COURSE DETAIL

EPIDEMICS AND PLANETARY HEALTH: HISTORY, ECOLOGY, POLITICS
Country France
Host Institution Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)
Program(s) Sciences Po Paris
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) History Health Sciences
UCEAP Course Number 107
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title EPIDEMICS AND PLANETARY HEALTH: HISTORY, ECOLOGY, POLITICS
UCEAP Transcript Title EPIDEMC&PLANET HLTH
UCEAP Quarter Units 4.50
UCEAP Semester Units 3.00

Course Description

This course is an introduction to the history of epidemics from the Neolithic period to neoliberal twenty-first century. It adopts an original angle: the perspective of planetary health, a recently emerged framework that proposes to address the interplay between health and disease, local environments, and the planetary crisis. The course engages simultaneously with the history of medicine (including the legacies of Hippocratic and medieval theories of epidemics), with global history (trade, war, colonialism, international governance), and with environmental history (emergence of pathogens, ecological transformation, multi-species histories, Anthropocene studies). Exploring examples including cholera, plague, Covid-19, and HIV-AIDS, it explores how epidemics are embedded within wider pathogenic ecologies shaped by political structures, planetary change, and human (in)action and ignorance. To do so, it follows a “place-based” approached, which avoids the repetitive and sometimes stereotypical genre of epidemic narratives. Focus is also placed on greater Paris as a region marked by the experience of epidemics and epidemic control.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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