

PUBLIC LECTURE

TRENDS IN POPULATION HEALTH IN IRAN

The role of internal reforms and international sanctions

This presentation provides a review of major health policies and reforms in the healthcare system and trends in population health in Iran during the last decades.

The 2004 Universal Rural Health Insurance and the 2014 Health Transformation Plan are the latest reforms aiming at improving accessibility and affordability of care. The outcomes of the health sector reforms were an increase in life expectancy and a decrease in fertility and mortality rates at the national level, which led to population growth and aging. However, empirical evidence shows unequal improvements and disparities in the distribution of health indicators across the 31 provinces.

The presentation also provides some evidence of how intensified sanctions affected these efforts and modified the trends in population health mainly through deteriorated macroeconomic conditions, increased living costs, reduced public health funding and less access to quality care.

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The lecture will be intervened in Professor Dr. Grimm's master course "**Growth, Inequality and Poverty**".

The lecture will be held in English. All members of the University of Passau and interested members of the public are cordially invited to the event.

December 6, 2023 10.15 - 11.45 a.m.

Location: WIWI SR033 (Innstraße 27)

Registration is not required.