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**Biography**

Elias Mossialos is Brian Abel-Smith Professor of Health Policy, and Director of LSE Health. He is also Head of the Health Teaching Cluster at the Department of Social Policy. His research interests focus on health policy relating to health care systems. His particular focus is comparative health policy, addressing questions related to funding health care, pharmaceutical policies, private health insurance and the impact of EU law on health care systems. He is currently researching approaches to stimulating research for neglected diseases based on the concept of a financial call option. Elias has published widely on European health policy, health services research, financing health care, pharmaceutical policy and economics, and risk analysis. He has also published in EU law and EU politics and health systems. His work has been translated into Japanese, Russian and Spanish.

Elias was originally trained as a medical doctor before switching to political science and health economics. In 1998, he co-founded the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies, a partnership of WHO, the World Bank, the European Investment Bank, the Governments of Belgium, Finland, Norway, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden, the Veneto Region of Italy, the LSE and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He is currently Co-Director of the Observatory. The Observatory supports and promotes evidence-based health policy-making through comprehensive and rigorous analysis of the dynamics of health care systems in Europe.

He is a Fellow of the Faculty of Public Health (FFPH), and of the Royal College of Physicians (FRCP) and Honorary Consultant in Public Health with the South East London NHS Strategic Health Authority. He has been a Visiting Professor at the University of Copenhagen. He co-edits an Open University Press book series on Health Care Systems, and is co-editor in chief of Health Economics, Policy and Law, a journal published by Cambridge University Press. In 1995 he founded Eurohealth, a quarterly journal of health policy, to cover the middle ground between academic scholarship and policy-making. In 1999 he established the MSc in International Health Policy which has attracted high quality students from more than 60 countries.

He has been an active participant in policy debates, advising the World Health Organization, the European Parliament, the European Commission, the World Bank, the UK Office of Fair Trading, Ministries of Health and Social Affairs in Belgium, Brazil, Cyprus, Finland, Greece, Russia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain and Sweden and health insurance funds in Austria, Croatia, Hungary and South Korea. He has been a member of the management board of the European Medicines Evaluation Agency (2000-2003) and has contributed to the work of the International Forum on 'Common access to health care services' co-ordinated by the health ministers of Sweden, UK and New Zealand. In 2006 he was invited by the Finnish government to review pharmaceutical policies in Finland.

He was the 2002 and 2007 recipient of the Baxter Award from the European Health Management Association for the best publication in health policy and management in Europe.