Policy Transformations in Health Care: How and When Some Systems Change and Others Don’t

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In the “millennial” period of roughly thirty years surrounding the turn of the twenty-first century, several national healthcare systems representing classic types - national health service (Britain), social insurance (Netherlands) and partial residual government coverage (US) – underwent dramatic change. Those changes variously affected the balance of power, the methods of control and the organizing principles of each system. In Canada (representing the fourth classic model, a single-payer system), however, things stayed much the same. This address will examine these changes (or lack thereof) and will explore the political forces that drove these outcomes.

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Objectives:

1. Understanding how health systems differ in their central “policy logic.”
2. Understanding the political conditions that drive change in policy logics
3. Learning how to identify opportunities for policy change and what strategies are most likely to succeed in different circumstances.

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