Symposium:
Combating Corruption in Health Care and Pharmaceuticals
(Draft schedule)

Munk School of Global Affairs N208
1 Devonshire Place, Toronto, Ontario, Canada
November 28, 2016, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Summary:
The governance of public health, health care and medical research is among the most strategically important aspects of public policy- and one of the most challenging because of the huge potential for corruption. It is important to identify structural weaknesses in the current governance of the health sector. These weaknesses often constitute incentives to various kinds of corruption, legal or not, that betray the fundamental objectives of health care, public policy and medical science.

Agenda:

9:30  Opening Remarks

9:40   “Big Pharma and FDA: Legal, financial and ideological varieties of corruption”
Sidney Wolfe  M.D., Public Citizen's Health Research Group, USA.

10:30   Break

10:45  Panel: Removing structural incentives to corruption

“Tackling the Corruption of Pharmaceutical Markets: Addressing the Misalignment Between Financial Incentives and Public Health”
Marc-André Gagnon, Carleton University, Canada

“The Heath Impact Fund and the Problem of Corruption in the Global Pharmaceutical Sector”
Fred Gifford, Michigan State University, USA

“Medical Ghost- and Guest-Writing as Corrupt Practices and How to Prevent Them”
James Crombie, Université Sainte-Anne, Canada

12:00  Lunch
13:00  “The Global Push for Transparency in Science: Lessons from the United States and the Physician Payments Sunshine Act”
Paul Thacker, Independent Investigative Journalist, Spain

13:30  “Corruption of the Canadian drug regulatory system”
Joel Lexchin M.D., York University, Canada.

14:15  Break (15 minutes)

14:30  “Global Pharmaceutical Policies to Curb Corruption: Do they Matter?”
Jillian Clare Kohler, University of Toronto, Canada

15:00  "Sustainability in Hospital Management: Governance, Fraud Prevention and Ethics"
Kiymet Caliyurt, Trakya University, Turkey

15:30  Final Round Table - All speakers
What is to be done? Setting Priorities and Strategies for an Anti-Corruption Agenda.

16:20  Closing remarks