

COURSE DETAIL

HISTORY OF EPIDEMICS: PATHOGENS, ECOLOGIES, POLITICS, FROM HIPPOCRATES TO ACT UP

Country

France

Host Institution

Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

Program(s)

Sciences Po Paris

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Sociology History Health Sciences

UCEAP Course Number

157

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

HISTORY OF EPIDEMICS: PATHOGENS, ECOLOGIES, POLITICS, FROM HIPPOCRATES TO ACT UP

UCEAP Transcript Title

HIST OF EPIDEMICS

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

The course explores this thriving field of epidemics, which takes part in the ongoing movement to reconsider the role of pathogens, environments, and technologies in the shaping of political and cultural histories. It focuses on the modern experience of epidemics (eighteenth through twenty-first centuries) and on its consubstantial link with the formation of nation-states and Empires. Combining case-studies (e.g. tuberculosis and the making of public health in the nineteenth through twentieth centuries) and thematic approaches (e.g. patients' mobilizations, from leper colonies to AIDS activism), the course explores the intersection of the history of medicine (including the legacies of Hippocratic and medieval theories of epidemics), global history (trade, war, colonialism, and international governance), and environmental history, placing epidemics within wider pathogenic ecologies shaped by political structures, planetary change, and human (in)action and ignorance.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

DHIS 25A12

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English Seminar

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