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EDUCATION

ScD, Global Health and Population (Health Economics)	Harvard University	2018
MPP, Social Policy	National University of Singapore	2008
BSc (Honors), Economics	National University of Singapore	2006

FIELDS

Health Economics, Applied Econometrics, Public Health

POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Health and Applied Economics	Nanyang Technological University	2018-
Senior Health Policy Analyst	Ministry of Health, Singapore	2008-2012

PUBLICATIONS

Saxena, A, Koon AD, Lagrada-Rombaua L, Angeles-Agdeppa I, Johns B, Capanzana M. 2019. "Equity, Financial Protection, Health Gains, and Revenue Generation of a New Tax on Sugar-Sweetened Beverages in the Philippines: an Extended Cost Effectiveness Analysis." *Bulletin of the World Health Organization* 97(2): 97-107.

Saxena, A, Stacey N, Mudara C, Puech P, Hofman K, and Verguet S. 2019. "The Distributional Impact of Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Taxation in South Africa: findings from an extended cost-effectiveness analysis." *BMJ Global Health*: Revise and Resubmit

Conesa, JC, Costa D, Kamali P, Kehoe TJ, Nygard VM, Raveendranathan G, **Saxena A**. "Implications of Increasing College Attainment for Aging in General Equilibrium." *European Economic Review*: Submitted

Bairoliya, N, Canning D, Miller R, **Saxena A**. 2018. "The Macroeconomic and Welfare Implications of Rural Health Insurance and Pension Reforms in China." *The Journal of the Economics of Ageing* 11 (May):71-92.

Conesa, JC, Costa D, Kamali P, Kehoe TJ, Nygard VM, Raveendranathan G, **Saxena A**. 2018. "Macroeconomic Effects of Medicare." *The Journal of the Economics of Ageing* 11 (May):27-40.

James, E, **Saxena A**, Restrepo CF, Llorente B, Ortiz AV, Uribe MV, Iunes RF, Verguet S. 2018. "The Distributional Consequences of Increasing Tobacco Taxes on Colombia's Health and Finances: an Extended Cost-Effectiveness Analysis." *Tobacco Control* Accepted.

Prabhakaran, S, Dutta A, **Saxena A**, Stromberg K, Clarke D, and Sharma S. 2017. "Do Better Laws and Regulations Promote Universal Health Coverage? A Review of the Evidence." USAID Report.

Bloom, DE, Cafiero-Fonseca ET, Candeias V, Adashi E, Bloom L, Gurfein L, Jané-Llopis E, Lubet A, Mitgang E, O'Brien JC, **Saxena A**. 2014. "Economics of Non-Communicable Diseases in India: The Costs and Returns on Investment of Interventions to Promote Healthy Living and Prevent, Treat, and Manage NCDs." World Economic Forum, Harvard School of Public Health.

WORKING PAPERS

The Effect of Retirement and Income on Health in Europe and the United States., with Canning D.

The Effect of Changes in Statutory Pensionable Ages on Health in Europe and the United States., with Canning D.

The Macroeconomic Impact of Fertility Changes in an Aging Population., with Bairoliya N, Canning D, and Miller R.

Effect of Air Pollution on the Health of the Elderly in China., with Grainger C, and Fan M.

Rational Expectations and Subjective Survival Probabilities? Evidence from the USA, Europe, and South Korea., with Canning D and Kim E.

Eat like the Masters - On the Colonial Origins of Obesity., with Fink G and Klasen S.

TEACHING

2019 Seminar in Development Economics (PhD Level)
2019 Health Economics (Undergraduate)

RESEARCH SUPPORT

2019 Startup Grant (SGD35,000)
2015 Program on Global Demography of Aging Grant (USD74,900)
2014 Program on Global Demography of Aging Travel Grant (USD4,000)

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

2019 Saw Swee Hock School of Public Health, *Singapore*
2016 Barcelona GSE Summer Forum, *Barcelona, Spain*
2016 Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2016, *Washington, DC*
2014 Population Association of America Annual Meeting 2014, *Boston, MA*
2014 RAND Summer Institute on Aging, *Santa Monica, CA*
2013 RAND - Meeting on Longitudinal Aging Study in India (LASI), *Santa Monica, CA*
2013 The World Bank - Technical Meeting on Demographic Dividend in Africa, *Washington, DC*

SERVICE

Professional Service & Experience

Short-Term Consultant	Abt Associates (USAID)	2017-2018
Short-Term Consultant	Palladium Group	2017-2017
Research Associate	Partners in Health (PIH)	2016-2017
Short-Term Consultant	The World Bank	2012-2014

University Service

Undergraduate Recruitment and Admission Committee
Internal Dissertation Evaluator

Reviewer

Journals: Journal of Economics of Ageing, Mathematical Population Studies, Social Science & Medicine, WHO Bulletin, International Journal of Health and Equity

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