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will present her paper

On the Link between Health, Socio-Economic Inequalities and Health Care Financing

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This paper contributes to the literature on the socio-economic determinants of health inequality. Empirical analysis is based on Bulgarian data for a period of economic transition to a market economy and a rapid increase in income inequality. It builds a model based on links between theories explaining health inequalities with level of income, income inequality, social inequalities, interaction between income and social inequalities, access to health services and health care utilisation. The results provide a possible link between these major theories. The relationship between level of income, income inequality and health appears to have a social gradient, which is highly sensitive to the level of out-of-pocket health care payments. An important finding of the paper is a “Roma minority paradox” in the expected health status of the population.

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The presentation will be followed by a glass of wine. For additional information, please contact Benoit Mathivet: b.mathivet@ssees.ucl.ac.uk.