

# SUMMER SCHOOL

## Holistic Analysis of Italian and US Healthcare Systems

June 3rd-4th, 2024



# Summer School Description

Healthcare systems are having to respond to the number of competing challenges. The pressures of globalization, aging populations, increasing patient demands, and the rising costs of research and medical treatments are forcing us to look more critically at how healthcare is delivered to devise changes for the future. Changes made to health systems are often based on economic and political rationale and many countries currently experiencing significant changes to the way in which healthcare systems have historically been funded and delivered.

This course will introduce students to the healthcare system in Italy and the context within which it operates. It will start by looking at the introduction of the National Health System (NHS) in 1978 and take students through the key changes that have taken place right up to the present day.

Students will be able to compare both the Italian and the American healthcare systems.

Students will explore a range of key concepts and themes in comparative healthcare from a multidisciplinary perspective, including biodiversity, nutrition, chronic disease management, social structure, and marginalization.

Throughout this course, special attention will be paid to comparisons between Italy and the USA, to allow students to directly relate their learning to their own educational and healthcare setting and contrasting health systems. Emphasis will be placed on the multiple factors that determine health at the individual and population levels. By comparing patterns of health across different demographic groups, immigration status and so on, students will explore a range of different intersections to expand their understanding of impacts of healthcare challenges.

# June 3rd, 2024

*Aula Magna, Complesso Monumentale di Palazzo Steri*

## **9:00 – 9:30 AM Welcome reception**

Massimo Midiri, Rector of the University of Palermo

Marcello Ciaccio, Medicine and Surgery School Chair of the University of Palermo

Roberto Lagalla, Mayor of Palermo

## **9:30 – 10:30 AM “Designing healthcare systems: Social determinants influencing health resources and outcomes”**

Tina Di Franco (University of Baltimore), Roberta Arnone (Welfare Service Agency at Ragusa), and Salvatore Tomaselli (University of Palermo)

## **10:30 – 11:00 AM “Challenges faced in healthcare promotion across diverse populations, including: nutrition, mental health, and substance use disorder”**

Gabriela Wasileski (University of Baltimore) and Daniela Segreto (Regional administration of Sicily)

## **11:00 – 11:15 AM Break**

## **11:15 – 11:45 AM “Challenges in clinical practice for management of chronic diseases (cardiovascular, diabetes, and obesity)”**

Tina Di Franco (University of Baltimore) and Manfredi Rizzo (University of Palermo)

## **11:45 AM – 12:15 PM “One-Health is critical to addressing zoonotic public health threats and environmental issues”**

Maria Giovanna Parisi (University of Palermo)

## **12:15 – 12:45 PM “Key concepts and structures in the field of comparative healthcare and discuss their relevance for Italy and the United States (e.g. funding, structure, workforce)”**

Paolo Li Donni (University of Palermo)

## **12:45 – 1:15 PM “The Italian healthcare system(s): a local, regional, and national perspective”**

Daniele Mipatrini (Italian Ministry of Health)

## **1:15 – 2:15 PM Lunch**

## **3:00 – 4:00 PM Visit to University Hospital**

Welcome by Marcello Ciaccio – Medicine and Surgery School Chair (University of Palermo)

# June 4th, 2024

*Aula Ascoli, Policlinico "Paolo Giaccone"*

## **9:00 – 9:15 AM Welcome reception**

Marcello Ciaccio, Medicine and Surgery School Chair of the University of Palermo

Maurizio Cellura, Director of the Center for Sustainability & Ecological Transition (University of Palermo)

## **9:15 – 9:30 AM "WEFE NEXUS implications on circular health"**

Maurizio Cellura, Director of the Center for Sustainability & Ecological Transition (University of Palermo)

## **9:30 – 10:30 AM "Extending the boundaries of healthcare management & governance: violence, migration, and crime control. Effects on social behavior and systems implications for policy analysis under a sustainability profile"**

Gabriela Wasileski (University of Baltimore)

*Comments by: Maria Chiara Monti (PENC Center), Roberta Arnone, Laura Ferraro (University of Palermo)*

## **10:30 – 11:00 AM "Enhancing collaborative platforms for policy analysis to trigger holistic transition to sustainable outcomes in integrated health care systems: a Dynamic Performance Governance approach"**

Carmine Bianchi (University of Palermo)

## **11:00 a.m. – 12:00 PM**

Group discussions

Group presentations

## **1:15 – 2:15 PM Lunch**

## **2:00 – 3:00 PM Visit to the Pediatric Hospital "G. Di Cristina"**

Welcome by Alberto Firenze – Medicine and Surgery School (University of Palermo)

# Summer School Co-Chairs



***Carmine Bianchi***

Professor in Public Management & Governance at the University of Palermo, and Affiliated Faculty Fellow at the University of Baltimore (USA) – College of Public Affairs



***Tina Di Franco***

Professor of the practice School of Health and Human Services at the University of Baltimore (USA)  
Executive Director, School of Health and Human Services  
Program Director, M.S. in Health Administration



***Alberto Firenze***

Professor in Occupational Medicine and Public Health at the University of Palermo



***Maria Giovanna Parisi***

Professor in Health and Water Sciences at the University of Palermo



***Manfredi Rizzo***

Professor of Internal Medicine at the University of Palermo



***Gabriela Wasileski***

Professor at the School of Criminal Justice, University of Baltimore (USA)



# Registration

*Those PhD and Master's students wishing to apply for the 2-day summer school should kindly send an email to [noemi.grippi@unipa.it](mailto:noemi.grippi@unipa.it) with their motivation letter and a letter of endorsement signed by their academic supervisor or other faculty member.*

*Registration closes on May 31st, 2024.*

## Practical Information

### **Aula Magna**

*Complesso Monumentale dello Steri*

Piazza Marina, 59

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### **Aula Ascoli**

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