



Sarah Hawkes

I am Professor of Global Public Health, and lead a research theme analysing the use of evidence in policy processes ,particularly in relation to gender, sexuality and health. I have lived and worked for much of the past 20 years in Asia ,where I have gathered evidence, built capacity and helped develop policy for programmes focusing on gender, sexual health and rights. I work closely with national governments, civil society organisations, research partners, WHO and UNFPA in Asia and the Middle East. From 2012-2014 I was Wellcome Trust Senior Fellow in International Public Engagement, and focused on the use of public engagement in policy processes .

Research Themes [↗](#) Global Health [↗](#) Public Policy & Governance [↗](#) Research Summary

My research focuses on the following areas:

- Empirical evidence analysis and conceptual framework development for improving sexual health and promoting ,protecting and realising human rights in relation to sexuality
- Exploring the link between gender and health, and analysing institutional responses to gender in global health .
- Analysis of how empirical evidence is used in decision-making processes in global health priority-setting, policy formulation, and programme implementation .My work is funded by a variety of donors including EU, Wellcome Trust, ESRC and the UN .

For full details of our large EU-funded project in Bangladesh, see here:

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Teaching Summary

I am co-organiser of two modules on the Masters in Global Health - Sexual Health, and Power and Politics in Global Health .I supervise PhD students, particularly those who are interested in gender, sexual health, and the politics of decisionmaking in global health .

Recent Publications

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