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STATEMENT OF BELIEFS

Interdisciplinary researcher currently studying refugees' health status, gender, social and behavioral inequalities in health with a belief that research findings should have practical applications in public policy

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social Determinants of Health, Social and Behaviour Inequalities in Health, Health Inequalities in Post-Communist and Post-Soviet countries, Digital Inequalities in Health, COVID-19 and Health Inequalities, Sociology of Disability, Gender Inequalities, Health Policy, Public Policy Analysis, Healthcare Administration, Research Findings Translation into Policy and Practice, Refugees' Health Status.

LATEST RESEARCH PROJECTS

2017-2018 "Cultural understandings of health and ill health: A comparative study of Ukrainian and Danish females", Collaborative Project in Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies, Denmark

2015-2018 "The Social Determinants of Health and Health Inequalities among Working-age Population in Ukraine", Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies, Denmark

2021 "Main approaches to measuring social inequalities in health", National University Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Kyiv, Ukraine

2021-2022 "Assessment of preparedness and response of the Ukrainian healthcare system to health emergencies such as epidemics, pandemics or bioterrorism using the Global Health Security Index", Charitable Foundation "RIGHT TO PROTECTION (R2P)", Kyiv, Ukraine

2022-2023 "Ukrainian Female and Children Refugees' Health Status and Coping Strategies in the Czech Republic", Masaryk University, Brno, the Czech Republic

TEACHING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 21.09.2020 – till now
Associate Professor
National University Kyiv–Mohyla Academy, Kyiv, Ukraine
Taught courses: Essentials of Sociology, Research Methodology in Social Work, Academic Writing for Social Workers, Social Theories in Health, Illness and Medicine, Social Determinants of Health, Gender & Socioeconomic Inequalities in Health.
- 10.09.2019 –
25.08.2020
Associate Professor
Academy of Labour, Social Relations and Tourism, Kyiv, Ukraine
Taught courses: Sociology of Management, Sociology of Organizations, Social Technologies, Modern Sociological Theories, Policy Paper Writing, etc.
- 2015 – 2018 AIAS
Research Fellow &
Associate Professor
Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies, Aarhus University, Aarhus, Denmark
- 17.10.2017 – till now
Associate Professor
(part-time job)
Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv, Ukraine
Taught course: Medical Sociology (in English)
- 2014 – 2015
Fulbright Fellow
Fulbright Faculty Development Program, Department of Sociology, University of Alabama in Birmingham, AL, USA
Developed course: Medical Sociology (supervisor: William C. Cockerham Distinguished Professor and Chair Department of Sociology)
- 2012 – 2014
Senior Lecturer
School of Public Health, National University Kyiv–Mohyla Academy, Kyiv, Ukraine
Taught courses: Introduction to Health Care; Topical Problems of Health Care; Health Policy Analysis, Health Promotion, Medical Sociology
- 2008 – 2013
Senior Researcher
Department of Cancer Control, National Cancer Institute, Kyiv, Ukraine
- 2007 – 2008
Researcher
Public Health Institute of the Healthcare Ministry of Ukraine, Kyiv, Ukraine
- 2006 – 2007
L. Kirkland Program
Fellow
Institute of Medical Sociology and Family, Marie Curie Sklodowska University, Lublin, Poland

ACADEMIC EDUCATION

- 2008 – 2012
PhD in Sociology
Institute of Sociology, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Kyiv, Ukraine
Thesis: “Institutionalization of Family Medicine in Ukraine”

2006 – 2007	High School of Business and Administration, Lublin, Poland Speciality: "Health Care Management"
2001 – 2003 Master of Public Administration	Lviv Regional Institute of Public Administration of The Ukrainian Academy of Public Administration, Office of The President of Ukraine, Ukraine Speciality: Public Administration
1994 – 1999 Specialist in Sociology, Teacher	Ivan Franko Lviv State University, Ukraine Speciality: Sociology

TRAINING

2016 – 2017	Aarhus University, Denmark Courses: "Stata Documentation", "Linear regression models for continuous and binary data", "Quantitative Medical Graphics", other professionals workshops
July 2016	University College London, United Kingdom Health and Society Summer School: "Social Determinants of Health"
April 2016	"Presidion", London, United Kingdom Course: "Advanced Statistics Analysis with IBM SPSS Statistics"
2006 – 2008	High School of Sociology of the Institute of Sociology, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Kyiv, Ukraine Courses: In-Depth Interview: Theory and Technology, Qualitative Methods in Sociological Research, Method and Technique Development of Sociological Tools, PR-Technologies, SPSS in Sociology and Marketing
2004	Center of Education of World Bank Institute, Kyiv, Ukraine Course: "Health Care and Poverty"

INTERNSHIPS

June 2007	Ministry of Health of Poland, Warsaw, Poland Investigated the responsibilities and activities of the PR, Health Care Organization, Medical Insurance, Science and Higher Education Departments
June – July 2002	Dalhousie University, School of Public Administration, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada Public Policy Analysis, Development and Implementation

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS, ORGANIZED WORKSHOPS, INVITED RESEARCH SEMINARS AND LECTURES

- 21-23.2018 Socio-Economic Inequalities in Self-Reported Health in Ten Eastern European Countries, the Sixth Annual Conference of the Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies "Social Policy in East and Southeast Europe in the Past and the Present", 21-23 June 2018, Germany
- 13-14.11.2017 Dalhousie University, School of Public Administration, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada Public Policy Analysis, Development and Implementation
- 1-08-2017 Social and behavioral determinants of health among the Ukrainian working-age population, the 2017 International Health Conference, Oxford, United Kingdom
- 20.09.2017 'Gender, Social and Behavioral Inequalities in Subjective and Objective Self-Reported Health', Research Seminar at the Speaker Series of the UAB Department of Sociology, University of Alabama at Birmingham, USA
- 5-04-2017 Health Inequity and Gender Gap in Self-Reported Health Among the Ukrainian Working-age Population: Evidence for Policymakers, World Congress on Public Health 2017, Melbourne, Australia
- 1-04-2017 Social Inequalities in Self-Reported Health in Eastern European Countries: Findings from the ESS, British Association for Slavonic and Eastern European Studies annual conference, Cambridge, United Kingdom
- 30-09-2016 Social Inequalities in Health in Developing Countries: a Comparative Perspective, Caucasus International University, lecture, Tbilisi, Georgia.
- 12-09-2016 Social Inequalities in Self-Reported Health in Working-age Population: Evidence from the ESS, AIAS Fellow Research Seminar, Aarhus, Denmark
- 13-07-2016 Social Inequalities in Self-Reported Health in Ukrainian Working-age Population: Findings from the ESS, The 3rd International ESS Conference, Lausanne, Switzerland
- 27-06-2016 Social-Economic Status, Work Conditions and Inequalities in Self-Reported Health in Ukrainian Working-age Population: Evidence from the ESS, ESHMS 16th Biennial Congress, Geneva, Switzerland
- 20-06-2016 Gender Differences in Self-Reported Health in the Ukrainian Working-age Population: Evidence from the European Social Survey, The 2nd International Health Conference, London, United Kingdom

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Mazhak I. Sociology of Family Medicine // Methodology, Theory and Practice of Sociological Analysis of Modern Society – Kharkiv, 2000. – P. 120–124.

Mazhak I. Results of the Expert Survey of Medical Personnel about Family Medicine // VIII Congress of the World Federation of Ukrainian Medical Associations: Abstracts – Lviv-Truskavets, 2000. – P. 12–13.

Mazhak I. Social Problems of Introduction of Family Medical // The Effectiveness of Public Administration (regional aspect), 2001 – Lviv. – P. 98–101.

Mazhak I., Horonzhyy A. Family Medicine: Formation, Development, Socio-Economic Efficiency // Methodology, Theory and Practice of Sociological Analysis of Modern Society – Kharkiv, 2001. – P. 310–314.

Mazhak I. The Role of the Family Doctor in Prevention Mental Health of Family // Gender and Culture. – Kyiv, 2001. – P. 192–201.

Mazhak I. Prevention – the Basis of Family Medicine // Scientific Bulletin of the Uzhgorod University. – Uzhgorod, 2001. – Vol. 16. – P. 172–176.

Mazhak I. Sociological Support for Reforming Primary Health Care Based on Family Medicine // Actual Problems of Public Administration. – Lviv, 2001. – Vol. 5. – P. 342–349.

Mazhak I. The Role of the Family Doctor and Nurse in the Formation of Healthy Lifestyle // Sociology of City: Scientific Issues and Social Technologies. – Dnipropetrovs'k, 2001. – P. 139–142.

Mazhak I. Some Issues of Gender Analysis of Public Administration // Ukrainian State Building: Lessons, Challenges, and Perspectives. – Lviv, Vol.1. – P. 252–257.

Mazhak I., Hrynash H. Public Relations in Health Care // The Effectiveness of Public Administration in the Context of Development of Civil Society.– Lviv, 2002. – P. 360–363.

Mazhak I. The Principle of Availability as the Basis of Family Medicine [Electron Resource] // Scientific Conference: Healthcare Management – [www//naduniv.lviv.ua/e-cof](http://www.naduniv.lviv.ua/e-cof), 2003

Mazhak I. Family Medicine and Medical Insurance as Tools for Improving Primary Health Care // Public Policy Development. Policy Papers. – Kyiv, 2003. – P. 96–107.

Mazhak I., Furtak I. Suggestions for Improving the Management of Innovation Process of Introduction of Family Medicine // Socio-Economic Efficiency of Public Administration: Theory, Methods and Practice. – Lviv, 2003.–Vol.1. – P. 377–381.

Mazhak I. Experience in the Development of Family Medicine in Ukraine and Poland. Sociological Approach // The Challenges of Cross-Border Co-operation between Poland

and Ukraine. Chelm, Poland, 2006. – P. 249–255.

Piatkowski W., Mazhak I. Non-Medical Treatment in Polish and Ukrainian Societies: Ethical and Legal Aspects // Materials of the 1-st Ukrainian Scientific Conference "Health Law of Ukraine: Problems and Development". – Lviv, 2007. – P. 227–233.

Piatkowski W., Mazhak I. Sociology of Health, Illness, Medicine and Non-Medical Treatment in Poland. The Need for Institutionalization of the Discipline in Ukraine // Actual Problems of Society: Historical Legacy, the Realities and Challenges of the XXI Century. – Luck, 2007. – P. 198–202.

Piatkowski W., Mazhak I. Practical Using of Medical Sociology in Poland and the Possibility of Using the Experience of Poland in Ukraine // Problems of Development of Border Areas and Their Participation in Integration Processes. – Luck, 2007. – Vol. 2. – P. 91–98.

Mazhak I. Models of Family Medicine in Poland and Ukraine. Similarities and Differences // 1-st Student Symposium "Warsaw Days of Health Sciences". Warsaw, Poland, 2007. – P. 72.

Mazhak I. Sociology of Health, Illness and Medicine: Prospects for Development in Ukraine // Poland National Congress of Sociology "What unites us, what divides us?" Zielona Gora, Poland, 2007 [electronic resource].

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Mazhak I. Cultural Determinants of Health in the Job of Family Doctor // Cultural determinants of health. – Warsaw, Poland, 2008. – P. 156–164.

Haysenko A., Zhurbenko A., Stakh B., Mazhak I. Current Approaches to Assessing the Quality of Care to Cancer Patients in Ukraine // Women's Health. – Kyiv, 2008. – Vol. 3, № 36. – P. 83–84

Mazhak I. Family Medicine as the Optimal Form of Family Support in Health and Disease // Materials of IV Congress of Professionals in Social Medicine and Public Health. – Vol. 1, 2008, Zhytomyr. – P. 112–116.

Mazhak I. Family Medicine at the stage of formation: a comparative analysis of Poland and Ukraine // Social measurements of society. – Kyiv, 2009. – Vol. 1(12). – P. 369–378.

Piatkowski W., Mazhak I. Sociology of the Body as a New Direction of Sociology of Medicine // Issue Date of Lviv University. – Lviv, 2009. – Vol. 3. – P. 170–188.

Mazhak I. Social Inequalities in Health // 1-st Congress of Sociological Association of Ukraine "Sociology in Situations of Social Uncertainty". – Kharkiv, 2009 – P. 119.

Haysenko A., Mykhailovych Yu., Fedorenko Z., Zhurbenko A., Mazhak I., Stakh B. Ground of Necessity of the Introduction of Quality Indicators of Specialized Care to Patients with Breast Cancer in Ukraine. Scientific and Applied Aspects // Oncology. – Kyiv, 2010. – Vol. 12, № 1 (43). – P. 92–96

Haysenko A., Mykhailovych Yu., Zhurbenko A., Mazhak I. Algorithm of Development of Clinical Quality Indicators of Care for Oncologic Patients // XII Congress of Oncologists of Ukraine // Clinical Oncology. – Kyiv, 2011. – Vol. II. – P. 5

Mazhak I. Institute of Family Medicine in Ukraine: an Empirical Study on the Effectiveness of Structural Factors // Sociology: Theory, Methods, and Marketing, Kyiv, 2012, № 3 – P. 134–150.

Mazhak I. Institutionalization of Family Medicine in Ukraine // Social Measurements of Society. – Kyiv, 2012. Vol. 4 (15). – P. 411–422

Haysenko A., Mykhailovych Yu., Zhurbenko A., Mazhak I. Monitoring the Quality of Care for Cancer Patients in the National Cancer Institute. // VII Congress of Oncologists and Radiologists of the CIS. Astana, Kazakhstan, 2012. – P. 518.

Mazhak I. Structural Factors of Effectiveness of Private Family Medicine (case-study) // Ukrainian society. – Kyiv, 2012. – № 4. – P. 121–134.

Mazhak I. Targeted programs in implementation of public policy in the field of cancer control and prevention [Online resource] // Public administration: Improvement and development, 2013, № 7. – <http://www.dy.nayka.com.ua>

Mazhak I. Some aspects of public administration in cancer control // Investment: Practice and Experience, 2013, № 16

Mazhak I. Categorical-conceptual framework of the study of health related quality of life of the economically active population of Ukraine [Online resource] // Public administration: Improvement and development, 2013. – № 12. – <http://www.dy.nayka.com.ua>

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Mazhak I. Types of policies to achieving health equity in the European Union and their possible implementation in Ukraine // Ukraine –EU. Modern Technology, Business and Law. – Slovak Republic – Poland, Kosice, Slovakia, 2016

Mazhak I. Social Inequalities in Self-Reported Health in the Ukrainian Working-age Population: Finding from the ESS // The 3rd International ESS Conference – Amphimax, University of Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland, 2016, 10 p.

Mazhak I. Health and well-being of the Ukrainian working-age population // [Internet publication] <http://pure.au.dk/> 2017

Mazhak I. Gender Differences in Self-Reported Health in the Ukrainian Working-age Population: Evidence from the European Social Survey // International Health Conference – King's College, Strand Campus, London, United Kingdom, 2016

Mazhak I. Social Inequalities in Self-Reported Health in Eastern European Countries: Findings from the European Social Survey // [Internet publication] <http://www.basees2017.org/abstracts/Mazhak.pdf>

Mazhak I. Employment and working conditions of the Ukrainian working-age population // [Internet publication] <http://pure.au.dk/> 2017

Mazhak I. Assessment of living conditions of the Ukrainian working-age population // [Internet publication] <http://pure.au.dk/> 2017

Mazhak I. The association between social capital and SRH among the Ukrainian working age population // [Internet publication] <http://sph.ukma.edu.ua/wp-content/uploads/2017>

Mazhak I. Social and behavioural determinants of health among the Ukrainian working-age population // International Health Conference – St Hugh's College, Oxford University, Oxford, United Kingdom // [Internet publication] <http://www.globalhealthcongress.org/resources/>

Mazhak I. Health inequalities: who is the most disadvantaged among the Ukrainian working-age population? // Journal of the Academy of Labour, Social Relations and Tourism. 2019. № 2. C. 85–101.

Mazhak I. Social inequalities in health among the working age population of Ukraine // Bulletin of Lviv National University. Sociological series. Issued 15. 2021

Mazhak I. Social inequalities in health: main approaches to study // Sociology: theory, methods, marketing, # 1, 2022