

International Seminar

Healthcare and the crisis

A case study in the struggle for a capable welfare state

Lisbon, 22nd of November 2018

IHMT-UNL (Sala Fraga de Azevedo), Rua da Junqueira 100

Since the 1980s, the institutions of the welfare state have been under growing pressure from adverse political and economic trends. In the context of the Eurocrisis this pressure achieved a new peak and resulted in far going restructuring and cost cutting, particularly in those countries submitted to adjustment programmes under the Troika. Healthcare as one of the main pillars of the welfare state was a central target of this development. This Seminar aims to analyse the type and depth of austerity measures in the healthcare systems, to review the performance of the systems under austerity rule and to identify the principle lines of political reorientation after the end of the acute crisis.

Provisional program

15h00 Opening

Zulmira Hartz (IHMT / New University of Lisbon)

Reinhard Naumann (Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Lisbon)

Case studies from countries with adjustment programmes contracted with the Troika

15h15 Greece: Charalampos Economou (Panteion University Athens)

15h35 Ireland: Stephen Thomas (Trinity College Dublin)

15h55 Portugal: Inês Fronteira (IHMT / New University of Lisbon)

16h15 Comments and responses

Julian Perelman (Portuguese National School of Public Health, Lisbon)

16h25 Debate

17h00 Coffee break

Case studies from countries with autonomous adjustment programmes

17h20 Italy: Francesca Ferré (Laboratorio Management e Sanità, Scuola Sant'Anna Pisa)

17h40 Spain: José Ramón Repullo (Instituto de Salud Carlos III, Madrid)

18h00 Comments and responses

Sofia Crisóstomo (CIES-IUL - Centre for Research and Studies in Sociology, Lisbon)

18h10 Debate

18h45 Final remarks

Reinhard Naumann (Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Lisbon)

Jorge Simões (IHMT / New University of Lisbon)

The Seminar will be held in English language.