

Lessons for U.S. Health Reform: Ideas From Healthcare Around The World

May 7, 2021

9:00 - 12:30 PM PDT

Virtual Conference

Participant Guide



Welcome



What can the U.S. learn from other health systems? Health economics and policy research in the U.S. has been primarily focused either on the details of the U.S. health care system or occasionally on systems in other countries at an aggregate level. Our belief, however, is that more detailed studies of health care in many nations outside of the U.S., particularly those in Europe, can offer valuable lessons for potential U.S. health policy reforms.

As part of UC Berkeley's public mission, we will be bringing together scholars to discuss lessons and ideas from other countries and how those might be related to U.S. health care reform.

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Key Topics



Speakers will present on their topical knowledge drawing on recent research insights with a focus on:

- National Health Systems
- Regulation and Innovation
- Translating to Biden Health Policy



Schedule



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9:00 AM - 9:15 AM **Introduction**

Jon Kolstad, UC Berkeley

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UK: Carol Propper, Imperial College London

Taiwan: Tsung-Mei Cheng, Princeton University

Germany: Sebastian Bauhoff, Harvard University

Moderator: Paul Gertler, UC Berkeley

10:05 AM - 10:20 AM **Break**

10:20 AM - 11:10 AM **Regulation and Innovation**

Medical Devices: Matt Grennan, University of Pennsylvania

Drugs: Amitabh Chandra, Harvard University

Organization: Fiona Scott Morton, Yale SOM

Moderator: Ziad Obermeyer, UC Berkeley

11:10 AM - 11:25 AM **Break**

11:25 AM - 12:15 PM **Translating to Biden Health Policy**

Jon Gruber, MIT

Jon Kolstad, UC Berkeley

Leemore Dafny, Harvard Business School

Moderator: Ben Handel, UC Berkeley

12:15 PM - 12:30 PM **Closing Remarks**

Ben Handel, UC Berkeley



How to Join



This conference will take place using the Zoom webinar platform.
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Speakers and Sessions

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National Health Systems

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Carol Propper, Imperial College Business School



Carol Propper is Professor of Economics at Imperial College Business School in the Department of Economics and Public Policy. Carol was made a Dame in the 2021 New Year's Honours in recognition of her public services to health and economics. Her research focuses on the impact of incentives on the quality of health care delivery and health system productivity and, more widely, on the design and consequences of incentives within the public sector and the boundary between the state and private markets. She was Associate Dean for Faculty and Research at Imperial Business School 2016-19, Co-Director and Director of the Centre for Market and Public Organisation at the University of Bristol between 1998-2009 and Co-Director of the Centre for the Analysis of Social Exclusion at London School of Economics between 1997-2007. From 2016 she has been Deputy Editor of VOX EU. She is a Fellow of the British Academy and an International Fellow of the National Academy of Medicine. She is the current President of the Royal Economic Society, and a member of President Macron of France's expert commission on major economic challenges.



Tsung-Mei Cheng, Princeton University



Tsung-Mei Cheng is Health Policy Research Analyst at the Princeton School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, USA. Cheng's current research focuses on cross-national comparisons of health systems in the U.S., Europe and East Asia; health reforms in the U.S., China and Taiwan; health technology assessment and comparative effectiveness research; health care quality, financing, payment reform, including evidence based clinical guidelines and clinical pathways, and pay for performance (P4P) in East Asian health systems. Cheng is cofounder, with Princeton economist Uwe Reinhardt, of the Princeton Conference, an annual national conference on health policy that brings together government, the private sector, and the research community on issues affecting health care and health policy in the United States.

Cheng serves on the editorial board of Health Affairs, the leading health policy journal in the United States. She also serves as an adviser to the China National Health Development Research Center (CNHDRC), the official Chinese government think tank for health policy under China's National Health Commission (formerly The Ministry of Health). Cheng also serves as a special advisor to the Center for the Study of Major Policies (CSMP) of Tsinghua University, China. The Center focuses on translating research into policy and policy recommendations on major issues for high level Chinese government.

Cheng served as an advisor to the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence International (NICE International) of the United Kingdom, which advises governments and agencies overseas on capacity building for evidence base to inform national health policy as well as knowledge transfer among decision-makers across national borders. Cheng also served as an adviser to the Strategic Review Board of the Science and Technology Advisory Group (STAG), which advised the Office of the Premier of Taiwan, Republic of China, on policies relating to the development of science and technology including health care in Taiwan. Cheng also served as a member of the steering committee of the Emerging Market Symposium (EMS), an University of Oxford based initiative addressing pressing sectoral issues facing emerging market countries.

Cheng was a member of the International Advisory Group of AcademyHealth, the U.S. based professional association of health services researchers.



Sebastian Bauhoff, Harvard University



Dr. Bauhoff's research focuses on innovations in health care financing and service delivery that can increase access, efficiency and quality of care. He also examines ways to improve the design and implementation of health care policies and programs. His recent work includes empirical evaluations of provider and insurance payment systems, such as performance-based financing, and of demand-side interventions to improve access and risk-protection of poor households in low and middle-income countries.

Dr. Bauhoff received a BSc from the London School of Economics, an MPA in International Development from the Harvard Kennedy School and a PhD in Health Policy/Economics from Harvard University. He previously held positions as postdoctoral fellow at Harvard Medical School, economist at the RAND Corporation and senior fellow at the Center for Global Development.



Paul Gertler, UC Berkeley



Paul Gertler is the Li Ka Shing Professor of Economics at the University of California, Berkeley, where he holds appointments at the Haas School of Business and the School of Public Health. He is the Faculty Director of the Institute for Business & Social Impact, and he is also the Scientific Director of the Center for Effective Global Action. Gertler is an internationally recognized expert in impact evaluation. He was Chief Economist of the Human Development Network of the World Bank from 2004-2007 and the Founding Chair of the Board of Directors of the International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) from 2009-2012. At the World Bank, he led an effort to institutionalize and scale up impact evaluation for learning what works in human development. At Berkeley he teaches courses in applied impact evaluation at both the graduate and undergraduate levels, as well as in an executive education program for policy-makers.

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Matt Grennan, University of Pennsylvania



Matthew Grennan is an Assistant Professor of Health Care Management at The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania where he currently teaches an undergraduate course in health care entrepreneurship and MBA courses on management & strategy in the medical device sector and health care data & analytics. Professor Grennan holds a PhD in Strategy / Economics from New York University's Stern School of Business. His research in industrial organization economics addresses public policy and competitive strategy issues in healthcare markets, with a focus on negotiated pricing, innovation, regulation, and adoption of new technologies. His research has been funded by the National Science Foundation and published in leading journals such as the American Economic Review, the Journal of Political Economy, and Management Science. He is a member of the Academy of Management, American Economics Association, and Econometric Society; and an affiliate of the National Bureau of Economic Research, Leonard Davis Institute for Health Economic Research, and Strategy Research Forum.



Amitabh Chandra, Harvard University



Amitabh Chandra is the Ethel Zimmerman Wiener Professor of Public Policy and Director of Health Policy Research at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, and the Henry and Allison McCance Professor of Business Administration at Harvard Business School where he directs the joint MS/MBA program in the life-sciences. Professor Chandra is a member of the Congressional Budget Office's (CBO) Panel of Health Advisors, and is a Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). His research focuses on innovation and pricing in the biopharmaceutical industry, value in health care, medical malpractice, and racial disparities in healthcare. His research has been supported by the National Institute of Aging, the National Institute of Child Health and Development, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and has been published in the American Economic Review, the Journal of Political Economy, the New England Journal of Medicine, the Journal of the American Medical Association, and Health Affairs. He is the Chair Editor of the Review of Economics and Statistics.



Fiona Scott Morton, Yale University



Fiona M. Scott Morton is the Theodore Nierenberg Professor of Economics at the Yale University School of Management, where she has been on the faculty since 1999. Fiona holds courtesy appointments at the rank of Professor from the Institution for Social and Policy Studies, Law (Adjunct), Public Health (Health Policy), and Economics (FAS). Her area of academic research is empirical industrial organization, with a focus on empirical studies of competition in areas such as pricing, entry, and product differentiation. Her published articles range widely across industries, from magazines, to shipping, to pharmaceuticals, to internet retailing, and are published in leading economics journals. From 2011-12, Professor Scott Morton served as the Deputy Assistant Attorney General for Economics at the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, where she helped enforce the nation's antitrust laws. At Yale SOM she teaches courses in the area of competitive strategy. She served as Associate Dean from 2007-10 and she won the School's teaching award twice. She has served in an editing role on various academic economics journals, has won several research grants from the National Science Foundation, and is a Research Associate at NBER. Professor Scott Morton has a BA from Yale and a PhD from MIT. She is a frequent speaker at seminars and conferences across the United States and Europe.



Ziad Obermeyer, UC Berkeley



Ziad Obermeyer is the Blue Cross of California Distinguished Associate Professor of Health Policy and Management at the UC Berkeley School of Public Health, where he does research at the intersection of machine learning, medicine, and health policy. He previously was an Assistant Professor at Harvard Medical School, where he received the Early Independence Award, the National Institutes of Health's most prestigious award for exceptional junior scientists. He continues to practice emergency medicine in underserved parts of the US. Prior to his career in medicine, he worked as a consultant to pharmaceutical and global health clients at McKinsey & Co. in New Jersey, Geneva, and Tokyo.

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Translating to Biden Health Policy

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Jon Gruber, Massachusetts Institute of Technology



Dr. Jonathan Gruber is the Ford Professor of Economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he has taught since 1992. He is also the former Director of the Health Care Program at the National Bureau of Economic Research, and the former President of the American Society of Health Economists. He is a member of the Institute of Medicine, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the National Academy of Social Insurance, and the Econometric Society. He has published more than 180 research articles, has edited six research volumes, and is the author of *Public Finance and Public Policy*, a leading undergraduate text, *Health Care Reform*, a graphic novel, and *Jump-Starting America: How Breakthrough Science Can Revive Economic Growth and the American Dream* (with Simon Johnson). In 2006 he received the American Society of Health Economists Inaugural Medal for the best health economist in the nation aged 40 and under.

During the 1997-1998 academic year, Dr. Gruber was on leave as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy at the Treasury Department. From 2003-2006 he was a key architect of Massachusetts' ambitious health reform effort, and in 2006 became an inaugural member of the Health Connector Board, the main implementing body for that effort. From 2009- 2010 he served as a technical consultant to the Obama Administration and worked with both the

Administration and Congress to help craft the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. In 2011 he was named "One of the Top 25 Most Innovative and Practical Thinkers of Our Time" by *Slate Magazine*. In 2006 and 2012 he was rated as one of the top 100 most powerful people in health care in the United States by *Modern Healthcare Magazine*. In 2020 he received a Guggenheim Fellowship.



Jonathan Kolstad, UC Berkeley



Jonathan Kolstad is an Associate Professor of Economic Analysis and Policy at Berkeley Haas and a Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research. He is also the Co-director of the Health Initiative at the UC Berkeley Opportunity Lab.

Professor Kolstad is an economist whose research interests lie at the intersection of health economics, industrial organization, and public economics. He is particularly interested in finding new models and unique data that can account for the complexity of markets in health care, notably the role of information asymmetries and incentives. He has studied the impact of quality information on demand, as well as intrinsic surgeon incentives. In a series of papers, he has evaluated the impact of the Massachusetts health insurance expansion on a variety of outcomes. He has also gathered unique data to understand the role of information frictions in consumer decision making in insurance markets and on medical treatments.



Leemore Dafny, Harvard University



Leemore Dafny is the Bruce V. Rauner Professor of Business Administration at the Harvard Business School and the Harvard Kennedy School, where she teaches courses on healthcare strategy and policy. Dr. Dafny also serves on the faculty of the interdisciplinary PhD Program in Health Policy. She is a Research Associate of the National Bureau of Economic Research and a member of the Panel of Health Advisers to the Congressional Budget Office.

Dafny's research focuses on competitive interactions between payers and providers of healthcare services, with an emphasis on antitrust, competitive strategy, and public policy. She also has an active research agenda on competition in pharmaceutical markets. Dafny publishes articles in leading economics and medical journals, such as *The American Economic Review* and *The New England Journal of Medicine*. In 2012-2013, Dafny served as Deputy Director for Health Care and Antitrust at the FTC's Bureau of Economics, overseeing a staff of economists, advising on enforcement of antitrust laws, and developing competition advocacy. Dafny serves on the editorial boards of several academic journals and recently completed board terms at two not-for-profit organizations, the Health Care Cost Institute and the American Society of Health Economists. Dr. Dafny earned her A.B. *summa cum laude* from Harvard College, and a PhD in Economics from MIT.



Ben Handel, UC Berkeley



Ben Handel is an Associate Professor of Economics at the University of California at Berkeley and Faculty Research Fellow at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER). He is a 2015 Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow in Economics and participated in the 2010 Review of Economics Studies European Tour. His research focuses on the microeconomics of consumer choice and market structure in the health care sector, with an emphasis on health insurance markets. His most recent research has emphasized the important role that consumer choice frictions, such as inertia and limited information, can have when assessing the welfare outcomes of different regulatory policies in health insurance markets. In addition, his work studies incentive design and adoption of information technology by medical providers. Dr. Handel has partnered with a range of large firms and policy organizations in the health care sector to study questions in these areas. He completed his Ph.D. in economics from Northwestern University in 2010, and completed a postdoctoral fellowship with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in 2011. He received an A.B. in economics from Princeton University in 2004.



Questions?



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