

**IPSA RC25 Regional Meeting 10-12 November 2008**  
**Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands**

**Panel 1 – Access Issues in Health Policy**

- **Christa Altenstetter** (City University of New York) – Patient Access to Advanced Medical Technologies: Bridging International and National Regulatory Policymaking on Medical Devices: A Comparison of the European Union, Japan and the United States
- **Georgi Manliev** (Institute of Public Administration & European Integration, Sofia) – Policy Dilemmas for Better Access to Health Services: The Case of Bulgaria
- **Monika Steffen** (Grenoble University) – Social Health Insurance Models in France and Germany

**Panel 2 – Institutional/Structural Issues in Health System Organization**

- **Howard Palley** (U/Maryland), **Marie-Pascale Pomey** (U/Montreal) and **Pierre-Gerlier Forest** (Trudeau Foundation-Quebec) – The Development of Private/Public Relationships in the Canadian Federal/Provincial Health Care Systems
- **Pauline Rosenau** (School of Public Health, Texas), **Christiaan Lako** (Radboud University Nijmegen) and **Christina Daw** (Baylor College of Medicine, Texas) – What is Known about Switching Health Insurance Plans: Clarification from a Case Study of Switching in the Netherlands
- **Viola Burau** (University of Aarhus) and **Ellen Kuhlmann** (University of Bath) – Trans-nationalism in Health Policy: Conceptual Explorations

**Panel 3 – Health Reforms in Eastern Europe**

- **Milena Vladimirova** (ABV, Bulgaria) – Health Reform in Bulgaria: Indecisive Steps
- **Ivan Malý** and **Zuzana Darmopilová** (Masaryk University, Brno) – Development of Czech Health Reforms
- **Simon Gabritchidze** (ISS) – Recent Health System Reforms in Georgia: Implications of Mass Privatisation and Increasing the Role of the Private Health Sector
- **Juraj Nemeč** (Matej Bel University) – Health Policies versus Health Care Reforms and Success in Central & Eastern Europe

**Panel 4 – Gender & Reproductive Health**

- **Marian Lief Palley** (U/Delaware) – American Foreign Policy & Women's Reproductive Health Care Policy
- **Ellen Kuhlmann** (U/Bath) and **Ellen Annandale** (U/Leicester) – Bringing Gender into Healthcare: A Comparison of Policy Diffusion in England and Germany
- **Deborah McFarlane** (U/New Mexico) – Reproductive Health in the Balance? The 2008 US Presidential Election

**Panel 5 – International Health Policies**

- **Jane Lethbridge** (U/Greenwich) – Regulations, Multinational Healthcare Companies and Health Professionals
- **Olivier Nay** (U/Lille) – Policy Transfer and Bureaucratic Influence at the United Nations: The UNAIDS Secretariat as a 'Policy Entrepreneur'

**Panel 6 – Comparative Health Policies**

- **Ken Shadlen** (London School of Economics) – The Politics of Patents and Drugs in Brazil and Mexico: The Industrial Bases of Health Activism
- **Kieke Okma** (New York University) and **Luca Crivelli** (University of Lugano) – Seven Countries, Seven Health Reform Models? Health Care Reform in Chile, Israel, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Singapore, Switzerland and Taiwan