

## EXPLAINING HEALTHCARE SYSTEM CHANGE

Workshop on December 4-5, 2008  
Collaborative Research Center 597,  
'Transformations of the State' at the  
University of Bremen, Germany

Healthcare systems in the OECD world face ongoing reform pressure. Medical technological progress, demographic change and increasingly informed consumers tend to raise healthcare costs but also affect the organization of healthcare systems. While demand is rising, economic resources are limited and globalization arguably constrains public financing sources culminating in the need for more efficient healthcare systems. At the same time, healthcare systems are complex entities, often characterized by path dependency and institutional inertia and influenced by notoriously powerful interest groups. This interdisciplinary workshop aims to bring together researchers in different fields dealing with the explanation of change in healthcare systems. We therefore invite a wide range of empirical and theoretical contributions from healthcare policy, political science, economics, sociology, and related fields which go beyond mere description and provide some *explanatory* account of healthcare system transformation. Both qualitative and quantitative approaches to the explanation of healthcare system change are welcomed. We also invite participation from scholars working in other policy sectors of the welfare state whose work also applies to healthcare research. This workshop will be held in Bremen, Germany on December 4-5, 2008.

### Preliminary Program:

#### ***Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2008***

19:00 *Welcome Dinner at the Senats-Stuben in Bremen's Schnoor  
(Departure from Atlantic Hotel at 18:30)*

#### ***Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2008***

8:45-9:00 Welcome address: **Heinz Rothgang**, Center for Social Policy Research and TranState Research Center (Sfb 597), University of Bremen, Germany

9:00-11:00 *Session 1: The Role of Ideas*

Keynote speaker: **Daniel Béland**, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Saskatchewan, Canada

Paper presentations:

**Emilie Courtin**: Explaining Healthcare System Change: Insights from the Deinstitutionalization Process in France and England

**Achim Schmid & Mirella Cacace**: Problem Pressure, DRGs, and the Role of and Ideas in Healthcare System Change

Discussant: **Monika Steffen**

11:00-11:30 *Coffee break*

- 11:30-12:30 Paper presentations:  
**Patrick Hassenteufel & Marc Smyrl:** Explaining Governance Changes in European Health Care States – The Role of Programmatic Actors  
**Jeremy Green:** Belief in a Just World and Support for Health and Social Welfare Policies: The Social Psychology of Justice and The Formation of Public Opinion  
Discussant: **Nils Bandelow**
- 12:30-13:30 *Lunch*
- 13:30-14:30 *Session 2: Policy Learning and Policy Diffusion*  
Paper presentations:  
**Alexandra Kaasch:** “Ideas from Above” - The Role of International Organisations in Guiding European Health Care Systems  
**Ryozo Matsuda:** What influences policy transfer? Two case studies from Japan  
Discussant: **Richard Freeman**
- 14:30-15:00 *Coffee break*
- 15:00-17:30 *Session 3: Actor-centred Approaches*  
Keynote speaker: **Patrick Hassenteufel**, Versailles University, France  
- 10 minute pause -  
Paper presentations:  
**Karsten Vrangbæk:** The Political Process of Restructuring Nordic Health Systems  
**François Briatte & Monika Steffen:** Medical Policy Entrepreneurship in Contemporary Health Care States  
Ståle Opedal, Hilmar Rommetvedt & **Karsten Vrangbæk:** Patient Organizations and Strategies for Influencing Health Policy in Denmark and Norway  
Discussant: **Tanja Klenk & Philine Weyrauch**
- 19:00 Evening address **Michael Sparer** and *Conference Dinner*

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2008**

- 8:45-9:00      *Opening remarks: **Lorraine Frisina & Mirella Cacace***
- 9:00-11:00      *Session 4: Institutional Approaches*  
Keynote speaker: **Lawrence Brown**, Department of Health Policy and Management, School of Public Health, Columbia University, USA  
Paper presentations:  
**George France**: The Form and Context of Federalism: Meanings for Health Care Financing  
**David Chinitz & Paula Feder Bubis**: Path Dependency and Punctuated Equilibrium in Co-existence: Health Policy Change in Israel, 1995 – Present  
Discussant: **Simone Leiber**
- 11:00-11:30      *Coffee break*
- 11:30-13:00      *Session 5: Economic Approaches*  
Paper presentations:  
**Klaus-Dirk Henke**: How to improve the rationality of health policy  
Health Policy Innovation through more evidence-based implementation?  
**Francesco Paolucci**, Erik Schut & Wynand van de Ven: Economic Rationales for the Design of Health Care Financing Schemes  
**Michal Sitek**: The New Institutional Approaches to Health Care Reform. Lessons from the Reform Experiences in Central Europe  
Discussant: **Heinz Rothgang**
- 13:00-14:00      *Lunch*
- 14:00-16:00      *Session 6: Holistic Approaches*  
Keynote speaker: **David Wilsford**, George Mason University, Fairfax Virginia, USA and Visiting Senior Fellow, London School of Economics, UK  
Paper presentations:  
**Peter Starke**: Why Institutions are not the Only Thing that Matters: 25 Years of Health Care Reform in New Zealand  
**Simone Leiber**, Stefan Greß & **Maral-Sonja Manouguian**: Healthcare System Change and the Diffusion of Ideas: The Cases of Germany and the Netherlands  
Discussant: **Thomas Gerlinger**
- 16:00-16:30      *Coffee Break*
- 16:30-17:30      *Plenary Discussion*
- 18:00              *Dinner*

***Preliminary list of participants:***

1. Mr. Klaus Albrecht, Red Cross Hospital of Bremen, DE
2. Prof. Dr. Nils Bandelow, Department for Social Sciences, Technical University of Braunschweig, DE
3. Prof. Dr. Daniel Bèland, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy, University of Saskatchewan, CA
4. Mr. Francois Briatte, Ph.D. Candidate, Institute of Political Studies, University of Grenoble, FR
5. Prof. Dr. Lawrence Brown, Department of Health Policy and Management, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, USA
6. Prof. Dr. David Chinitz, Department of Health Policy & Management, School of Public Health, Hebrew University-Hadassah, Jerusalem, IL
7. Ms. Emilie Courtin, Ph.D. Candidate, GPSE-PRISME, Institute of Political Science, Strasbourg, FR
8. Dr. Paula Feder-Bubis, Department of Health Systems Management, Faculty of Health Sciences & School of Management, Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, IL
9. Dr. George France, Istituto di Studi Sui Sistemi Regionali Federali e sulle Autonomie, IT
10. Prof. Dr. Richard Freeman, School of Social and Political Studies, University of Edinburgh, UK
11. Prof. Dr. MD Thomas Gerlinger, School of Medical Sociology, Johann Wolfgang Goethe University of Frankfurt, DE
12. Mr. Jeremy Green, Ph.D. Candidate, School of Public Health, Yale University, USA
13. Prof. Dr. Patrick Hassenteufel, Faculty of Law and Political Sciences, Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines University, FR
14. Prof. Dr. Klaus-Dirk Henke, Fakultät Wirtschaft & Management, Technische Universität Berlin, DE
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17. Dr. Simone Leiber, Institute for Economics and Social Sciences, Hans Böckler Foundation, DE
18. Ms. Maral-Sonja Manouguian, Department of Economics, University of Duisburg-Essen, DE
19. Prof. Dr. Ryoza Matsuda, College of Social Sciences, Ritsumeikan University, Kyoto, JP
20. Prof. Dr. Frank Nullmeier, Center for Social Policy Research, University of Bremen, DE
21. Mr. Francesco Paolucci, Ph.D. Candidate, Australian Centre for Economic Research on Health, AU
22. Ms. Nadine Reibling, Ph.D. Candidate, Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES), University of Mannheim, DE

23. Dr. Michal Sitek, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, PL
24. Prof. Dr. Marc Smyrl, CEPEL-CNRS, Faculty of Political Science, University of Montpellier, FR
25. Dr. Peter Starke, Collaborative Research Center 597, University of Bremen, DE
26. Dr. Monika Steffen, Institute of Political Studies, University of Grenoble, FR
27. Ms. Ines Verspohl, Universität Osnabrück, DE
28. Prof. Dr. Karsten Vrangbaek, Department of Political Science, University of Copenhagen, DK
29. Ms. Philine Weyrauch, Centre for Social Policy Research, University of Bremen, DE
30. Prof. Dr. David Wilsford, Department of Public and International Affairs, George Mason University, USA

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***Guest:*** Prof. Dr. Michael Sparer, *Journal of Health Policy, Politics and Law*

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