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Course description

This course introduces students to a global and comparative study of health care systems and policy, drawing from the fields of public policy, health care economics, public health, and sociology. The emphasis will be on health care systems and policy in industrialized nations. Some time will be devoted to health care systems in emerging and other economies.

Course objectives

Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:

1. Understand the goals of health care policy and the functions of health care systems
2. Locate health care policy in the context of the emergence of the modern nation state and critically evaluate the historical, sociopolitical and cultural contexts within which different ideal type health care systems came into being
3. Apply key analytic categories of health care policy analysis to locate health care systems within a typology organized around contrasting conceptions of health care (i.e., social good vs. market good)
4. Identify measures of quality, cost and fairness, and determinants of costs
5. Understand the implications of health care policy choices for population health, health care inequalities, and social justice.
6. Critically evaluate health care legislation by becoming familiar with specific case studies (Patient Protection and Health Care Affordability Act of March 2010, HR 676, and California Senate Bill 810).

Instructor's background: Claudia Chaufan is Assistant Professor of Sociology and Health Policy at the Institute for Health & Aging/School of Nursing in the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences at UCSF. Dr. Chaufan was trained as a physician in her native Argentina and later completed a doctorate in Sociology at the University of California in Santa Cruz. Her work has been in the areas of the social determinants of diabetes and obesity and in the sociology of human genetic research. Recently she has expanded her work in an global direction (Middle East and Latin America). Dr. Chaufan has taught comparative health care systems to students in the health and the social sciences, and frequently lectures on the topic to professional and lay audiences. Since 2006, she has been vice-president of Physicians for a National Health Program-California.

Course organization

The course will be conducted as a seminar. I will usually open with some remarks or brief observations but the remaining class period will be an open (and hopefully lively!) discussion of the readings, their implications, and their applications (see special organization of weeks 6 and 8 under class schedule).

Course requirements

This is a 2 units seminar, with the following requirements:

1. Attendance and active participation: My overall expectation is that all students will attend no fewer than 9 out of 10 meetings, will come to class having read the material carefully, and will write up to one page with one or more key ideas, concepts, observations, critiques, or questions that can serve to launch discussion and in-class activities, and email it to me the evening prior to class (this will count as participation).
2. Applied health policy: By the middle of the quarter, all students will conduct a practical project, *choosing one of two options* that I have created (and published in the "Handbook for Teaching Medical Sociology"). These projects are "Shop4insurance" and "Investigating Medicare Part D", and I have designed them to give students a taste of the implications of health care policy decisions for individual lives. Please do not panic. These assignments are very easy. They require no additional reading and their success is guaranteed so long as you carry out the instructions in the prompt that I will explain in detail two weeks prior to the due date.

Course evaluation

It will be based on attendance, participation, and the applied health policy assignment.

Class schedule

Week one	Introduction to the study of health care systems and policy – Part 1 Goals, functions, measures, basic analytic categories (financing, delivery); social welfare and the emergence of the modern state
Week two	Introduction to the study of health care systems and policy – Part 2 The concept of insurance, types of insurance, markets in health care, social values in health care, models of financing, medically necessary care
Week three	The Bismarkian Model: Germany and France
Week four	The Beveridge Model: United Kingdom and Cuba
Week five	The Single Payer Model: Canada and Taiwan
Week six	Emerging and other economies: China, India, Turkey, Brazil, Venezuela, Cuba
Week seven	Discussion of Shop4Insurance/Investigating Medicare Part D assignments
Week eight	The American model: Structure, history, politics, challenges
Week nine	Health Care Reform I: The New Federal Law, Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (P-PACA)
Week ten	Health Care Reform II: Medicare for All (HR 676 and SB810) Conclusions: Where do we go from here?

Required Readings

T.H. Reid (2009) *The Healing of America: A Global Quest for Better, Cheaper, and Fairer Health Care*. New York: The Penguin Press.

**All other readings (journal articles, policy papers), required or recommended, will be available through CLE/Moodle or through the UCSF library website.*

**As of the second week, students should subscribe to “California Healthlines”, which carries daily healthcare related news (<http://www.californiahealthline.org/>) and “Quote of the Day”, (<http://two.pairlist.net/mailman/listinfo/quote-of-the-day>), which provides a daily critical analysis of healthcare related news as well. We will be using selected pieces in these publications as springboards for discussions about the politics of health care policy in America. They are both extraordinary sources of learning, particularly the contrast between the two.*

Schedule and Readings (detailed)

WEEK ONE Introduction to the study of health care systems and policy – Part 1

Readings

Required Hudson, J., Khuner, S. & Lowe, S. (2008). *The Short Guide to Social Policy* 2008, Policy Press: Bristol, Introduction (p. 1-14) & Chapter 4 (89-113).

World Health Organization (2000). *The World Health Report 2000: Health Systems: Improving Performance*. World Health Organization: Geneva. Chapter 1 (p. 3-17)

Recommended The Beveridge Report, Presented to Parliament by Command of His Majesty, November 1942, *Social Insurance and Allied Health Services* (<http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/1942beveridge.html>)

World Health Organization, (2000) *The World Health Report 2000: Health Systems: Improving Performance*. World Health Organization: Geneva. Chapter 2 (p. 21-46)

WEEK TWO Introduction to the study of health care systems and policy – Part 2

Readings

Required Chaufan, C. (2011). *Influences of Policy on Health Care of Families*, in *Encyclopedia of Family Health*, Craft-Rosenberg, M.J. Editor (In press).

Reid, T.H., *Healing of America*, Chapters 1 & 2 (p. 5-27)

Recommended Ball, R. (2009) *The Nine Guiding Principles of Social Security*, in *Social Insurance and Social Justice*, Rogne, L. Estes C.L. et al., Ed. Springer Publishing Co.: New York (p. 9-14).

Roberts, M., et al., (2008) *Getting Health Reform Right: A Guide to Improving Performance and Equity*. Oxford University Press: New York, Ch. 8 (p. 153-189)

WEEK THREE The Bismarkian Model: Germany and France

Readings

Required Reid, T.H. (2009) *Healing of America*, Chapters 4 & 5 (p. 46-81)

Germany and France, Health Systems in Transition, European Observatory
(<http://www.euro.who.int/en/home/projects/observatory/publications/health-system-profiles-hits/hit-summaries>)

Recommended Cheng, T.-M. & Reinhardt, U.E. (2008) *Shepherding Major Health System Reforms: A Conversation With German Health Minister Ulla Schmidt*. *Health Affairs*. **27**(3) (p. 204-213).

WEEK FOUR The Beveridge Model: United Kingdom and Spain

Readings

Required Reid, T.H. (2009) *Healing of America*, Chapter 7 (p. 104-125)

Spain, Health Systems in Transition, European Observatory
(<http://www.euro.who.int/en/home/projects/observatory/publications/health-system-profiles-hits/hit-summaries>)

Recommended Sigerist, H.E., (1943/1999) *From Bismarck to Beveridge: Development and Trends in Social Security Legislation*. *Journal of Public Health Policy*. **20**(4) (p. 474-496)

WEEK FIVE The Single Payer Model: Canada and Taiwan

Readings

Required Reid, T.H. (2009) *Healing of America*, Chapters 8 & 10 (p. 126-142 & 163-185)

Royal Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada, Romanow Report of 2002 (Introduction & Executive Summary)
(<http://dsp-psd.pwgsc.gc.ca/Collection/CP32-85-2002E.pdf>)

Underwood, A., (2009). *Health Care Abroad: Taiwan*. NYTimes, November 3 <http://prescriptions.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/11/03/health-care-abroad-taiwan/>.

Recommended

Canada, Health Systems in Transition, European Observatory (<http://www.euro.who.int/en/home/projects/observatory/publications/health-system-profiles-hits/hit-summaries>)

Canada Health Act 1984 (Original text of the Act) (<http://laws.justice.gc.ca/PDF/Statute/C/C-6.pdf>)

Cheng, T.-M. (2009), *Lessons From Taiwan's Universal National Health Insurance: A Conversation With Taiwan's Health Minister Ching-Chuan Yeh*. Health Affairs, **28**(4): p. 1035-1044

Cheng, T.-M. (2003). *Taiwan's New National Health Insurance Program: Genesis And Experiences So Far*. Health Affairs, **22**(3) (p. 361-76)

Lee, Y.-C., et al., (2010). *The impact of universal National Health Insurance on population health: the experience of Taiwan*. BMC Health Services Research. **10**(1) (P. 225. <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1472-6963/10/225>)

WEEK SIX

Emerging and other economies: China, India, Turkey, Brazil, Venezuela, Cuba (*Note: This week's readings will be distributed among participants*)

Required

Martinez, E. and García, A. What is Neoliberalism? A brief definition (<http://www.globalexchange.org/campaigns/econ101/neoliberalDefined.html>)

China: Wagstaff, A., W. Yip, et al. (2009). "China's health system and its reform: a review of recent studies." Health Economics **18**(S2) (P. S7-S23).

Turkey: European Observatory on Health Systems and Policy, HiT Summary on Turkey (<http://www.euro.who.int/en/home/projects/observatory/publications/health-system-profiles-hits/hit-summaries>)

Chile: Unger, J.-P., P. De Paepe, et al. (2008). "Chile's Neoliberal Health Reform: An Assessment and a Critique." PLoS Med **5**(4): e79.

India: Chapter 9 of T.H. Reid’s “The Healing of America” (p. 143-162)

Brazil: Cohn, A. (2008). "The Brazilian health reform: A victory over the neoliberal model." *Social Medicine* **3**(2) (p. 71-81) and Guanais, F.C., *Health equity in Brazil*. *BMJ*, 2010. **341**(November): p. 1198-1201

Venezuela: Alvarado, C. H., M. E. Martínez, et al. (2008). "Social Change and Health Policy in Venezuela." *Social Medicine* **3**(2) (p. 95-109)

Cuba: Spiegel, J. M. and A. Yassi (2004). "Lessons from the Margins of Globalization: Appreciating the Cuban Health Paradox." *Journal of Public Health Policy* **25**(1) (p. 85-110)

Recommended Mudge, S.L., (2008) *What is neo-liberalism?* *Socio-Economic Review*, 2008. **6**(4) (p. 703-731)

WEEK SEVEN “Shop4Insurance” and “Medicare Part D”, discussion of findings

Readings Selected readings related to each assignment (in Moodle)

WEEK EIGHT The American model: Basic structure, history, politics, challenges

Readings

Required Reid, T.H., (2009) *Healing of America*, Chapters 3 (p. 28-45) & 12 (205-225)

Terris, M. (1999). National Health Insurance in the United States: A Drama in Too Many Acts, *Journal of Public Health Policy*, Vol. 20, No. 1. (p. 13-35).

Navarro, V., *Why Some Countries Have National Health Insurance, Others Have National Health Services, and the U.S. Has Neither*. *Social Science & Medicine*, 1989. **28**(9) (p. 887-898).

Recommended Relman, A.S., (2007). *A Second Opinion: Rescuing America's Health Care*. New York: The Century Foundation.

Quadagno, J. (2005) *One Nation Uninsured: Why the U.S. Has No National Health Insurance*, New York: Oxford University Press

Ehrenreich, B. & Ehrenreich, J. (1970). *The American Health Empire: Power, Profits, and Politics (A Health-Pac Book)*. New York: Vintage Books

Health Care Spending: Comparison with Other OECD Countries. 2007. p. http://assets.opencrs.com/rpts/RL34175_20070917.pdf

Anderson, G.F., et al., (2003). *It's The Prices, Stupid: Why The United States Is So Different From Other Countries*. *Health Affairs*, **22**(3) (p. 89-105).

Woolhandler, S. & Himmelstein, D.U. (2002). *Paying For National Health Insurance--And Not Getting It*. *Health Affairs*, **21**(4) (p. 88-98).

Institute of Medicine (2004). *Insuring America's Health: Principles and Recommendations*
(<http://www.iom.edu/~media/Files/Report%20Files/2004/Insuring-Americas-Health-Principles-and-Recommendations/Uninsured6EnglishFINAL.pdf>)

WEEK NINE

Health Care Reform I: The New Federal Law, The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

Readings

Required

Kaiser Family Foundation, Summary of Health Reform Law 2010
<http://www.kff.org/healthreform/upload/8061.pdf>

Obama's Health Care Speech to Congress, September 9 2009, NYTimes,
<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/10/us/politics/10obama.text.html>

Executive Order -- Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act's Consistency with Restrictions on Use of Federal Funds for Abortion
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/executive-order-patient-protection-and-affordable-care-acts-consistency-with-longst>

Chandra, A., J. Gruber, and R. McKnight, (2011) *The Importance of the Individual Mandate: Evidence from Massachusetts*. *New England Journal of Medicine*. **364**(4): p. 293-295

Sommers, B.D. and S. Rosenbaum. (2011) *Issues In Health Reform: How Changes In Eligibility May Move Millions Back And Forth Between Medicaid And Insurance Exchanges*. Health Affairs, **30**(2): p. 228-236.

Marmor, T., J. Oberlander, and J. White, *The Obama Administration's Options for Health Care Cost Control: Hope Versus Reality*. Annals of Internal Medicine, 2009. **150**(7): p. 485-489.

Recommended

Woolhandler, S. & Himmelstein, D. (2008) "State Health Reform Flatlines," International Journal of Health Services, 2008, 38(3) (p. 585-592)

Marmor, T and Oberlander, J., The Health Bill Explained at Last, New York Review of Books, August 19, 2010

<http://pnhpcalifornia.org/2010/08/1909/>

WEEK TEN

Health Care Reform II: Medicare for All (HR676)

Readings

Required

United States National Health Care Act, HR 676 (full text and summary)

<http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=h111-676>

<http://www.healthcare-now.org/hr-676/>

SB810 Features of SB810: California Health Care Act

<http://www.healthcareforall.org/documents/SB810-features.pdf>

The Health Care For All Californians Act: Cost and Economic Impacts Analysis, Executive Summary

http://www.uulmca.org/documents/health_lewin_report.pdf

A Background History of SB 810-The California Universal Healthcare Act (Sen. Mark Leno) -- Last Updated Friday, 21 January 2011 00:14

<http://www.healthcareforall.org/learn-more/sb-810/background-and-history-of-sb-810>

Recommended

Geyman, J. (2010) *Hijacked! The Road to Universal Health Care in The Aftermath of Stolen Health Care Reform*, Monroe: Common Courage Press