

## Maja E. Marcus, MA

### Professional Profile

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I am a development economist with a focus on global health. Understanding the underlying mechanisms of poverty and its linkages with health is what drives my main research interests. I believe that health is a basic human right and that people living in poverty face particular challenges in attaining this right. Thus, my aim as a researcher is to improve our understanding of the development health nexus as well as to identify policy strategies working towards universal health coverage. In this, a particular research interest of mine lies in the field of noncommunicable diseases and the epidemiological transition.

### Current Positions

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10/2017 – Present

PhD Candidate in Development Economics

*“Noncommunicable Diseases in Low- and Middle-Income Countries“*

Research Fellow

Lecturer and teaching assistant; researcher; organizational work, research collaborator in the *“Harvard Project on Access to Care for Cardiometabolic Diseases in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (HPACC)“*; coordinator of DAAD EPOS scholarship

at the Chair of Development Economics, Center for Modern Indian Studies (CeMIS),  
Georg-August-University of Göttingen

### Education

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02/2020 – 06/2020

Research Stay at Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies

Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health

10/2014 – 09/2017

M.A. Development Economics

University of Goettingen, Germany

04/2011 – 02/2014

B.Sc. Economics

University of Bonn, Germany

## Publications

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Seiglie JA, **Marcus ME**, Ebert C, Prodromidis N, Geldsetzer P, Theilmann M, Agoudavi K, Andall-Brereton G, Aryal KK, Bicaba BW, Bovet P, Brian G, Dorobantu M, Gathecha G, Singh Gurung M, Guwatudde D, Msaidié M, Houehanou C, Houinato D, Jorgensen JMA, Kagaruki GB, Karki KB, Labadarios D, Martins JS, Mayige MT, McClure RW, Mwangi JK, Mwalim O, Norov B, Quesnel-Crooks S, Silver BK, Sturua L, Tsabedze L, Stanford Wesseh C, Stokes A, Atun R, Davies JI, Vollmer S, Bärnighausen TW, Jaacks LM, Meigs JB, Wexler DJ, Manne-Goehler J (2020) [Diabetes Prevalence and Its Relationship With Education, Wealth, and BMI in Twenty-Nine Low- and Middle-Income Countries](#). **Diabetes Care**, Volume 43, Issue 2

Geldsetzer P, Manne-Goehler J, **Marcus ME**, Ebert C, Zhumadilov Z, Wesseh CS, Tsabedze L, Supiyev A, Sturua L, Silver BK, Sibai AM, Quesnel-Crooks S, Norov B, Mwangi JK, Mwalim O, McClure RW, Mayige MT, Martins JS, Lunet N, Labadarios D, Karki KB, Kagaruki GB, Jorgensen JMA, Hwalla NC, Houinato D, Houehanou C, Msaidié M, Guwatudde D, Gurung MS, Gathecha G, Dorobantu M, Damasceno A, Bovet P, Bicaba BW, Aryal KA, Andall-Brereton G, Agoudavi K, Stokes A, Davies JI, Bärnighausen T, Atun R, Vollmer S, Jaacks LM (2019) [The state of hypertension care in 44 low- and middle-income countries: a cross-sectional study of individual-level nationally representative data from 1.1 million adults](#). **The Lancet**, DOI: 10.1016/S0140-6736(19)30955-9

Manne-Goehler J, Geldsetzer P, Agoudavi K, Andall-Brereton G, Aryal KK, Bicaba BW, Bovet P, Brian G, Dorobantu M, Gathecha G, Gurung MS, Guwatudde D, Msaidie M, Houehanou C, Houinato D, Jorgensen JMA, Kagaruki GB, Karki KB, Labadarios D, Martins JS, Mayige MT, McClure RW, Mwalim O, Mwangi JK, Norov B, Quesnel-Crooks S, Silver BK, Sturua L, Tsabedze L, Wesseh CS, Stokes A, **Marcus ME**, Ebert C, Davies JI, Vollmer S, Atun R, Bärnighausen T, Jaacks L (2019) [Health system performance for people with diabetes in 28 low- and middle-income countries: A cross-sectional study of nationally representative surveys](#). **PLOS Medicine**, 16(3): e1002751

**Marcus, ME** (2014) [Microfinance: A cure for poverty? A Macro Perspective](#). *Bonn Journal of Economics, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition, Bonn, December 2014*

## Current Work

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Unmet Need for Dyslipidemia Care in Middle-Income Countries: A Cross-sectional Study of Nationally-representative Individual-level Data from Nine Countries. Joint work with the HPACC team and Prof. Dr. Sebastian Vollmer

Patterns of NCD Risk Factors in Low- and Middle-Income Countries. Joint work with the HPACC team, Sabrina Rhode and Prof. Dr. Sebastian Vollmer

[Did you know? The effect of SMS reminders on health screening uptake in Indonesia](#). Joint work with Anna Reuter, Lisa Rogge, and Prof. Dr. Sebastian Vollmer

Noncommunicable Disease Perceptions in the Elderly of Aceh, Indonesia. Joint work with Farah Diba and Marthoenis from Syiah Kuala University as well as Anna Reuter, Lisa Rogge, and Prof. Dr. Sebastian Vollmer

## Teaching

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Winter Term 18/19	Master's Course "Poverty and Inequality" with Prof. Dr. Sebastian Vollmer and Dr. Janina Steinert
Summer Term 18	Master's Course "Essentials of Global Health" with Prof. Dr. Sebastian Vollmer
Winter Term 17/18	Master's Course "Quasi Experiments in Development Economics" with Prof. Dr. Sebastian Vollmer and Cara Ebert

## Grants

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05/2019	Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation's doctoral scholarship grant
12/2017	German Academic Exchange Service's "Vortragsreise" grant

## Presentations

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12/2019	Guest Lecture "Access to Care for Cardiometabolic Diseases" Syiah Kuala University, Indonesia
06/2018	PhD workshop "Health Economics and Development" German Society for Health Economics (DGGÖ)
12/2017	Project on Access to Care for Cardiometabolic Diseases in Low- and Middle-Income Countries (HPACC) Launch Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health

## Prior Employment and Internships

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01/2015 – 09/2017	Student Research Assistant, Faculty of Development Economics University of Göttingen Preparation of lectures; literature reviews; data handling; proof reading; data cleaning and analysis with the <i>"Harvard Project on Access to Care for Cardiometabolic Diseases (HPACC) in Low- and Middle-Income Countries"</i>
09/2016 – 10/2016	Intern, German Development Institute (DIE) in Bonn, Germany Data analysis and project evaluation of "Social transfers and their impact on investment decisions of households in Burkina Faso"
06/2015 – 09/2015	Research Assistant, RWI Leibniz Institute for Economic Research In Nairobi, Kenya Supervising field research of a GIZ project evaluation on "Employment and income impacts of trainings for solar and improved cook stove entrepreneurs"

- 03/2014 – 08/2014 Intern, MDF ESA Training and Consultancy  
in Arusha, Tanzania and Pretoria, South Africa  
Training; development of “Business Development Training”; proposal writing
- 10/2013 – 01/2014 Student Assistant, International Coordination  
Economics Department of University of Bonn  
Assistance and mentoring of foreign students in the economics master degree
- 11/2013 Student Assistant, Federal Ministry of Education and Research  
in Bonn, Germany  
Co-Chair at the “Parliament of the Generations”
- 09/2010 – 11/2010 Assistant Teacher, Potch Primary  
Potchefstroom, South Africa  
Lesson preparation; tutoring; teaching of 3<sup>rd</sup> graders

### Social Activities and Other References

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- 2014 Training Participant, MDF ESA Training and Consultancy  
in Arusha, Tanzania  
“Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning”  
and “Financial Management for Non-Financial Managers”
- 11/2011 – 03/2014 Volunteer, CARE Germany-Luxemburg e.V.  
in Bonn  
Fundraising; organizing lectures; awareness campaigns
- 10/2013 – 02/2014 Voluntary Tutor, NMUN Tutorial  
University of Bonn  
Co-leading a preparation “National Model United Nations” seminar
- 10/2012 – 03/2013 National Model United Nations in New York

### Language Skills and Computer Literacy

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Fluent English (TOEFL Score 116); Elementary French; Qualification in Latin  
Extensive knowledge in Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Stata  
Basic knowledge in LaTeX, R, GIS, and GIMP

### References

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