P09 / Health System Governance: in and beyond COVID19

Topic : HEALTH POLICY, COVID AND PANDEMIC ISSUE

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GENERAL OBJECTIVES, RESEARCH QUESTIONS AND SCIENTIFIC RELEVANCE

This aim of this panel is to explore issues of governance in health systems with respect to various dimensions and phases of the Covid-19 crisis.
The Covid-19 pandemic has put health systems under unprecedented pressure; with impacts that can be seen as a 'polycrisis' (Tooze 2001). As the pandemic intersected with economic and social crises to create multiple and compounding risks, existing strains and inequities were exacerbated and service capacities reached their limits. The success of national responses has relied on effective forms of governance (Assefa Y, et al 2022).
Governance – including the norms, structures, actors, institutions, and formal and informal relationships that shape authority and action in a system – has been at the centre of public policy analysis of the responses to the pandemic. We aim to bring together and deepen this scholarly work to analyse the policy consequences of the pandemic in three crises of governance:
1. Policy-making at the centre – including state capacities in decision making, leadership, the (mis)use of evidence, and implementation (McConnell and Stark 2021). Issues may include the legacies of neo-liberalism and 'hollowing' of state capacities or the effects of more devolved, multi-level government. (Weiss and Thurbon 2022).
We explore: To what extent have broader shifts in governance and public management manifested in responses to the Covid-19 pandemic?
2. Governance as a problem of systems integration. The crisis exposed gaps, overlaps and conflicts in health systems across multiple lines; including centralised vs local decision making; public vs private services; bio-medical vs social responses and primary vs tertiary care. Issues include how forms of governance shaped health system responses, enabling and integrating effective surveillance, testing and vaccination, public health communication and service sustainability. (Weitzberg et al (2022), Sundararaman T et al 2021).
We explore: What have been the features of (in)effective health system governance with respect to integration, coordination and equity during various phases of the Covid-19 crisis?
3. Post-pandemic policy lessons and health reform. The extent to which that pandemic, as an external shock, has acted as a catalyst for health reform beyond pre-pandemic norms is currently unfolding (Bali, He, Ramesh 2022).
We explore: In what ways has the Covid-19 pandemic catalysed reform of health systems, and in what ways have health systems been unreceptive to reform?
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Sundararaman T, Muraleedharan VR, Ranjan A 2021 Pandemic Resilience and Health Systems Preparedness: Lessons from Covid-19 for the 21st century', Journal of economic and Social development 23 (Supp 2) s.290-300.
Weiss L and Thurbon E (2022) Explaining Divergent National Responses to COVID-19: An enhanced state capacity framework', New Political Economy, 27 (4).

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CALL FOR PAPERS

In this panel we explore issues of governance of health systems with respect to the Covid-19 crisis.
Papers should explore issues around of the role of governance in effective and ineffective responses, as

well as health system integration, reform, sustainability, and equity. We are particularly interested papers addressing the following themes:

· The extent to which broader shifts in governance and public management manifested in responses to the Covid-19 pandemic.

· Features of (in)effective governance with respect to health system integration, coordination and sustainability during various phases of the Covid-19 crisis.

· New forms of networking and intermediation between locations of authority in health systems as well as models of governance spanning public and private, primary and tertiary, and health and social care services.

· How forms of governance responded to – or deepened – health inequity; including the interaction of economic, social as well as health interventions.

· Emerging from the crisis – the extent to which the pandemic left an imprint on health reform or reverted to pre-pandemic alignments.

· Comparative analysis, including at regional level and the sources and effectiveness of different approaches to crisis governance

We invite empirical, normative, theoretical, as well policy-in-practice papers that address how governance has shaped responses to the pandemic.

We welcome papers from disciplines that include (but are not limited to) health policy, public policy, administration and management, political science, political economy and comparative public policy.

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Session 1Global and comparative national responses

Tuesday, June 27th 13:30 to 15:30 (KHE321A)

Discussants

James Gillespie (University of Sydney)

Still in the Shadow of the Developmental State: Achievements and Limitations of South Korea’s Response Strategy to COVID-19

Ungki Jung (Seoul National University College of Medicine)

SangJune Kim (London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London)

(Virtual) Stability and Change in International and Global Health Governance: Looking Backward from Covid-19

Jeremy Shiffman (Johns Hopkins University)

Expert Knowledge for Global Pandemic Policy: A Chorus of Evidence or a Clutter of Global Commissions?

Diane Stone (European University Institute)

Anneke Schmider

An international review of primary care governance reforms: new models and approaches for health systems after Covid-19

Stefanie Tan (University of Toronto)

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Session 2COVID19 and health system reform

Tuesday, June 27th 15:50 to 17:50 (KHE321A)

Discussants

Sara Allin (University of Toronto)

Public perceptions on digital contact tracing during COVID-19: A sentiment analysis using social media data in Singapore

Shaleen Khanal (The University of Nottingham Ningbo China)

Lin Zhu (National University of Singapore)

Enrolling users to monitor compliance in long-term care

Poland Lai (School of Administrative Studies, York University)

Commissioning in Covid and Beyond: How have experiences of commissioning services during the Covid pandemic shifted healthcare policy?

Carmen Huckel Schneider (University of Sydney)

James Gillespie (University of Sydney)

(Virtual) Success and failure in establishing national physician registries: a comparison between Canada and Israel in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic

Baruch Levi (University of Toronto)

(Virtual) The Reform of the Primary Healthcare in a Context of Weak Institutionalisation

Nicola Giannelli (University of Urbino Carlo Bo)

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Session 3Sub-national responses to COVID19 and beyond

Wednesday, June 28th 08:00 to 10:00 (KHE321A)

Discussants

Carmen Huckel Schneider (University of Sydney)

(Virtual) Collaborative governance to the test of the Covid-19 pandemic

Vanessa Turri (Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca)

Capacity and Crisis: Examining the State-Level Policy Response to COVID-19 in Tamil Nadu, India

Veena Sriram (University of British Columbia)

Girija Vaidyanathan (Indian Institute of Technology, Madras)

Governing Australian primary care: COVID-19 and beyond

James Gillespie (University of Sydney)

Carmen Huckel Schneider (University of Sydney)

(Virtual) Public Health Systems in Canada's Provinces: What, Where, Who?

Peter Berman (University of British Columbia)

Sara Allin (University of Toronto)

Katherine Fierlbeck (Dalhousie University)

Transformation of governance in health systems after Covid-19. Comparative analysis of three areas of governance, Toronto, Chicago and Mexico City

Jorge Culebro (Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana)

Pablo Cruz (Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana)

Benjamin Mendez (National Polytechnic Institute)