In this talk, Dr. Frambach will present her PhD research on the globalization of problem-based learning (PBL) in medical education, and will discuss theoretical and practical implications for health sciences education. She conceptualizes PBL as an educational approach, with a set of cultural norms and values that reflect the context in which it was originally developed at McMaster University. This context has implications for PBL’s cross-cultural applicability and the way it shapes medical students and graduates across cultures.

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