

# MARTINA MERTEN

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## CONTACT DETAILS

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## PROFILE

Global health expert

On the ground experience in more than 20 Low- and Middle-Income countries (focus: Asia)

In-dept understanding of health and development issues

Health consultancy experience for national and international companies and organizations

Strong communicative competencies in multi-cultural environments

More than 10 years of university instruction on global and international health sciences at national and international universities

Excellent writing skills

Networker and Presenter

## GLOBAL EXPERIENCE

Bulgaria, CAREC-region, China, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, India, Latvia, Lithuania, Nigeria, Pakistan, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Philippines, Thailand, Ukraine, Vietnam, United States of America

## PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

### 2009-2022 Senior Health Specialist/Independent consultant

Clients: ADB, GIZ, WHO, Association for German Industry, UNICEF, Roland Berger Strategy Consultants, Rotary International; Association of German Engineers, Global Health Hub Germany

- Supported behavior change communication, innovation and health systems strengthening projects
- Assessed project proposals to strengthen African and Asian partner countries (latest: with a focus on Covid-19 preparedness)
- Provided ongoing expertise on health systems in BRICS countries
- Provided expertise on medical technology needs in emerging markets for German Healthcare Industry
- Supported various projects and summits with communication and outreach material
- Developed training modules on health related topics (f. e., training module on climate risk assessments and management)

### 2002-2009 Social and Health editor, German Medical Journal, Cologne/Berlin

- Conducted in-depth research on the German and international healthcare systems (home-based, on site)
- Attended press conferences on national and international health issues (World Health Summit, et al)
- Met with numerous experts from national and international organizations in the field of public and global health
- Created and participated networks of German and international health experts
- Published hundreds of articles on healthcare systems and health policy

## EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

2020-2023 PhD (cand.) at Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin; Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute; Alice-Salomon Hochschule, Berlin; Yenepoya University, Mangalore, India

2002-2004 Professional on the job training, health journalism, German Medical Journal, Cologne, Germany

1996-2002 Bachelor and Master's degree in Political Sciences, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-University Bonn, Germany (cum laude)

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## MEMBERSHIPS

Women in Global Health Germany

Global Health Hub Germany

Journalists.Network

Association of Health Care  
Journalists, U.S.A.



## AWARDS

### 2017-2021

Alumni of the European  
Journalism Center and the Bill  
and Melinda Gates Foundation  
(focus country: India; Philippines;  
Pakistan; India)

### 2014

Fellow of the American Council on  
Germany (USA)

### 2013

Fellow of the Pulitzer Center for  
Crisis Reporting (India)

### 2008-2010

Fellow of the International  
Journalists' Programmes (IJP)  
(Vietnam; USA)

### 2009

Fellow of the Heinz-Kuehn  
Foundation (Philippines)

### 2005

Fellow of Journalists' Network  
(China)

## INTERCULTURAL ACHIEVEMENTS

**Since 2020** University Instruction on international health management to Asian bachelor students/ARDEN University, Berlin

**Since 2015** University instruction on global health sciences and healthcare systems in comparison to US-bachelor students/CIEE Global Institute, Berlin

**Since 2013** University instruction to African and Asian post-graduates on global health topics/Institute for Tropical Medicine and International Health/Charité Universitätsmedizin Berlin

**2013 -2015** University Instruction on International Pharmaco-economics to Asian and African Master students/University of Applied Sciences, Idstein

**Since 2009** University Instruction on health, science and medical reporting to Asian Master students/Ateneo de Manila University, Department of Communication, Philippines

## LATEST PUBLICATIONS

Merten, M. (2020).

**Tackling online child sexual abuse in the Philippines.**

The Lancet, 396 (10253), 747-748.

Merten, M. (2019).

**Polio: getting ready for the day after eradication.**

BMJ, 366: I5235

Merten, M. (2018).

**The forgotten ones: the misery for millions growing old in India.**

BMJ, 360:k1040.

**Infectious disease: India, Pakistan, and Polio.**

BMJ, 353:i2417