



Course: Health systems

Objectives: To develop knowledge on existing types of health systems and abilities to assess and apply basic concepts and models in existing international comparisons of health systems in the context of reforms, to provide the information about the effectiveness of health systems based on examples.

Description: Health systems are really different designed, maintained and reformed over past decades. The vital concepts from political sciences and administration perspective to practical approaches within historical context will be presented. Selected cases will be derived from a range of health systems in the world, based on financial, institutional, organizational and insurance criteria.

The main themes are the following:

- Health systems concepts and approaches in comparative analysis
- General welfare systems
- Health budgetary systems
- The health insurance model in USA
- Issues and trends in present reforms of health systems in Western Europe and North America
- Health reforms in Central and Eastern Europe region
- Health systems in the developing countries

Literature: 1. Roemer M., National health Systems of the World, 1993, OUP, Oxford,
2. Fried B.J., Gaydos L. M., World Health Systems: Challenges and Perspectives, 2002 AUPHA/HAP Washington DC,
3. Selected books by the European Health Observatory.

Teaching: case study/conversations
150 hours

Examination: Written or oral examination, essay/test

ECTS: 5

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