

# HEALTH AND WELFARE PROGRAMME



health systems and markets and championing more information to patients.

## Events:

We organise a series of regular and one-off events on European health and welfare reform. Our monthly Amigo Society Debates in Brussels bring together experts from around Europe to discuss examples of economic and social reform from abroad and debate new thinking. Topics of recent Stockholm Network health and welfare events have included: patient mobility, the future of UK public services, pension reform, counterfeit medicines, the role of public-private partnerships, and lessons for the US from European health systems.

The Stockholm Network is also planning a major event on “the future of the social model” at the European Resource Bank Meeting in Bucharest in September 2007.

## Publications:

The Health and Welfare Programme has released many publications, studying labour markets, welfare systems, and pensions as well as health care issues. Some recent releases include:

*Private Pension Provision: What an Ageing Europe Can Learn from a Latin Tiger* by Kristian Niemietz (published autumn 2007)

*Health Technology Assessment in Context* by Dr Meir P Pugatch and Helen Davison (published 2007)

*Coincidence or Crisis: Prescription Medicine Counterfeiting* by Peter J Pitts (ed.), Jonathan Harper, Julian Morris, Graham Satchwell, Philip Stevens, David Taylor and Michael Tremblay (published Autumn 2006).

*Europe Needs Saving: Defusing the Pensions Time Bomb* by Matthew Bishop, Liam Halligan, L. Jacobo Rodríguez, (published 2006).

*European Dawn: After the Social Model* by Johnny Munkhammar (published 2005, in association with Timbro).

## Newsletters and Regular Publications:

European Health Matters is our bi-monthly health-related newsletter which updates our subscribers and opinion formers on all the publications/events/news of our network.

*A Healthy Market?* is a series of online papers launched by the Stockholm Network. The theme for this series is the role of markets and the private sector in healthcare systems. The series also takes an in-depth look at the role of health technology assessment (HTA) in determining patients' level of access to treatments. The series has so far provided an introductory look at HTA, and compared a variety of European HTA systems. Future editions will look in more depth at the system in Germany.

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The Stockholm Network's founding aim was to address Europe's poor record of economic growth and to understand how its failing welfare systems could be reformed. In 2005, these activities were formally co-ordinated under the Health and Welfare programme.

The Programme studies a spectrum of social policy issues including healthcare system reform, pensions, welfare-to-work, and labour market flexibility and consumer empowerment. A series of ongoing events, publications and newsletters are produced within the Programme aiming to highlight existing problems and map out possible solutions for policy makers. A particular focus of all our work is on comparative research between countries to see what we can learn from reforms tried elsewhere. In particular, our work aims to address the following policy questions:

- Reforming European welfare states and creating a more flexible labour market.
- Updating European pension systems to empower individuals.
- Ensuring more consumer-driven healthcare, through reform of European