development and humanitarian contexts. For the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, he manages the ‘Data Modeling Behavior Change in Health Emergencies’ project. The project is a multi-disciplinary research initiative focused on developing novel epidemiological modeling and qualitative testing that incorporates behavioral and community engagement factors, utilizing data from the Ebola outbreak in West Africa.

As Country Director of Restless Development Sierra Leone in 2012 - 2015, he was co-founder of the Social Mobilization Action Consortium (SMAC) and managed implementation of that country’s largest rural Ebola community engagement response.

Previously, he has implementing programming and published on areas including microfinance, youth, sexual and reproductive health and promoting engagement in civil society. Jamie has a master’s degree in Social Science (International Development).

MAX BERGMAN, UNIVERSITY OF BASEL

Prof. Manfred Max Bergman is Chair of Social Research and Methodology, and Head of the Social Transitions Research Group at University of Basel, Research Councillor of the Swiss National Science Foundation, and member of the Uganda National Academy of Sciences and the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), a global initiative for the United Nations. He is President of the Swiss Academic Society for Environmental Research and Ecology, Section Editor in Chief of Sustainability, and Editor in Chief of World. He chairs the World Sustainability Forum and the Basel Sustainability Forum since 2014.
Prof. Bergman studied at the Universities of California (BA), Geneva (MA), and Cambridge (PhD). Previous academic affiliations include the Universities of Cambridge, Florence (European University Institute), Geneva, Loyola Chicago, Notre Dame, Oxford, Stellenbosch, St. Gall, Texas A&M, the Witwatersrand, and Zurich.

His research focus is on sustainability and the business-society nexus. He is currently collaborating with UNDP on their Plastic Waste Management Programme, and with the Institute of Public Enterprise on financial inclusion programmes by the Department of Posts and the Government of India.

GAUTAM BHAN, INDIAN INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

Gautam Bhan is Senior Lead, Academics and Research, School of Human Development at the Indian Institute for Human Settlements, Bangalore. He holds a PhD in City and Regional Planning, University of California, Berkeley. He teaches, researches and writes on the politics of urban poverty and inequality, urban and planning theory, housing, and identity and social practice. He is the author of In the Public’s Interest: Evictions, Citizenship and Inequality in Contemporary Delhi (University of Georgia Press 2017; Orient Blackswan 2017) and co-editor (with Smita Srinivasan and Vanessa Watson) of the Routledge Companion to Planning in the Global South (Routledge 2018).

DAVID BUCKERIDGE, MCGILL UNIVERSITY

David Buckeridge is a Professor in the School of Population and Global Health at McGill University in Montreal where he directs the Surveillance Lab, an interdisciplinary group that develops, implements, and evaluates novel computational methods for population health surveillance. He also directs the Research Data Warehouse at the McGill University Health Center, is a medical informatics consultant to the Quebec Institute for Excellence in Health and Social Services, and is an Associate Member with Mila. His research and practice focus on the informatics of health surveillance and disease control and he holds a Canada Research Chair in Health Informatics and Data Science. In the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr Buckeridge provides regular projections of health system demand for the Canadian province of Quebec, is the Scientific lead for Data Management and Analytics for the Canadian Immunity Task Force and sits on an Expert Panel advising the Canadian government about health systems. He is also currently a technical advisor to the World Health Organization Epidemic Intelligence from Open Sources (EIOS) program on the application of artificial intelligence to global infectious disease surveillance. Dr Buckeridge
has a M.D. from Queen's University, a M.Sc. in Epidemiology from the University of Toronto, and a Ph.D. in Biomedical informatics from Stanford University.

KENNETH CAMARGO, RIO DE JANEIRO STATE UNIVERSITY

Kenneth Rochel de Camargo graduated in Medicine in 1983, followed by a Residency in Social and Preventive Medicine and a Masters Degree in the same area. Doctor degree in Public Health in 1993. All titles from Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro (UERJ), Brazil. Post-doctoral fellowship 2000-2001 at the Department of Social Studies of Medicine, McGill University, Canada.

Dr. Rochel de Camargo worked as a physician at the university's (UERJ) hospital 1985-1995. Since 1995 a full-time tenured professor at the Instituto de Medicina Social at the same University, one of the leading institutions in graduate teaching and research in public health in Brazil, where he is currently a full professor.

The key focus of his research is on the production, diffusion and utilisation of biomedical knowledge, applying the theoretical and methodological tools of science studies. The main themes of his research have dealt with HIV/AIDS, sexuality, health care, medicalization and the spread of health misinformation on the internet.

Career highlights include:

Served different grant committees at the Brazilian Ministries of Education and Science & Technology.
Chair of the scientific committee of the 8th World Public Health Congress held in Rio de Janeiro, in 2006.
Associate Editor of the American Journal of Public Health since 2007.
Vice-President of Abrasco (Brazilian Public Health Association) 2010-2012.
Secretary-general of ABIA, the second oldest Brazilian hiv/aids NGO, 2009-2017.
Director of Research, Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro, 2016-2019.
KRISTY CROOKS, APPRISE - AUSTRALIAN PARTNERSHIP FOR PREPAREDNESS RESEARCH ON INFECTIOUS DISEASES EMERGENCIES

Kristy Crooks is a proud Aboriginal woman of the Euahlayi nation and has a spiritual connection to the Wiradjuri people. She is currently an Aboriginal Program Manager, with the Health Protection Unit for Hunter New England Population Health.

Kristy’s research focuses on developing a process of how to privilege Aboriginal voices in infectious disease emergency planning and response. Kristy’s formal qualifications, lived experience and working career has provided her with in-depth knowledge and understanding of the health and health related issues that Aboriginal people face.

JANE DUCKETT, UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW

Professor Jane Duckett is Edward Caird Chair of Politics and Director of the Scottish Centre for China Research at the University of Glasgow. Her expertise is in contemporary Chinese politics, particularly the politics of health and social policy. Her publications include: The Chinese State’s Retreat from Health (2011) and papers in Health Expectations and Health Policy and Planning, The China Quarterly, World Development and Development and Change.

FADI EL-JARDALI, AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT

Professor Fadi El-Jardali (PhD, MPH) is a recognized senior expert with extensive international and regional experience and multidisciplinary background in health policy, systems and management. He held several senior management and policy positions in public and private sector. He is also a Professor of Health Systems and Policy, Chair of the Health Management and Policy Department, Founder & Director of the Knowledge to Policy (K2P) Center; Director of the World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Center for Evidence-Informed Policy and Practice; Co-Director of the Center for Systematic Reviews in Health Policy and Systems Research (SPARK); and co-lead for the Global Evidence Synthesis Initiative (GESI) Secretariat at the American University of Beirut. He is part time Professor at McMaster University in Canada. He is also the Co-Editor in Chief for Health Research, Policy and Systems (HARPS) Journal.
He has worked and held senior positions with policy analysis related organizations such as the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (as Hospital Consultant), Federal department of health / Health Canada (as Senior Policy Advisor) and the Health Council of Canada (as Health Economist and Program Manager). He was also a hospital CEO.

Dr. El-Jardali is a recipient of the Global Health Leadership Award and was elected twice to the Board of Health Systems Global Society. He is a recipient of the Fellowship on Evidence Informed Policy from the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research. He is the founding member of the MENA Health Policy Forum. He is a member of the Global Steering Committee for the WHO Evidence-Informed Policy Network (EVIPNet). Currently he is the co-Chair for the Program Working Group (PWG) of the Global Health Systems Research Symposium (HSR) 2020. He currently sits on several strategic committees within the World Health Organization (WHO).

He led and directed several multi-country initiatives and projects in several countries including in the East Mediterranean, Asia and Africa. He has published extensively (more than 100) in international peer review and impact factor journals in addition to book, book chapters, and knowledge translation products.

He has a Master of Public Health and PhD. in Public Policy from Carleton University in Canada.

**ASHA GEORGE, UNIVERSITY OF THE WESTERN CAPE**

Asha George is a qualitative researcher engaged with health systems to advance health and social justice in low- and middle-income countries. With a gender and rights lens, she focuses on the frontline interface and governance of services taking into consideration community and health worker perspectives. She joined the SOPH in 2016 as the South African Research Chair in Health Systems, Complexity and Social Change and continues at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health as an Adjunct Professor.

She has worked as an advisor to UNICEF, WHO and USAID on community based approaches since 2007. Prior to that while based in India, she partnered with allies across community, district, state and national health systems to advance maternal health from a gender and rights perspective. Her work in public health started in 1994, when she returned to Mexico to support government
ministries and the UN system to advance the Beijing and Cairo agendas for women's health and rights. She is an Indian national and a current resident of South Africa, with previous residency in Mexico and the USA.

She has degrees in International Relations, Public Health and Development Studies from Georgetown, Harvard and Sussex Universities.

DAVID KAAWA-MAFIGIRI, MAKERERE UNIVERSITY

Dr. David Kaawa-Mafigiri is a Senior Lecturer in the Dept of Social Work and Social Administration, School of Social Sciences, Makerere University Kampala. Dr. Kaawa-Mafigiri is a medical anthropologist with public health training experience integrating biomedical and socio-behavioral/community perspectives to health sciences research and education through robust interdisciplinary training. Dr. Kaawa-Mafigiri embeds social science research techniques including ethnography to improve response to outbreaks and epidemics of infectious diseases and antimicrobial threats in the great lakes region of East and Central Africa.

CHISOMO KALINGA, UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

Chisomo Kalinga is a Wellcome-funded medical humanities postdoctoral fellow at the department of Social Anthropology, University of Edinburgh. Her current project examines literary traditions and health narratives in Malawi and its border countries. She is also collaborating with colleagues at the University of Malawi, Malawi University of Science and Technology and Art and Global Health Centre Africa to support the first medical humanities network for Malawiana studies. Her research interests include disease (especially sexually transmitted infections), biomedicine, traditional healing, and witchcraft in African writing and narratives.
ADAM KAMRADT-SCOTT, UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

Adam specialises in global health security and international relations. His research and teaching explores how governments and multilateral organisations cooperate and interact when adverse health events such as disease outbreaks, epidemics and pandemics occur, as well as how they respond to emerging health and security challenges. Adam’s most recent research examines civil-military cooperation in health and humanitarian crises, and the correlations between gender, sexuality, health and security.

Adam’s professional background before entering academia includes having worked as a health professional in emergency care and clinical risk management, a political adviser, and public servant in national health security and pandemic planning. Prior to joining the Centre for International Security Studies in November 2011, Adam worked as a Research Fellow at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine where he was employed on a 2.5 million Euro project that examined how different values, ideas, and beliefs have shaped global health policy. He currently serves on the editorial board of Global Health Governance, Global Security: Health, Science and Policy, and the Journal of Health Diplomacy. Adam is also a co-convenor of the British International Studies Association Global Health Working Group, and an Executive Member of the International Studies Association Global Health section.

CHARU KAUSHIC, CANADIAN INSTITUTES OF HEALTH RESEARCH

Charu Kaushic is the Scientific Director of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)-Institute of Infection and Immunity and a tenured Full Professor in the Department of Pathology and Molecular Medicine in McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada. In her role as the Scientific Director for CIHR-III, Dr. Kaushic is responsible for making decisions for CIHR strategic investments in the area of infection and immunity, nationally and internationally. She also represents CIHR and Government of Canada at various national and international forums related to infectious diseases. In this capacity she serves as a Co-Chair of GloPID-R, a global consortium of funders in pandemic preparedness and emergency response research. She also represents Canada on the JPIAMR Steering Committee. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she has been closely involved in shaping CIHR’s research response to the pandemic and is serving on COVID-19 National Immunity Task Force. Dr. Kaushic is an immunologist by training and has an active interdisciplinary research program in women’s reproductive health, examining susceptibility and immune responses to sexually transmitted viruses, HIV-1 and HSV-2.
KELLEY LEE, RYERSON UNIVERSITY

Kelley Lee (DPhil, FFPH, FCAHS) is Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Global Health Governance and Professor in the Faculty of Health Sciences, Simon Fraser University, and previously Professor at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Trained in international political economy and public administration, her research and teaching focuses on collective action to mitigate globalisation’s impacts on population health. She led international efforts to secure access to British American Tobacco documents, and researched tobacco industry activities worldwide. She has been awarded Cdn$20 million in research funding to date from the Canadian New Frontiers in Research Fund, CIHR, NIH, European Research Council, Wellcome Trust, Rockefeller Foundation, ESRC and other funders. Her current research includes the commercial determinants of health, commercial tobacco control in BC First Nations communities, and compliance with the WHO International Health Regulations (2005) during the COVID-19 pandemic. She has served in several academic leadership roles including chair of a WHO resource group, director of a WHO collaborating centre, faculty head, and associate dean. She has published 125+ papers, 60+ book chapters and 15 books including the Oxford Handbook of Global Health Politics (2020).

SUSAN LEVINE, UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN

Susan Levine is Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Cape Town and works on the political economy of disease in Southern Africa. Having worked extensively on the use of documentary film as a form of health education at the height of HIV/AIDS denialism in South Africa, she has continued to develop the critical health and medical humanities focus in the context of infectious and non-infectious illness. Contact her at: susan.levine@uct.ac.za

NOLWAZI MKHWANAZI, UNIVERSITY OF THE WITWATERSRAND

Nolwazi Mkhwanazi is associate professor in anthropology at the University of the Witwatersrand, and presently Director of the Medical Humanities programme at the Wits Institute for Social and Economic Research (WiSER). Nolwazi’s research has been focused on reproduction (social and biological), sexuality, kinship, and care in Southern Africa.
ROSE ORONJE, AFRICAN INSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENT POLICY

Rose Oronje is the Director of Public Policy and Communications at the African Institute for Development Policy (AFIDEP). At AFIDEP, Rose provides strategic leadership in the design and delivery research, capacity development, and advocacy interventions relating to evidence uptake in development efforts. She is a health systems and development policy researcher with over 15 years’ experience in health systems research and evidence-to-policy communications. Rose has extensive experience in conducting health systems research and analyses of policies and policy environments, and translating and communicating scientific evidence to policymakers and other general audiences. She also leads the Institute’s programme of work of capacity development for increased or consideration of evidence by governments and parliaments. She has published on a wide range of issues including provision and use of maternal and reproductive health services, integration health programming efforts, individual and institutional capacities for evidence-informed decision-making in the health sector, dilemmas with operationalizing sexual and reproductive health and rights in African contexts, media engagement in tackling sexual and reproductive health issues, and the contributions of parliaments in tackling health issues in Africa. She has a PhD in Development Studies with a focus on health systems and policy.

DENISE NACIF PIMENTA FUNDAÇÃO OSWALDO CRUZ

Dr Denise Pimenta is an anthropologist and researcher at the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (Fiocruz), part of the Brazilian Ministry of Health. She has an interdisciplinary interest and experience in: public health, health education, health anthropology, information and communication, global health, health emergencies and neglected/tropical diseases.

SABINA FAIZ RASHID, BRAC UNIVERSITY

Sabina F. Rashid, PhD, a medical anthropologist, is Dean (since 2013) and Professor at the BRAC School of Public Health, BRAC University. She has over 25 years of work experience with expertise in ethnographic and qualitative research. Her research interests include gender, sexual and reproductive health and rights, sexuality, human rights, urban poverty, governance and health services; the well-being of adolescents, youth and marginalised populations.
ORTWIN RENN, IASS POTSDAM

Ortwin Renn is scientific director at the International Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS) in Potsdam (Germany) and professor for environmental sociology and technology assessment at the University of Stuttgart. He also directs the non-profit company DIALOGIK, a research institute for the investigation of communication and participation processes. Renn is Adjunct Professor for “Integrated Risk Analysis” at Stavanger University (Norway), Honorary Professor at the Technical University Munich and Affiliate Professor for “Risk Governance” at Beijing Normal University. His research interests include risk governance (analysis perception, communication), stakeholder and public involvement in environmental decision making, transformation processes in economics, politics and society and sustainable development.

Ortwin Renn has a doctoral degree in social psychology from the University of Cologne. His career includes teaching and research positions at Clark University (Worcester, USA), the Swiss Institute of Technology (Zuerich) and the Center of Technology Assessment (Stuttgart). His honours include the National Cross of Merit Order, honorary doctorates from the Swiss Institute of Technology and the Midsweden University, the “Outstanding Research Award” of the Society for Integrated Disaster and Risk Management (IDRiM) and the “Distinguished Achievement Award” of the Society for Risk Analysis (SRA). In 2019, he was awarded the Order of Merit from the State of Baden-Württemberg for special achievements in scientific policy advice.

Renn is a member of the German National Academy of Sciences “Leopoldina”, the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences (Berlin), and of the Board of Directors of the German National Academy of Technology and Engineering (Acatech). He belongs to numerous scientific and academic advisory councils. From 2006 to 2012, he headed the Sustainability Advisory Council of the State of Baden-Württemberg and was a member of the Ethics Commission “The Future of Energy” appointed by Chancellor Angela Merkel. Until 2014, he served on the "Science and Technology Advisory Council", an advisory body for EU Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso. Since 2019, he has been a member of the Federal Government's "Climate Change" research platform and heads the Sustainability Platform of the State of Brandenburg.

Renn has published more than 30 monographs and over 250 peer reviewed articles. His most prominent English publication is the book “Risk Governance. Coping with Uncertainty in a Complex World (London: Earthscan 2008).
MANYA VAN RYNEVELD. UNIVERSITY OF THE WESTERN CAPE

Manya is a researcher at the School of Public Health, University of the Western Cape with a focus on qualitative research for health systems strengthening and social justice. She has a Masters in International Health and Tropical Medicine from the University of Oxford and is a member of a health policy and systems research collective known as CHESAI (Collaboration for Health Systems Analysis and Innovation). She is currently in the early stages of her doctoral studies, looking at the interface between grassroots Covid-19 response mobilisations, collective action and state bureaucracies.

WESLEY SHRUM, LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Wesley Shrum is Professor of Sociology and Director of the Video Ethnography Lab at Louisiana State University. His primary interest is the relationship between new communication technology and social networks in Africa and Asia. From 1994 until the pandemic began, he worked each summer in Kenya, Ghana, and Kerala. In 2014 his team began to examine the West African Ebola outbreak and in 2017 extended their interviews to Latin America at the onset of the Zika epidemic. His recent essay, “Who’s Afraid of Ebola?”, introduced the twin notions of epidemic fire and locative fear, which are used in the examination of the coronavirus pandemic. Dr. Shrum founded and directs the Ethnografil Festival in Paris, France, now accepting submissions for the 8th year.

JORGE VARANDA, UNIVERSIDADE DE COIMBRA

Jorge Varanda is an Auxiliary Professor of Anthropology at the Department of Life Sciences, University of Coimbra and member of the Direction of the Centre for Research in Anthropology (CRIA), responsible for its Coimbra branch (CRIA-UC).

Varanda did his social and cultural anthropologist training at Coimbra, then followed suit to University College London (UCL) where he did his master in Medical Anthropology and later a PhD with the then existing Wellcome Trust Center. Throughout the years he
created and taught several courses (BSc, MSc and PhD) linked with Medical Anthropology and Global Health at University of Coimbra, Lisbon’s Institute of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Brown University-USA. Varanda’s preference for interdisciplinary studies ties with his mantra of epistemological dialogues in equal footing; an idea present both in his teachings and research.

His research and publications centered attention on biomedical care and health issues in Portuguese-Speaking Africa and Portugal. His work has received national and international funding across the years. He was PI of research on a public health programs against human African trypanosomiasis (sleeping sickness) in Angola-1900-2010s; he was National PI of an USA project on the emergence and spread HIVs, where he studied HIV-1 subtypes and HIV-2 in Angola and Guinea-Bissau, respectively. His project on the intelligence service of a chartered colonial diamond company might seem out of context, but is key to unravelling the early spread of HIV-1 M. He also worked for a project on data sharing in Public Health Emergencies, focusing on the 2016 Yellow Fever epidemic in Angola.

Lately, he was working on malaria, urbanization and climate change in Angola and Guinea-Bissau, when COVID-19 struck and redirected him to work with Doctors of the World with vulnerable and homeless populations in Lisbon.

His work in non-academic settings include the implementation of the Verbal Autopsy system at the Research Centre for Health of Angola (CISA) and for Doctors of the World- Lisbon.

JOSEPHINE WONG, RYERSON UNIVERSITY

Josephine Pui-Hing Wong has extensive experience in critical public health. Prior to joining Ryerson, she was a Planning and Policy Consultant at Toronto Public Health, where she undertook leadership roles in the development of the Access and Equity Policy, the Toronto Public Health Practice Framework, and large-scale health communication campaigns. She collaborates with marginalized communities to develop, implement and evaluate health promotion and capacity building programs.

Josephine see students as active learners with lived experiences that inform their personal- professional perspectives and practices. Her teaching focuses on community health nursing and people-centered urban health promotion, with an emphasis on addressing structural violence and social determinants of health. In addition to her assigned teaching, she collaborates with community partners
to establish community-campus critical learning circles that bring together community stakeholders and students to engage in collaborative learning and writing.

Josephine’s program of research is underpinned by the principles of social justice and equity. She is committed to doing research “with” and “not for” the affected communities. She seeks to answer the “so what” question in all her research. Being mindful of the need and urgency to go beyond understanding specific phenomena about health inequities, she works closely with the affected communities to develop socially innovative solutions that promote collective resilience and social change. Her areas of research include: social identities and health practices, migration, HIV, sexual health, and mental health in diasporic and transnational communities. She has led and is leading numerous intervention studies on stigma reduction in the Asian, Black and Latino diasporic communities in Canada as well as among university students in China. Her research is supported by the Ontario HIV Treatment Network (OHTN), the Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR), the Movember Foundation, and Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC).

**Biao Xiang, UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD**

Biao Xiang 项飙 is a Professor of Social Anthropology at the University of Oxford, and Director of Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology in Germany. Xiang’s research addresses various types of migration – internal and international, unskilled and highly skilled, emigration and return migration, and the places and people left behind – in China, India and other parts of Asia. Xiang is the winner of the 2008 Anthony Leeds Prize for his book *Global Bodyshopping* and the 2012 William L. Holland Prize for his article ‘Predatory Princes’. His 2000 Chinese book 跨越边界的社区 (published in English as *Transcending Boundaries*, 2005) was reprinted in 2018 as a contemporary classic. His work has been translated into Japanese, French, Korean, Spanish and Italian.

**Yazdan Yazdanpanah, PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE AT PARIS DIDEROT UNIVERSITY, FRANCE**

Yazdan Yazdanpanah is currently the head of an Inserm team on decision analysis in Infectious Diseases, the Head of Infectious Disease department at Bichat Claude Bernard Hospital, and Professor of Medicine at Paris Diderot University, France. Yazdan Yazdanpanah became an MD from the Lille School of Medicine, France in 1996. He qualified from the same institution first as a hepato-gastro-enterologist in 1996 and next an infectious disease specialist in 2002. He obtained a Master of Science degree in epidemiology from the Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, US in 2000, and
a Ph.D degree in public health from the Bordeaux School of Public Health in 2002. In 2006, he became Professor of Infectious Disease.

His research interests include the clinical epidemiology of HIV and viral hepatitis, and the pharmaco- economics of antimicrobial agents. He is one of the coordinators of Inserm “REACTing », a network under the umbrella of Aviesan (REsearch and ACTion targeting emerging infectious disease) the goal of which is to optimize and coordinate the existing research capacities during emerging and re- emerging infection threats. He was recently appointed Director of Aviesan Institute of Immunology, Inflammation, Infectiology, and Microbiology. Prof Yazdanpanah has published extensively in peer- reviewed journals and makes frequent presentations at numerous national and international meetings.