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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Host Institution Course Details
http://formation.sciences-po.fr/enseignement/2019/DHIS/25A12

Host Institution Campus
English Seminar

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
History

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