

Propositions belonging to the thesis

Smoking and Inequalities: Quantifying Policies and Interventions

1. Relative inequalities in smoking prevalence depend on the survey used. When undertaking comparative analyses of inequalities in other risk factors it should be taken into account that these results might also differ depending on the data source. (this thesis)
2. Among women in the South of Europe inequalities in lung cancer still make a negative contribution to inequalities in all-cause mortality. (this thesis)
3. Health effects of a tobacco control intervention aimed at adolescents can take as long as 40 years to manifest in terms of health gains. (this thesis)
4. The scope for reduction of absolute inequalities in mortality through the tackling of inequalities in smoking is particularly large among men in Central and Eastern Europe. (this thesis)
5. Smoking trends are neither entirely autonomous nor do they solely depend on policies and interventions implemented in a country. (this thesis)
6. The fertility decline in Western European countries has come to an end. (Myrskylä, Goldstein & Cheng (2013) Population and Development Review)
7. Obesity is now killing four times the number of people who die from childhood underweight, the former claiming more than three million lives a year worldwide. (Global Burden of Disease Study 2010)
8. Iodine deficiency is the greatest single cause of preventable brain damage. Worldwide 2 billion people suffer from iodine deficiency, of which 20 % are in Europe. (de Benoist, McLean, Andersson & Rogers (2008) Food and Nutrition Bulletin)
9. Epidemiologists should redirect their research from mainly focused on etiology to consequential epidemiology, i.e. to methods that improve the health of a population. (Sandro Galea , President's Message, 46th Annual Meeting of the Society for Epidemiologic Research (2013))
10. Death in old age is inevitable but death before old age is not. (anonymous)
11. I don't need sleep, I need answers. I need to determine where in this swamp of unbalanced formulas, squatteth the toad of truth. (Sheldon Cooper, The big bang theory)

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