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Education

- 1996 **Doctorate (PhD)**, Socio-Medical Sciences, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences & School of Public Health, Columbia University, NY, USA
- 1986 **Master of Public Health (MPH)**, Population Planning & International Health, University of Michigan, Michigan USA
- 1983 **Bachelor of Science (BSc Econ)**, Social Geography, London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London, London, UK

Employment

Independent Consultant, Violence Prevention, with a focus on childhood sexual violence for various entities including NGOs, CSOs, Government and UN agencies.

- Research Lead (interim), Terre des Hommes, NL, addressing childhood sexual exploitation and child labour globally—ongoing.
- Senior Evaluator and Principal Author, ASEAN and UNICEF East and Southern Asia and Pacific Region, Regional Plan of Action to End Violence Against Children—10-year regional assessment and 10 country assessments (2016-2025); development of new RPA to End VAC (2026-2035)—ongoing.
- Editorial Lead, 'Writesshops', training for manuscript development, 9 NGOs across Eastern Africa—ongoing.
- Principal Investigator, UNICEF China and Tsunagu Network, Positive Pathways: Situating the Violence Against Children and Violence Against Women Landscape in China, 2010–2024—ongoing.
- Quality Assurance Advisor, EIGE and Tsunagu Network, NL, addressing FGM in the EU—completed 2026.
- Lead Evaluator, Impact and Innovations Development Centre, Kampala, Uganda; contributions analysis of 7-year grant making cycle cross Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda—completed 2025.

- 2023 - present **Co-Editor-in-Chief**, *Child Protection and Practice*, an Elsevier journal in collaboration with the ISPCAN (International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect)
- 2021 - present **Professor**, Violence Prevention for Young People, Moray House School of Education, University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland
- 2017 – 2021 **Lead for Data, Evidence and Learning**, SDG Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children, Geneva, Switzerland
- 2013 – 2017 **Senior Researcher**, Violence Prevention, Innocenti—UNICEF Office of Research, Florence, Italy
- 2010 – 2012 **Child Protection Specialist**, Violence Against Children, UNICEF, Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office, Nairobi, Kenya
- 2001 – 2009 **Assistant Professor**, Department of ObGyn and Reproductive Sciences & Department of Anthropology, History and Social Medicine, San Francisco, CA USA
- 1990 – 2000 **Executive Director**, The Lambi Fund, a charity addressing human rights in Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Research, Evaluation, Strategy Building and Capacity Building *Consultancies (short and long-term)*

- Ongoing **Interim Research Lead**, Multi-Country Study on Sexual and Labour Exploitation of Children, including children's participation, analysis and dissemination, Terre des Hommes, NL (Euro 25,000)
- Senior Evaluator and Writer**, Development of the ASEAN Regional Plan of Action to End Violence Against Children (2026-2035) alongside regional and national assessments (2016-2025) for 10 ASEAN Member States: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam, UNICEF East Asian and Pacific Regional Office and ASEAN (\$USD 120,000)

Quality Assurance, Advisor, FGM estimates in the EU with *European Institute for Gender Equality (EIGE)* and Tsunagu Network (\$USD60,000)

Editor and Facilitator, Writeshop: Moving Practice to Publication in Uganda, AfriChild (\$USD 5000)

- 2025 **Senior Advisor**, SUFASEC Reference Group for the End Term Evaluation of the Programme, Terre des Hommes, NL
Senior Reviewer, Scoping the Literature to Develop a Concept Note on Post-Grad Diploma on Child Exploitation, Terre des Hommes, NL (\$USD 7000)
Editor and Facilitator, Writeshop: Moving Practice to Publication in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda, IIDC (\$USD 5000)
- 2024 **Principal Investigator**, Positive Pathways: Situating the Violence Against Children (VAC) and Violence Against Women (VAW) Landscape in China (meta-analysis, policy review and interventions mapping), 2010-2024, Tsunagu Network and UNICEF China Country Office (\$USD 160,000)
Senior Evaluator, Impact assessment using a contributions analysis to measure the impact of and develop a new strategy for a 7-year VAC and VAW Learning Initiative across Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, IIDC and Wellspring Philanthropic Fund (\$USD 120,000)
- 2023 **Senior Evaluator**, Real time evaluation to assess the feasibility of using VR as a therapeutic tool for GBV survivors Tsunagu Network and Norwegian Church Aid (\$USD 60,000)
Thematic Expert & Expert Panelist on Child Participation Co-Creation Workshop: Sexual Exploitation of Children Programme, Terre des Hommes, NL (\$USD 3000)
Thematic Analyst, Mapping and Scoping of Childhood Sexual Violence Global Knowledge Landscape, Safe Futures Hub (\$USD 20,000)

Academic

- 2023 **Principal Investigator**, Collective Rhythmic Drumming as a Therapeutic Agent for High-Risk Adolescents, Binks Hub, University of Edinburgh seed funding (\$USD 8000)
- 2021 – 2023 **Principal Investigator** and co-Founder, Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Solutions Hub with Sexual Violence Research Institute, Together for Girls, and WeProtect Global Alliance (\$USD 4.7 million)
- 2013 – 2017 **Co-Principal Investigator**, Multi-Country Study on Drivers of Violence Affecting Children with University of Edinburgh, grant from UNICEF Office of Research, Innocenti and Government of Italy in Italy, Peru, Viet Nam and Zimbabwe (\$USD 750,000)
- 2012 – 2013 **Principal Investigator**, Perceptions of Misoprotol among Providers and Clients in Zimbabwe with University of Zimbabwe, School of Medicine. World Health Organization (\$USD 65,000)
- 2011 – 2013 **Co-Principal Investigator**, Acceptability and Feasibility of Screening for Intimate Partner Violence in a Public Health Care Setting in Kenya with the Population Council. Swedish International Development Cooperation (\$USD 150,000)
- 2004 – 2011 **Co-Principal Investigator**, Services to Improve Emergency Obstetric Care in Haiti, Zimbabwe, Tanzania and Kenya with the University of California, San Francisco. Goldman Family Fund (\$USD 500,000)
- 2008 – 2010 **Senior Investigator**, Economic Opportunities for Zimbabwean Adolescents with the University of Zimbabwe-University of California Collaborative Health Programme, Harare, Zimbabwe. National Institutes of Health (\$USD 750,000)
- 2008 – 2009 **Principal Investigator**, Health & Human Rights Programme: Paralegals and GBV/Sex Workers and Police Brutality with International Centre for Reproductive Health-International (Ghent University). Open Society (\$USD 65,000)
- 2000 – 2006 **Director**, Family Planning, Access, Care, Treatment (Family PACT) Program. State of California, Sacramento, CA (\$USD 3 million annually)
- 2002 – 2004 **Principal Investigator**, Hard-to-Reach Populations and Barriers to Family Planning Services among Mexican Immigrants in California: Gender, Power and with University of California. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Pop Affairs, US Department of Health and Human Services (\$USD 450,000)

Selected Publications

Book

Maternowska, M.C. *Reproducing Inequities: Poverty and the Politics of Family Planning in Haiti*. (2006). Medical Anthropology Series. New Brunswick, New Jersey: Rutgers University Press.

Chapters in Books

Maternowska, M.C. and Fry, D. Childhood Studies in Practice. In: Tisdall, E. Kay M (ed) *Critical Childhood Studies: Global Perspectives*, Bloomsbury Publishing, London. (2023)

Maternowska M.C., Fry, D., Potts, A., & Cassey, T. (2020). Beyond Risk Factors: Structural Drivers of Violence Affecting Children. In: Balvin, N. Chrisite, D. (eds) *Children and Peace*. Peace Psychology Book Series. Springer, Cham.

Austrian, K., Bruce, J. & **Maternowska, M.C.** Early Empowerment: Working with Adolescent Girls in Kenya and Haiti (2016). In: Dworkin, S., Ghandi, M. & Passano, P. (eds) *Women's Empowerment and Global Health: A Twenty-First Century Agenda*. Oakland, CA: University of California Press.

Peer Reviewed Articles

Chen, Q., Bianchera, E., Kormawa, E., & **Maternowska, M. C.** *Bridging the gaps: Strengthening child protection interventions and policies in China*. Manuscript submitted for publication to *Child Protection and Practice* (2025, under review).

Maternowska, M.C. (2024) The social brain: Applying a neurological, social and cultural lens to emotional neglect in childhood, *Child Protection and Practice*, Volume 4: 100089. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chipro.2024.100089>.

Kavenagh, M. & **Maternowska, M.C.** (2024) Child sexual exploitation and abuse disclosure and help-seeking: A glimpse of global South data. *Child Abuse Review*, 33(3), e2887. Available from: <https://doi.org/10.1002/car.2887>

Maternowska, M. C., Gould, C., Matodzi, A., van der Heyde, J. (2024). INSPIRE: Seven strategies for ending violence against children—exploring knowledge uptake, use and impact. *Child Protection and Practice*, Volume 1, 2024,100008, ISSN 2950-1938, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chipro.2024.100008>.

Olié L, **Maternowska MC**, Fry D. (2023). Addressing violence against children: A systematic review on interventions to accelerate the achievement of the UN sustainable development goal in Europe and Africa. *Child Abuse Negl.* Sep 1;145:106427. doi: 10.1016/j.chiabu.2023.106427. E-pub ahead of print. PMID: 37660427.

Nace A, **Maternowska C**, Fernandez B, Cravero K. (2021). The Violence Against Children Surveys (VACS): Using VACS data to drive programmes and policies. *Global Public Health*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17441692.2021.2010116>

Ballet, J., Konaté, F., Kouamé, S., **Maternowska, C.**, & Olié, L. (2021). Child protection policy: Understanding drivers of violence affecting children in Côte d'Ivoire. *Development Policy Review*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/dpr.12548>

Maternowska, M.C., Shackel, R. L., Carlson, C & Levto, R.G. (2020). The global politics of the age–gender divide in violence against women and children. *Global Public Health*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17441692.2020.180578>

Pereira A, Peterman, A., Neijhoft, A., Buluma, R., Daban, R., Islam, A., Kainja, E., Kaloga, I., Kheam, T., Johnson, A., **Maternowska MC**, Potts, A., Rottanak, C., Samnang C., Shawa, M., Yoshikawa, M., & Palermo, T. (2020). Disclosure, reporting and help seeking among child survivors of violence: a cross-country analysis. *BMC Public Health*, 20(1): 1051. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-020-09069-7>

Kardefelt-Winther, D. & **Maternowska, C.** (2020). Addressing violence against children online and offline. *Nature Human Behavior* 4, 326. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-020-0825-x>

Palermo T., Pereira A., Neijhoft N., Bello G., Buluma R., Diem P., Aznar Daban R., Fatoumata Kaloga I., Islam A., Kheam T., Lund-Henriksen B., Maksud, N., **Maternowska M.C.**, Potts A, Rottanak C., Samnang C., Shawa M., Yoshikawa M., Peterman A. (2019). Risk Factors for Childhood Violence and Polyvictimization: A Cross-Country Analysis from Three Regions. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 88: 348-361. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2018.10.012>

Maternowska, M. C., Fry, D., Potts, A., & Casey, T. (Eds). (2018). The Multi-Country Study on the Drivers of Violence Affecting Children: Giving Complexity Clarity. [Special Issue] *Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies*, 13(S1): 1-75. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17450128.2018.1476748>

Maternowska, M. C., & Fry, D. (2018). The Multi-Country Study on the Drivers of Violence Affecting Children: An Overview. *Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies*, 13(S1): 12-25. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17450128.2018.1476748>

Le Hong, L, Vu Thi Le T. & **Maternowska, M. C.** (2018). Applying the Integrated Framework for Violence Prevention: A case study on physical violence in Viet Nam. *Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies*, 13(S1): 36-51. <https://doi.org/10.1080/17450128.2018.1476748>

Pells, K., Morrow, V, Maternowska, **M.C.** & Potts, A. (2018). A socioecological approach to children's experiences of violence: Evidence from Young Lives, *Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies*, 13:sup1, 26-35, <https://doi.org/10.1080/17450128.2018.1476746>

Maternowska, M.C., Potts, A., Fry, D., & Casey, T. (2018). Research that Drives Change: Conceptualizing and Conducting Nationally Led Violence Prevention Research, Miscellanea UNICEF Office of Research - Innocenti, Florence. Online publication: <https://www.unicef-irc.org/publications/991-drivers-of-violence-national-research.html>

- Chigijii, H., Fry, D., Mwadiwa, T. E., Izumi, N., Baago-Rasmussen, L., & **Maternowska, M.C.** (2018). The Risk Factors and Health Consequences of Physical and Emotional Violence Against Children in Zimbabwe: A Nationally Representative Household Cluster Survey. *BMJ Global Health*, 3 (3): 1-12. <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmjgh-2017-000533>
- Meinck, F., Fry, D., Ginindza, C., Wazny, K., Elizalde, A., Spreckelsen, T., **Maternowska, M.C.**, & Dunne, M. (2017). Emotional abuse of girls in Swaziland: Prevalence, perpetrators, risk and protective factors and health outcomes. *Journal of Global Health*, 7(1). <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC5460395>
- Maternowska, M.C.**, Potts, A., & Fry, D. (2016). The Multi-Country Study on the Drivers of Violence affecting Children: A cross-country snapshot of findings. Florence: UNICEF Office of Research – Innocenti. Online publication: <https://www.unicef-irc.org/publications/874-the-multi-country-study-on-the-drivers-of-violence-affecting-children-a-cross-country.html>
- Undie, C., **Maternowska, M.C.**, Mak'anyengo, M. & Askew, I. (2016). Is Routine Screening for Intimate Partner Violence Feasible in Public Health Care Settings in Kenya? *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 31(2), 282-301. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0886260514555724>
- Undie, C., **Maternowska, M.C.**, Mak'anyengo, M. & Askew, I. (2015). What Women Think: Hypothetical notions of screening for intimate partner violence in Kenyan hospital Settings, *BMC Proceedings*, 9 (S4): A6, <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1753-6561/9/S4/A6>
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- Maternowska, M.C.**, Estrada, F., Campero, L., Brindis, C., Vostrejs, M. & Herrera, C. (2009). Gender, Culture and Reproductive Decision-Making among Recent Mexican Migrants in California. *Culture, Health & Sexuality*, 4:1-15. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13691050903108688>
- Israel-Ballard K.A., **Maternowska M.C.**, Abrams B.F., Morrison P, Chitibura L., Chipato T., Chirenje Z.M, Padian N.S., Chantry C.J. (2006). Acceptability of heat-treating breast milk to prevent mother-to-child transmission of human immunodeficiency virus in Zimbabwe: a qualitative study. *Journal of Human Lactation*: 22(1):48-60. <https://doi.org/10.1177/089033440528362>. PMID:16467287

Global Research Academic & Policy Partnerships

- 2022—2025 *IMAGINA - Centro para la promoción del bienestar de la infancia adolescencia, **Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia** & Liverpool Voluntary Counselling & Testing (LVCT), Nairobi, Kenya, and USAID. Young researchers capacity development to address stigma, disclosure and help-seeking for violence prevention as part of multi-country study.*
- 2020—2021 *INSPIRE Accelerators Programme with **Brazil (Federale Universidade de Pelotas), Cote d'Ivoire (Université de Abidjan), Colombia (Universidad de los Andes) and Uganda (Makerere University)** and the Data Collaborative for Children with UNICEF. Training of early career researchers to map the data landscape and conduct regional (Africa, Americas, Asia and Europe) systemic reviews of INSPIRE interventions, in 8 languages, to identify 'SDG accelerators' for most effective and rapid violence reduction.*
- Colombia INSPIRE Coordination Course, ***ICBF Colombian Family Welfare Institute (Instituto Colombiano de Bienestar Familiar), Bogotá, Colombia***, USAID-HEARD Implementation Research, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention and SDG EV Partnership. Eighteen-week co-designed course to build government policy implementation skills and localise National Action Plans for Children.

2018—2020	Leadership Development Programmes (LDP)—peer-to-peer, interactive policy & practice learning platforms for senior level influencers in government using a multi-sectoral approach, sponsored by the SDG End Violence Partnership. • LDP 2020—Activating Multisectoral Engagement with Cambodia, Canada, Colombia, Philippines, and Uganda (online, 12 weeks) to build improved advocacy and communications across health, education, social work, and police/justice ministries and jurisdictions. • LDP 2019—Evidence-informed National Action Plans with Cambodia, Colombia, Philippines, and Uganda (Scotland-based, 1 week) to build evidence-informed National Action Plans. Convened a multi-sectoral delegation to use problem solving, idea innovation and collaborative thinking to move high-level national planning into viable ground-level implementation. • LDP 2018—Implementation Research for Preventing Violence Against Children with Honduras, Philippines, Uganda, and South Africa (Scotland-based 1 week) to introduce core activities around effective, measured implementation of WHO INSPIRE violence prevention interventions.
2010—2012	Muhimbili University of Allied Health Sciences, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania & University of California, San Francisco, CA. Senior researcher for a body of work to build a public health curriculum around youth healthcare work force.
2010—2015	University of Zimbabwe-University of California Collaborative Health Programme. PI for a body of work and practice around safe abortion care and curriculum development with UZ School of Medicine, Department of ObGyn.
2003—2009	INSP—Instituto Nacional de Salud Pública, Cuernavaca, Mexico & University of California, San Francisco, CA. PI for body of work around cross border sexual and reproductive health care programming.

Research Leadership

2023—present	Member, Binks Hub Advisory Group, a partnership of individuals, organisations, artists, and academic researchers creating social impact locally and globally.
2022—present	Scientific Member, INSPIRE Advisory Group, a WHO-led global working group overseeing the global guidelines technical package for violence against children leadership and vision.
2020—2023	Global Leadership Committee, Brave Movement, a survivor-centred global movement to end childhood sexual violence.
2020—2024	Leadership Team, Our Voices University Network, a consortium led by University of Bedfordshire, 42+ universities working to reduce child sexual abuse and exploitation by developing, evidencing, and championing ethical child-centered practice and research.
2019—2023	Expert Member, Disrupting Harm, a 14-country (Africa and SE Asia) investigation into online and offline child sexual abuse with UNICEF Innocenti, ECPAT, and Interpol.
2017—2023	Expert Member, Together for Girls Leadership Council, a consortium of national governments, UN agencies and private sector organizations to prevent and respond to violence.
2017—2020	Scientific Member, Evidence for Better Lives, a partnership between Institute of Criminology, University of Cambridge and 8 universities building a global cohort study to tackle violence against women and children in 8 urban sites around the world.
2016—2021	Member Steering Committee, Social Norms Learning Collaborative, a consortium of Georgetown University, advancing social and gender norms theory, practice and measurement.
2015—2020	Invited Scientific Advisor, Global Early Adolescent Study, a partnership between Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, WHO and implementation partners in 8 sites around the world.