



## Carl May

# Worrying about embedding and dreaming of integration: conceptualising the implementation of health technologies



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In 2005 the House of Commons Health Committee held an *Inquiry into New Technologies in the NHS* that explored some of the problems of bringing new technologies into service. Members

of the Committee asked why the NHS found it so difficult to bring new and advanced technologies into service. The assumption that the NHS is recalcitrant in the face of modernisation has been an important feature of political debates about health care in the UK since 1997. At the same time 'implementation' has become an increasingly important R&D interest in the NHS and beyond.

Problems of modernisation and implementation are not unique to the UK however, and similar anxieties are expressed internationally in relation to very different health care services. This seminar will draw on a range of empirical studies to offer a comparative analysis of implementation processes and explore the problems of embedding and integrating new health technologies.

**Date:** Wednesday 18 November 2009

**Time:** 17.30 followed by drinks at 18.45

**Place:** Room G73, King's College London, Franklin-Wilkins Building, 150 Stamford Street, London SE1 9NH

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