

Lessons from Europe Lecture Series:

A Swiss Solution for Health Care? How the Swiss Achieved Universal Health Coverage

Professor Thomas Zeltner, M.D.

Former Swiss Secretary of Health

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Light reception will follow



Even as the US is poised to implement historic health care reform, it will remain the only democracy that does not guarantee universal health care. But this wasn't always the case. As recently as the 1990s, Switzerland's health care system faced many of the same problems that America's does today, with growing numbers of uninsured. But in 1994, Switzerland introduced dramatic reforms that guaranteed universal coverage for all citizens, while leaving health care provision and insurance in the private sector. How did they do it? As we struggle with health care reform in the US, what might we learn from the Swiss experience? We invite you to learn more from Professor Thomas Zeltner, former Swiss Secretary of Health and one of the primary architects of the Swiss Health Care reforms.

David Mechanic, Director of Rutgers University's Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research and René Dubos University Professor will respond to Professor Zeltner's lecture with comments on the current state of the health care policy reform debate in the US.

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