



Astor Visiting Lecturership 2016

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Wednesday 8 June
10:30–12:00

Public lecture

Obamacare: How does the insurance market work?

Saint Luke Room, Department of Health and Primary Care, Radcliffe Primary Care Building, Radcliffe Observatory Quarter, Woodstock Road, Oxford, OX2 6GG

Prof. Scheffler will explain how Obamacare works and its impact on healthcare coverage and insurance costs. This will be followed by a discussion of challenges and successes of Obamacare and the road ahead for health care coverage in the US. See Prof. Scheffler's recent op-ed in the *New York Times*, 'States can contain health care costs. Here's how.' (<http://nyti.ms/1TretOa>)

Wednesday 8 June
16:00–18:00

Public lecture

The relationship between social capital and health: What mechanisms and empirical evidence

Seminar Room 3, Department of International Development, Queen Elizabeth House, 3 Mansfield Road, Oxford, OX1 3TB

Prof. Scheffler will discuss the concept of social capital and how it is used and measured. This will be followed by a detailed review of Prof. Scheffler's empirical papers, which show the relationship between social capital and various measures of health. Finally, Prof. Scheffler will provide a discussion of the policy implications of improving social capital.

Thursday 9 June
12:30–13:30

Public Health seminar

Pay for performance in health systems: Theory, evidence and case studies

Basement Seminar Room, Nuffield Department of Medicine, Nuffield Department of Medicine Research Building, Old Road Campus, Headington, Oxford, OX3 7FZ

Prof. Scheffler will provide a conceptual framework that shows how pay for performance works in health. He will then present the results of a survey on pay for performance in OECD countries. Finally, he will discuss the results of selected case studies on P4P and end with a discussion of what the benefits and limitations are for using pay for performance in health.



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