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## Chapter 9

# PhD portfolio

Name PhD student	Daniella Brals		
PhD period	2015–2019		
Names PhD supervisors	prof. dr. M. Boele van Hensbroek & prof. dr. M.P. Pradhan		
PhD training		Year	
<i>Seminars:</i>			
Childhood Acute Illness & Nutrition Network (CHAIN) meeting, London & Seattle		2019	
Amsterdam Institute for Global Health and Development (AIGHD) research meeting		2015–2019	
<i>Presentations:</i>			
CHAIN annual meeting, Toronto	2019		1
Amsterdam Public Health spring meeting	2019		1
PharmAccess Research & Learning information sharing session	2019		1
Global Child Health Group meeting	2017		1
AIGHD research meeting	2015 & 2019		1
<i>International conferences:</i>			
State Health Insurance: a conference on research, lessons learned and capacity building for state-supported health insurance in Ilorin, Nigeria	2015		1
Teaching	Year		FTE
<i>Weekly lectures:</i>			
Introduction to Statistics and Epidemiological Concepts 1 & 2	2015–2019		0.2-0.3 FTE
Research Master Global Health, Free University Amsterdam			
<i>Yearly lectures:</i>			
Human Development	2015–2018		0.1 FTE
MSc Economics: Development Economics, University of Amsterdam			
<i>BSc/MSc thesis (co-)supervision:</i>			
Lyric Perot	Princeton University	2019	0.1 FTE
Jingyu Tong & Mengsi Jiang	Duke Kunshan university	2017	0.2 FTE
Lidia Siebelink	Free Univeristy Amsterdam	2015	0.1 FTE
Elisa Wubs	University of Amsterdam	2015	0.1 FTE

## List of publications

- Impact of the community healthcare plan and the free maternity services programme on maternal and child healthcare utilisation in rural Kenya: a dairy farmer population-based study with HE Nelissen, M van der List, CM Faye, et al. *African Health Sciences*, **19**, 2019. <https://www.ajol.info/index.php/ahs/issue/view/18495>
- The effect of health insurance and health facility-upgrades on hospital deliveries in rural Nigeria: a controlled interrupted time-series study with S Aderibigbe, FWNM Wit, JCM van Ophem, et al. *Health Policy and Planning*, **32**: 990–1001, 2017. <https://doi.org/10.1093/heapol/czx034>
- Meritocratie: Op weg naar een nieuwe klassensamenleving? (Dutch only) with P de Beer, M van Pinxteren, W Salverda, et al. *Amsterdam University Press*, 2016
- Sustained effect of health insurance and facility quality improvement on blood pressure in adults with hypertension in Nigeria: a population-based study with ME Hendriks, N Rosendaal, FWNM Wit, et al. *International Journal of Cardiology*, **202**: 477–484, 2016. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.ijcard.2015.09.036>
- Improving maternal care through a state-wide health insurance program: a cost and cost-effectiveness study in rural Nigeria GB Gomez, N Foster, HE Nelissen, et al. *PLOS One*, **10**: e0139048, 2015. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0139048>

## About the author

Daniella Brals is a researcher at the Amsterdam Institute for Global Health and Development. She recently joined the Childhood Acute Illness & Nutrition Network. Previously she earned Bachelor and Master degrees in Econometrics from the University of Amsterdam. Study of econometrics has helped her develop a love of mathematics, statistics, and econometric methods. This, together with a desire to apply her theoretical knowledge to real life problems, has led her to pursue a career in global health research, with a focus on maternal and child health.