

Profile

Professor Hans Maarse (1948) holds a Bachelor degree in Sociology and a Master's degree in Political Science from the Catholic University of Nijmegen. He started his academic career at the Department of Sociology of the Free University of Amsterdam (1973-1976). In 1976 he switched to the Department of Policy Processes in Government of the Faculty of Public Administration. In 1986, he was appointed as full professor in Health Policy Science at the Faculty of Health Sciences (Maastricht University). From 1995 to 2001, he was the acting dean of the Faculty.

Educational expertise

For many years he has been actively involved in teaching. His teaching activities concentrate on the political and governance aspects of health policy-making, policy implementation and policy evaluation. Since a couple of years he is also teaching in public administration and policy analysis at the Maastricht Graduate School of Governance and the University College of Maastricht. Furthermore, he is frequently invited to lecture at other universities and (international) conferences on issues in health policy-making.

Research

An important topic in his current research concerns the international comparative analysis of health systems, including the issue of creeping privatisation trends in several European countries. Another key research topic is the politics and effects of the present market reforms in health care. In this respect he is particularly investigating the ongoing market reforms in the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. He is also actively involved in research activities concerning the relationship between the European Union and its Member States with regards to health care (cross-border care, EU health policymaking).

Professional experience

In his academic career he has frequently participated as temporary advisor of the World Health Organisation (Copenhagen), particularly in countries in Central and Eastern Europe including Lithuania, Poland, the Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Romania, Ukraine and Kazakhstan. Furthermore, he regularly carries out research work for the World Bank on national health insurance schemes. Over the years he has held several positions related to health care in parallel with his activities at the University. He is the acting chairman of the Supervisory Board of the largest home care delivery organisation in Maastricht and the chairman of the Advisory Board of the health insurance company responsible for the implementation of the Exceptional Medical Expenses Act covering long-term care. He is also member of the Supervisory Board of an organisation providing care to children with hearing and speech disorders.