GREECE before-during-after Eurozone: Challenges and Implications for Health Governance

- INTRODUCTION
  - the background
  - describing the problem
  - the rationale and the need behind the study
    - people and especially the health sector need to operate proactively in case of a currency change
    - the intention is to register relevant statements and use this study as a reference for further study and guidance
  - the structure of the research proposal
- AIMS & OBJECTIVES
  - the overall aim
    - defines what the study will investigate
    - to identify the implications of being outside eurozone for healthcare
    - this is to identify which is the real situation and the impact in healthcare due to euro as well as the impact being outside eurozone (for healthcare)
  - the research objectives
    - these have to be specific and measurable
    - What was the impact for Greek economy from the euro adoption
    - What was the impact for the healthcare sector from the euro adoption
    - What are expected to be the consequences (challenges and implications) for the sector and the country, if Greece leaves euro and adopts another currency
  - the research questions
- LITERATURE REVIEW
  - to follow a three-pronged strategy on literature review: (a) the characteristics of Greek crisis, (b) connection with crucial issues, (c) impacts on health governance for sustaining healthcare provision and services to the country
  - Lit. on introductory issues
  - Lit. on think tanks (what experts and global organisations say)
  - Lit. on Greek Crisis
    - 1953-1973: the golden economic era for Greece
      - pressing magazine
      - the rules of the economic game on that period
    - from growth to memorandum
      - memorandum
  - Lit. on crucial issues
    - procyclicality
    - degrowth
    - the limits to growth
    - the state of the future series
  - Lit. on Health Governance
    - health policy and economics
    - contemporary issues and health logistics and operations
  - Lit. about changing currency
    - other examples
    - impacts and how these could be confronted effectively
- METHODOLOGY
  - Literature taxonomy to give answers in the first and second part of the study
  - Web questionnaire to selected experts for the third part of the study
- ETHICS
- EXPECTED OUTCOMES
  - We aim to identify and describe how the new situation will be, after the change of currency both for the country and especially for the health sector
- IMPLICATIONS OF THE STUDY
  - the investigation of the impact regarding the change of currency is out of the question for many economists and politicians currently.
  - nevertheless, this study aims to investigate and present the results of its research objectives and nothing more than that.
  - global think tanks are divided on the issue of Greece leaving eurozone, positively or negatively
  - on the other side, locally, there are no deep research on the real implications of leaving eurozone, other than of some surface approaches (not with numbers, not comparisons and no scientific research on comparing the two scenarios in real terms)
  - the case of Greece is unique globally, since there was no so far other occasion where a country leaves a currency consortium
- TIMESCALE-RESEARCH PLANNING

- Health Governance: Re-localising and De-growth as means to resilient healthcare sector
- The Limits to Growth under the prism of Degrowth: The equilibrium state in Health Governance
- Health Governance and the limits to growth
- WHAT (the topic)
  - We aim to investigate and compare the economic conditions in Greece in the period of 2000 to 2012 (being out and being in eurozone) and how these affected the health governance issues during the two decades. Which were the implications of the Euro adoption so far and which are the challenges of a possible exit from the eurozone for healthcare sector.
    - first part of the topic
      - to investigate and compare the economic conditions in Greece from 2000 to 2012
      - this is before and during eurozone
    - second part of the topic
      - to register the implications of the Euro adoption for the country and especially for the healthcare sector
        - overcharges for healthcare equipment
        - the role of pharmaceutical companies
        - the role of hospital management teams
        - was the sector ready to administer the transition from the old to the new currency?
    - third part of the topic
      - to identify the challenges for healthcare sector in a possible exit from eurozone for the country
        - the target is to sustain healthcare provision in any scenario
        - what will be the implications in health economics, health logistics and operations
      - what this means for the industry and the structure of workforce
      - what will bring the definite devaluation of the new currency
        - what does this mean for healthcare in the country
      - what are the advantages and disadvantages of the transition to the new currency
        - what means for the country and the sector to adopt a new currency instead of euro
      - how will operate the new production model and which sectors will undertake the responsibility to lead
        - can healthcare be a leading sector in the new framework?
        - investigate the issue of medical tourism for the country
      - what this means for the structural reforms that need to be taken
        - full restructure of healthcare sector
        - should the government apply a direct intervention to the healthcare system or not?
        - privatisation through neo-liberalism or nationalisation of healthcare provision?
        - or the adoption of a mixed-economy with public and private companies
      - the advantages and disadvantages of using a common currency
- WHY (the rationale)
  - The country is experiencing a strong and violent set of procyclical and countercyclical economic situations which stem from the continuous recession. On the other hand due to its specialties (market structure, market size, mentality etc) the local economy experiences distortions such as an increased inflation in an aggravated downturn situation.
    - The country started to demonstrate signs of a social and economical decay.
      - the creation of entropy is a possibility
    - Such signs have already been experienced in public health and healthcare provisions
- HOW (the method)
  - The survey by itself implies the accommodation of a broad literature. The first part of the topic will be done through literature review. The second part will be done through literature review and the use of questionnaires. The third part will be done through literature review and the use of questionnaires as well.
    - we will perform a literature taxonomy to provide what different think tanks, experts and others have presented.
      - literature taxonomy
    - we will create an on-line web questionnaire for getting feedback, which will be sent to experts only