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### Experts Hold Public Discussion of Canada's Health Care System

October 15, 2002. New Haven, CT ♦ A free and public discussion about the future of Canada's universal health care insurance will be held at the Yale Law School auditorium October 17 at 5:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Canadian Consulate General in partnership with the Canadian Studies Committee at the Yale Center for International and Area Studies, the event brings together a panel of distinguished scholars and experts in the field of health care policy.

Roy Romanow, head of the Commission on the Future of Health Care in Canada, will discuss the current situation of, and outlook for, the Canadian health care system in a North American context.

Romanow will be joined by Carolyn Tuohy, University of Toronto; Michael Decter, chair of the Canadian Institute of Health Information; Rudolf Klein, London School of Economics; Kieke Okma, senior adviser from the Dutch Ministry of Health; and Ted Marmor, a health policy expert at Yale.

The discussion is taking place as a special commission prepares to make landmark recommendations to the Canadian government about the future of its health care system.

While a publicly funded and universal health system has been the subject of debate both at home and abroad, it has special relevance in the United States, where health care coverage continues to be one of the most important issues in public discourse.

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