

The Legacy of Senator Edward Kennedy Lecture Series

The U.S. Embassy in cooperation with the Museum THE KENNEDYS

presents

Dr. Robert F. Rich

with a lecture on

“Health Care Reform in the United States: Challenges and Opportunities”

Senator Ted Kennedy was known as the Lion of the Senate, a liberal icon, a warrior for the less fortunate, a fierce advocate of health care reform and, above all, as a champion for social justice. The hallmark of his legislative success was his ability to find allies to get bills passed. Over five decades, his work resulted in an impressive catalogue of legislative achievements across a broad landscape of social issues: civil rights, health care, education, voting rights and labor. But of all these causes, Senator Edward Kennedy cared most passionately about health care reform and personally described it as “the cause of his life”.



Dr. Robert Rich is the director of the Institute of Government and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He received his B.A. from Oberlin College and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago.

Welcome remarks by

Dr. Helena Kane Finn, Minister-Counselor for Public Affairs of the U.S. Embassy in Berlin.

The discussion will be moderated by

Amy Medearis, Deutsche Bank Research, Deutsche Bank AG, Berlin.

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Robert F. Rich focuses his research on health law and policy, federalism and the role of states, and science policy. Before joining the faculty of the University of Illinois, Dr. Rich served on the faculties of the University of Michigan, Princeton University, and Carnegie-Mellon University. In 2004, he was visiting Scholar at the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Social Law in Munich. In the 2002-03 academic year, he was the Mercator Professor at the Humboldt University in Berlin, where he was also appointed Permanent Fellow in the European Center for Comparative Government and Public Policy. Dr. Rich is the author of seven books and over 50 articles in the areas of health law and policy, federalism, information policy, and science and technology policy. His most recent book, *Consumer Choice: Social Welfare and Health Policy* was published in 2005. He is also the co-editor of the new *Encyclopedia on Health Services Research*, published in May of 2009.

Amy Medearis currently is a guest researcher in Berlin for Deutsche Bank Research, working on several papers including an upcoming report on US health care reform. Ms. Medearis will return in August 2010 to her regular position as Senior Economist with the Delegation of the European Union in Washington, D.C., where she produces analyses of U.S. macroeconomic and economic policy issues for the European Commission in Brussels and conducts outreach on the European economy in the United States. Prior to joining the EU Delegation in 2003, Ms. Medearis served as Vice President and Europe Analyst for the G7 Group, an economic consulting firm in Washington. Ms. Medearis spent time in Germany as a Robert Bosch Fellow (1994-95), a Fulbright Fellow (1989-1990), and a student (1988). She received her M.A. in International Economics and European Studies from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) and her B.A. from Duke University.