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***Regulation and Governance* Publishes Special Healthcare Issue**

Melbourne, Australia — January, 2008— *Regulation and Governance* has published a special healthcare issue which illustrates the quest for more effective healthcare regulations – paying special attention to the issues faced by regulatory institutions and methods developed to address these challenges.

This special issue will also showcase a variety of health care innovations that will be valuable for regulation and health care scholars, policy makers and administrators, as well as health care professionals.

“As practices with transnational reach evolve rapidly all over the world, people have come to recognize that it is crucial to have new tools of regulation and governance when it comes to the global improvement of health care.” says Louise Trubek, editor of this special issue.

Articles published in this issue will focus on four key themes – regulatory pluralism, participation, accountability, and capacity.

In their articles, the authors tell cautionary stories which describe the need to reform regulation while also demonstrating the complexity of the search. They propose ‘new rules’ rather than the elimination of regulation.

“With dramatic health care developments occurring globally, it is essential for policies and regulations to keep up with rapid changes and trends. Governance of health care plays a vital role in stimulating innovation and ensuring that quality of care is not compromised”, says Trubek.

Articles featured in this special issue include:

- Joseph V. Rees, “**The Orderly Use of Experience: Pragmatism and the Development of Hospital Industry Self-Regulation**”
- Carol Heimer, “**Thinking about How to Avoid Thought: Deep Norms, Shallow Rules, and the Structure of Attention**”
- John Blum, “**A Revisionist Model of Hospital Literature**”
- Scott Burris, “**Regulatory Innovation in the Governance of Human Subjects Research: A Cautionary Tale and Some Modest Proposals**”
- Sydney-Halpern. “**Hybrid Design, Systemic Rigidity: Institutional Dynamics in Human-Research Oversight**”
- Tamara K. Hervey, “**The European Union’s Governance of Health Care and the Welfare Modernization Agenda**”
- Bryce Hoflund. Marybeth Farquhar, “**Challenges of Democratic Experimentalism: A Case of the National Quality Forum in Health Care**”

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