P06 / The political determinants of health: how health policies, health governance and institutional arrangements affect health systems organization and reform in the post pandemic era

Topic : HEALTH POLICY

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GENERAL OBJECTIVES, RESEARCH QUESTIONS AND SCIENTIFIC RELEVANCE

The aim of this panel is to discuss how effective health policies, institutions and health governance could inform health systems improvements and health systems reforms in the post pandemic era.

Multiple challenges affect heath systems around the world, like (among others) the ageing of the population, the technological developments, the lack of health workforce and health inequalities. While an adequate level of health expenditure is essential to develop effective and resilient health systems, that's not enough: we need to better understand how other factors (like the roles and responsibilities of different actors, intersectoral collaborations, models of governance, regulation, etc.) contribute to build strong and effective health systems and what lessons could be shared between different countries.

The panel focuses in particular on the political determinants of health (the role of different actors, their interaction, the relation with other areas of public policies, the decision-making process, the impact of contextual factors, etc.) in order to understand and investigate which elements affect health systems' organization and which lessons have been learnt to improve health systems' reforms and health systems' governance around the world. The panel is also aimed at discussing and sharing experiences of health systems' reforms that have been developed/are currently developing to improve health care systems and health policymaking around the world.

While the panel is open to discuss the multiple dimensions of these lessons and experiences, its main focus is on their 'policy' implications and it is aimed at addressing the following questions:

- How do institutional arrangements and health systems' models of governance affect health systems reforms?

- Which has been the role of different actors in shaping, developing and implementing specific health policies?

- Which are the key aims of recent reforms and how these try to tackle current challenges affecting health systems?

This panel will provide public policy scholars from all over the world with the opportunity to share and discuss experiences, challenges and lessons on the health policymaking process (from its formulation to its implementation) and on its impact on health systems improvement and health systems reforms.

The panel welcomes papers with both a 'single country' or a comparative perspective, in order to facilitate reciprocal learning between different countries and to offer a contribution to the policy, societal and academic debates concerning health systems developments and health systems reforms. Papers focused on both developed and developing countries are welcome.

CALL FOR PAPERS

This panel aims at bringing together people with different disciplinary backgrounds and professional experiences to discuss how effective health policies, institutions and health governance could inform health systems improvements and health systems reforms in the post pandemic era.

In order to address this issue, the panel welcomes paper from different disciplines like (but not limited to) health policy, social policy, health economics and health management and with different focuses and aims

(theoretical, empirical, policy oriented).

The panel accepts papers based on both primary and secondary data a well as literature reviews and case studies.

Contributions could focus on areas like (but not limited to) the following:

- Models of governance and their impact on health systems

- The role of different actors within health systems and health policies

- The relation between policymakers, healthcare professional and scientific advisors in the decision making process

- The empirical experience and evidence of recent health systems reforms

- Evidence on how health systems address current challenges (like AI, workforce retention, integrated care, etc.)

- How to address and reduce health inequalities

- The role of supranational organizations (like the EU) and international organizations (like WHO) in driving health systems reform and their relation with policymakers and other relevant actors at country level

The panel especially welcomes papers that could contribute to better understand (theoretically and / or empirically) which factors are crucial for effective health systems improvements and how lessons could be shared between different contexts.

Papers with an international/comparative perspective are particularly welcome but papers focused on a single country case study are also welcome.

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Session 1

Wednesday, July 2nd 13:45 to 15:45 (C5)

Discussants

Adam Hannah (University of Queensland)

Fawziah Almalki (Umm Al-Qura University)

The Regional Determinants of Healthcare Services Centralization

Lisa Asticher (University of Bern)

Access to Mental Health Services Among Palestinian Arab Citizens of Israel Following the Mental Health Reform: Attitudes, Barriers, and Facilitating Factors for Utilization

Nihaya Daoud (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

(Virtual) Applying Institutional Theory and Implementation Science to Address Policy Barriers in Combating Malaria and Dengue in Southeast Asia

Christopher Moore (University College London, University of London)

(Virtual) The Politics of Collaborative Governance in Local Health Promotion in the Philippines: Determinants, Risks, and Institutional Reforms

Rizalino Cruz (University of the Philippines Diliman)

Reiou Regie Manuel (University of the Philippines Diliman)

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Session 2

Wednesday, July 2nd 16:00 to 18:00 (C5)

Discussants

Nihaya Daoud (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

Michele Castelli (Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca)

(Virtual) Unleashing Australia’s health politics: political capacity and the health workforce crisis

Adam Hannah (University of Queensland)

Government Effectiveness of The Health System in Canada and Saudi Arabia.

Fawziah Almalki (Umm Al-Qura University)

Abe Oudshoorn (Western University)

Independence, Accountability, and Scope of Responsibilities: A Comparative Study on the Governance Model of Disease Control in China and Europe in the Post-COVID Era

Zhijia Tian (Nankai University)

Strategies to Promote Vaccine Uptake in the COVID-19 Pandemic: Exploring the "Ladder of Intrusiveness" in Three Countries

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