

BSPH 221.605

International Health Seminar: History of International Health and Development

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Time: Wednesday 1:30-3:20

Place: Seminar Room, 3rd Floor Welch Medical Library

Course Description

The course examines the history of western efforts to promote health and nutrition in the "developing world" from the beginnings of tropical medicine and colonial health services to more recent efforts at disease eradication, the development of alternative health delivery systems (basic health services, primary health care and selective primary health care); population programs, to child survival and global immunization programs. It will also examine the history of various international health and development organizations, including the Rockefeller Foundation, WHO, UNICEF and the World Bank. These developments will be examined within the wider context of colonial and post-colonial development in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. By doing so, the course will explore the various economic and political interests, as well as the cultural assumptions, that have shaped the development of ideas and practices associated with international health in "developing" countries.

Recommended Books to Purchase

- Randall Packard: Making of a Tropical Disease, A Short History of Malaria (Johns Hopkins Press, 2007)
- Nancy Stepan, Eradication: Ridding the World of Disease Forever, Reaktion Books, 2011
- Judith Justice. Policies, Plans and People: Foreign Aid and Health Development,

On-Line Reserves @ Welch Website

Course Organization and Requirements

The seminar will meet once a week on Wednesday from 1:30 to 3:20 pm and discuss the readings assigned for each session. Evaluation will be based on class participation; three reflection essays (3-5 pages) and a final take home final

essay exam. Graduate students in the History of Medicine will write a research paper in lieu of the final exam.

January 23 **Introduction:**

Jan 30 **The Imperial Origins of International Health**

Nancy Stepan, Eradication, Ridding the World of Disease Forever, 35-103

Warwick Anderson, "Excremental Colonialism: Public Health and the Poetics of Pollution," Critical Inquiry, Vol. 21, No. 3 (Spring, 1995), pp. 640-669

Randall Packard: Making of a Tropical Disease, A Short History of Malaria. 111-149

Sunil Amrith, Decolonizing International Health (Cambridge, 2006), 21-46

Anne-Emanuelle Birn, "Public Health Paradoxes: Science and Politics in the Rockefeller Foundations hookworm campaign in Mexico in the 1920s." Social Science and Medicine, 49, 9 (Nov 1999), 1197-1213.

Recommended:

Steven Palmer, Launching Global Health: The Caribbean Odyssey of the Rockefeller Foundation

John Farley, To Cast Out Disease

Warwick Anderson, Colonial Pathologies

Feb 6: **WHO, Postwar Development, and the War on Disease**

Packard: Making of a Tropical Disease, 150-176

Amrith, Decolonizing International Health 47-71, 99-148

Stepan Eradication, 185-223

Greenough, Greenough, Paul, "Intimidation, Coercion and Resistance in the Final Stages of the South Asian Smallpox Eradication Campaign, 1973-1975." Social Science and Medicine, 41,5 (1995),

Recommended:

Sanjoy Bhattacharya, Expunging Variola

Marcus Cueto, Cold War, Deadly Fevers: Malaria Eradication in Mexico, 1955-1975

Feb 13 **Population Control to Family Planning**

Peter Donaldson, "On the origins of the United States Government International Population policy," Population Studies, 44 (3): 385-399 NOV 1990 <http://www.jstor.org/journals/00324728.html>

Timothy Mitchell, "The Object of Development: America's Egypt," in Jonathan Crush, Power of Development, (Routledge, 1995), 129-157

Sharpless, John, "Population Science Private Foundations and Development: Aid: The Transformation of Demographic Knowledge in the United States, 1945-1965 In Cooper and Packard, International Development and the Social Sciences, Berkeley, 1997, pp. 176-202.

Caroline Bedsoe, Fatoumatta Banja, and Allan Hill, "Reproductive Mishaps and Western Contraception: An African Challenge to Fertility theory" Population and Development Review, 24 (1998), 15-57.

Recommended:

Matthew Conneley, Fatal Misconception

Caroline Bledsoe, Contingent Lives

Laura Briggs, Reproducing Empire: Race, Sex, Science, and U.S. Imperialism in Puerto Rico.

Feb 20 **From Primary Health Care to Selective Primary Health Care**

Socrates Litsios, "The Long and Difficult Road to Alma-Ata: A Personal Reflection." International Journal of Health Services, 32(4): 709-32, 2002

M. Segall , The politics of primary health care. IDS Bull. 14 (1983), pp. 27-37

June Goodfield, A Chance to Live: The Global Campaign to Immunize the Worlds Children, New York, 1991, 25-65

J.A. Walsh and K.S. Warren , Selective primary health care: an interim strategy for disease control in developing countries. New Engl. J. Med. 301 (1979), pp. 967-974 <http://content.nejm.org/>

Ben Wisner, "Gobi versus PHC? Some dangers of selective primary Health care," Social Science & Medicine, Volume 26, Issue 9, 1988, 963-969 <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/02779536>

Recommended:

William Muraskin, The Politics of International Health

Nitsan Chorev, The World Health Organization Between North and South

Feb 27: PHC and the Politics of International Development

Justice, Judith. Policies, Plans and People: Foreign Aid and Health Development

March 6 Return to the War on Disease: AIDS and Malaria

R. M. Packard and Paul Epstein, MD., "Epidemiologists, Social Scientists and the Structure of Medical Research on AIDS in Africa," Social Science and Medicine, 33, 7 (1991): 771-794 plus comments pp. 783-785

John Illife, The African AIDS Epidemic (London, James Curry, 2006), pp. 65-111, 138-157

Randall Packard, Malaria: The Making of a Tropical Disease, Chs 7&8

March 13: The New Global Health

Theodore M. Brown. Marcos Cueto. and Elizabeth Fee, "The World Health Organizations and the Transitions of International to Global Health," American Journal of Public Health, 96, 1 (2006), 62-72.

Andrew Lakoff, "Two Regimes of Global Health" Humanity: An International Journal of Human Rights, Humanitarianism, and Development, 1, 1 (Fall 2010), 59-79

Sudhir Anand and Kara Hansen, "Disability Adjusted Life Years: A Critical Perspective," Journal of Health Economics, 16 (1997), 685-702
<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/journal/01676296>

Randall Packard, et. Al. "The Global Fund: Historical antecedants and the first five years of operation" Results of Study Area 1 of the Five year Evaluation of the Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, Annex 4, pp. 265-274.

Sarah Wallace, "Global Health in Conflict: Understanding Opposition to Vitamin A Supplementation in India," AJPH, May 17, 2012,

