

HEALTH POLICIES RESEARCH GROUP



The Health policies research group is currently under development and aims to develop evaluation work on public policies and health strategies. It is intended to host research on different aspects of the implementation of health and public health policies. Particular attention is given to organisational issues in public policy. Attention is also given to the digital revolution and the management of new health data.

The aim of this research group is to report on the proliferation of evaluations of health policies and instruments, both nationally and internationally. The aim is to encourage a reasoned dialogue on the practices and methods developed in France and abroad, particularly those developed at Université Paris Cité and at LIEPP.

The researchers of the group represent different disciplines, notably sociology and economics, but work in epidemiology, public health and political science is also mobilised. The research work of the group thus contributes to the collective reflection on the evaluation of public policies, alongside public and private institutions, associative actors, and academic circles specialised in the analysis of health policies.

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Recent research projects

❖ Addressing Doctor Shortages in Rural Areas An Evaluation of Practice Location Restriction in Germany

This project contributes to the debate on 'medical deserts' by conducting both quantitative and qualitative assessments of the socio-spatial impacts of the German restrictive regulations that have been in place since 1993. It adopts an interdisciplinary approach, combining public policy analysis, insights from the sociology of life courses and markets, and a geographical perspective. The study examines the interplay between state regulations, the location decisions made by individual doctors, and the spatially differentiated market for medical practices.

❖ Evaluation of an experiment on a device for identifying frequent users of emergency services, carried out by the Grand Est's Regional Health Agency (ARS)

The Agence régionale de santé Grand Est is currently trialling a system for identifying frequent users of emergency departments in partnership with the Nancy CHRU and the DAC (dispositif d'appui à la coordination) 54. The aim is to identify frequent users of emergency services to understand their p LIEPP is carrying out a process evaluation of this experiment, the aim of which is to understand the involvement of the various players in the scheme and the effects of the latter on their cooperation practices in dealing with frequent emergency users. athways and to work with the DAC to put in place appropriate measures to avoid certain visits to emergency. LIEPP is carrying out a process evaluation of this experiment, the aim of which is to understand the involvement of the various players in the scheme and the effects of the latter on their cooperation practices in dealing with frequent emergency users.

❖ Decarbonising the healthcare sector: what challenges for public policies?

This project, led by LIEPP's Environmental Policies and Health policies research groups, questions the decarbonisation of the healthcare system. This will be a major challenge over the coming decade. The United Kingdom estimates that this sector of activity is responsible for around 4% of national CO2 emissions, 40% of which are attributable to the public sector (Van de Hove, & Leng, 2019). Through its direct and indirect emissions, it makes a significant contribution to climate change. The impact of its decarbonisation on public policy is therefore questioned.

❖ Abortion in the European Union: Institutional sources of divergences and solidarities

In this project, we examine the institutional sources explaining the divergences in abortion policies and regulations and interrogate on emerging solidarities across Europe in line with recent developments in abortion care provision and telemedicine. We conduct an EU legal and policy landscape analysis to map divergences regarding the legal regulation and provision of abortion care; and analyze the different ways in which the EU landscape provides for cross-border telemedicine abortion. In this study, we focus on the travel of abortion pills, meaning the cross-border dispensing and distribution of abortion pills through telemedicine, across the EU member states.

❖ Organiser des dispositifs d'Activité Physique sur Prescription (OrgAPP)

The project aims to understand the diversification of public health policies regarding prescription-based physical activity. In 2016, the law of modernisation of the French health system introduced the possibility for the attending doctor to prescribe physical activity to ALD patients, and initiated a regional structuring process led by the ARS and DRJSCS, and their operators. The OrgAPP project shows that other organizations (local authorities, private associations or commercial structures) are also trying to structure prescription schemes away from state actors. Besides making prescription-based physical activity a norm for ALD practitioners, these processes of empowerment generate the production of complex organizational and professional ecosystems in which new actors may emerge, who can be seen as intermediaries, to encourage the mobilization of ALD doctors and patients.

❖ Etude des parcours des candidats aux études de santé dans le cadre de la réforme 2020 de leurs voies d'accès (PARCOURSANTE)

The 24th of July 2019's law on the organization and transformation of the French healthcare system has led to the reform of the undergraduate health studies, effective from the start of the 2020 academic year. Following on from the case study of a university in the Ile-de-France region conducted within the REF-SANTE research project, the new PARCOURSANTE project proposes to extend the analysis of the effects of the reform to the national level through the use of Parcoursup data on health studies applicants and admits between 2019 and 2021.

❖ Cancer prevention and screening (Prev-Cancers)

This literature review will seek to identify therapeutic education or communication strategies at these two poles of society. It will be based on experiments carried out in comparable countries. The general principle of this literature review is to bring together foreign experiences to which French practitioners do not have direct access. In the longer term, this project could be the beginning of a more substantial partnership between LIEPP and the Centre régional de coordination des dépistages des cancers en Île-de-France.

Events

- **03/04/2024** Retirement and COVID-19 vaccination: evidence from a fuzzy regression discontinuity design
- **21/04/2023** The Value of Informal Care in Europe
- **03/05/2023** Décarboner le système de santé : quels enjeux pour les politiques publiques ?
- **09/06/2023** The Welfare Workforce: Trade Unions and Mental Health Care in France

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