



CALL FOR PAPERS

PUBLIC SECTOR ECONOMICS 2023 CONFERENCE

HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS AFTER THE PANDEMIC

20TH OCTOBER 2023 ■ ZAGREB, CROATIA

The conference will be held virtually

The vast human, social and economic costs of the covid pandemic have highlighted longstanding and revealed new vulnerabilities of healthcare systems worldwide. Spending to deal with the public health emergency has put pressure on already stretched healthcare budgets. Evaluating healthcare outcomes and ensuring efficiency in the use of resources has become even more important as a result. Healthcare will likely focus more on disease prevention and healthier lifestyles than on curative care in the future. However, spending on hospital care still far outpaces that on primary healthcare. The pandemic has also revealed significant inequalities in access to healthcare and created substantial backlogs in treating medical cases considered less urgent – the adverse effects of this congestion are yet to be seen.

To discuss these issues among international experts, the [Institute of Public Finance](#) organizes the conference [Healthcare systems after the pandemic](#). The conference will feature keynotes and a panel of distinguished speakers on the effects of the pandemic and the way ahead for healthcare systems.

CONFERENCE OUTLINE

The conference aims to analyse the state of healthcare systems after the covid pandemic and discuss policy options for tackling healthcare challenges in the post-pandemic era. We invite submissions of critical reviews and analytical and policy studies on various aspects of healthcare. Researchers from economics, finance, health sciences, sociology, political science and other disciplines are encouraged to submit papers.

Relevant topics include, but are not limited to:

- Healthcare financing and expenditure
- Pharmaceutical consumption and expenditure
- Coexistence of public and private healthcare providers
- Affordability and equality of access to healthcare
- Reforms of healthcare systems after the pandemic
- Quality and outcomes of healthcare
- Healthcare workforce after the pandemic
- Occupational health and safety in healthcare
- Health system resilience
- Efficient preventive healthcare
- Digital transformation in healthcare.

SUBMISSION

Abstracts (200-500 words) for original, previously unpublished papers or preferably finished papers (in English), including title, keywords, authors' names and affiliations and the corresponding author's e-mail, must be **submitted electronically** by **30 June 2023**.

Authors of **accepted papers** will be notified by **7 July 2023**.

Final papers will be due by **15 September 2023**.

Authors are encouraged to submit their papers to the journal *Public Sector Economics* (see below).

There is no conference fee.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Lucie Bryndova, *OECD, Paris, France*

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PUBLICATION

Conference participants are encouraged to submit their papers to *Public Sector Economics* – an academic journal indexed in Scopus, DOAJ, EconLit, RePEc, etc. Published quarterly, the journal uses a double-blind peer review process, drawing referees from a worldwide **pool of experts** and following the highest **ethical standards**. The journal ensures a quick turnaround of submissions and publication of accepted papers. To facilitate these processes, we kindly request the authors to follow the **formatting instructions**.