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Romanow sees public consensus, but is there political consensus? asks professor in speech to Parliamentarians

(OTTAWA) - After last week's release of the Romanow Commission report on the future of health care, the Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences is pleased to present the work of Dr. Antonia Maioni, an expert in health and social policy within the context of Canadian and comparative politics. Dr. Maioni will speak at the next *Breakfast on the Hill* Seminar on Thursday, December 5th from 8 to 9:30 a.m. in the Parliamentary Restaurant located in the Centre Block.

The second seminar in the Federation's 2002-2003 series, Dr. Maioni's talk, "Is health care politically sustainable?," will assess the political obstacles to moving forward, the possible disconnect between the politicians and the public and where we go from here. She will examine the influence shift from traditional political power to intergovernmental relations, interest group politics and the courts and look at the values conundrum that faces Canadians in the political health care debate.

A frequent commentator in both English and French language media in Canada, Dr. Maioni has also contributed to American media because of her expertise in comparative systems of health care. She is the Director of the McGill Institute for the Study of Canada and an Associate Professor of Political Science at McGill University. She also holds the positions of William Dawson Scholar at McGill University, and is an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Health Administration at the Université de Montréal. Dr. Maioni is currently investigating political change and the future of the Canadian health care model, with funding provided by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada.

The *Breakfast on the Hill* Seminar Series was developed in 1994 by the Federation to bring research results directly to the attention of parliamentarians, senior public servants and the media and to underline the role of human sciences research in the development of public policy. Distinguished researchers from Canadian universities, including Drs Janice Stein, Françoise Baylis and Will Kymlicka, have presented their work on the Middle East, ethical issues in stem cell research and Canadian multiculturalism respectively.

The Canadian Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences represents 67 learned societies, 69 universities and colleges and over 24,000 researchers active in the study of sociology, literature, economics, philosophy, political science, religion, psychology, history, anthropology, classics, law, education, as well as linguistics, women's issues, industrial relations and international development. The Federation manages the permanent secretariat of the *Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences* and administers the *Aid to Scholarly Publications Programme*.

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