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Inaugural lecture of
Prof. Dr. Milena Pavlova, Maastricht University

INVITATION





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May 2, 2017

Room E2001

13:40-15:10

Budapest, Fővám tér 8.

Conference chairpersons:

Prof. Erzsébet Kovács, Dean, Faculty of Economics, Corvinus University of Budapest

Prof. László Gulácsi, Department of Health Economics, Corvinus University of Budapest

Program

13.40-14.00 Honorary Professorship Ceremony

Greetings, opening

Prof. Erzsébet Kovács, Dean, Faculty of Economics, Corvinus University of Budapest

Prof. András Láncki, Rector, Faculty of Economics, Corvinus University of Budapest
“**International relations and strategy of Corvinus University of Budapest**”

Prof. Niek Klazinga, Doctor Honoris Causa, Corvinus University of Budapest,
Professor of Social Medicine at the Academic Medical Centre, University of
Amsterdam; OECD Senior Policy Advisor, OECD Paris

Elzo Molenberg, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands,
Budapest

Handover Ceremony of the Honorary Professor Diploma and Laudation

Handover of the Honorary Professor Diploma

Prof. András Láncki, Rector, Faculty of Economics, Corvinus University of Budapest

Laudation

Petra Baji, Ph.D., Department of Health Economics, Corvinus University of
Budapest

Prof. Wim Groot, Professor of Health Economics, Department of Health Services
Research – Research School CAPHRI, Faculty of Health Medicine and Life Sciences,
Maastricht University; Professor of Evidence Based Education, Top Institute for
Evidence Based Education Research – TIER, Maastricht University

14:00 – 14:40 Inaugural lecture

Dr. Milena Pavlova, Associate Professor of Health Economics, Department of Health
Services Research – Research School CAPHRI, Faculty of Health Medicine and Life
Sciences, Maastricht University

“**The social burden of formal and informal out-of-pocket payments for health
care services**”

14.40 – 15.00 Discussion

15.00 – 15.10 Take home message & Closing

Prof. Gulácsi László, Department of Health Economics, Corvinus University of
Budapest

Professor Milena Pavlova

Milena Pavlova received an MSc in Computer Sciences from the Technical University of Varna in 1995, an MPH in Public Health from Maastricht University in 1997 and a PhD in Health Economics from that same University in 2002. Since 2014, she is an Associate Professor of Health Economics at the Department of Health Services Research¹ – Research School CAPHRI, Maastricht University.



She has been involved in teaching at different levels within the institute. Her research interests are broad including health care financing, health insurance, health policy, health systems, preferences and decision-making, cost-benefit analysis, stated preferences, econometrics, cross-country comparative analysis, policy assessment and health system performance.

Still, her main research focus has been formal and informal patient payments in Central and Eastern European countries and on this topic she has been the coordinator of an international FP7 project funded by the European Commission. Her research portfolio also includes participation in two new projects funded by the European Commission, in addition to several small-scale research projects focused on developing countries. In 2016, she has received AXA Award for her overall research achievements.

Her research has resulted in more than 80 international publications in academic peer-review journals and a similar amount of national publications. Milena has published in prestigious journals such as *Social Science and Medicine*, *European Journal of Health Economics*, *Health Policy and Planning*, *PloS One*, *Health Expectations*. She is also a section editor in *BMC Health Services Research*.

¹ <https://hsr.mumc.maastrichtuniversity.nl/>

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