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## **«What We Count, What We Miss: Rethinking Mental Health Service Evaluation»**

### **INTERVENANTE**

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### **RESUME**

Social and structural conditions shape mental health and mental health in turn shapes life chances such as education, employment and social participation. These same conditions influence who reaches care, who stays in care and who benefits from it. Drawing on studies of structural barriers to care including cash transfer programmes, I examine what we capture, and what we leave out, when structure is set aside, and how interventions that act on structural conditions might better target mental health. The conclusions we draw about what works can depend on how the social environment is measured, and on whether we ask for whom and under what conditions an intervention helps. Attending to structure, to how interventions combine and to whether average gains are shared or concentrated is therefore central both to designing mental health interventions and to evaluating them.

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