
GSWS 321-4: SPECIAL TOPICS IN GSWS: PANIC, PANDEMICS, POVERTY

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COURSE TIME AND LOCATION: Mondays, 16:30 – 20:20; RCB 6125

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course will examine the historical and contemporary challenges to public health in a globalized world. Although international cooperation in management of epidemics goes back to colonial medicine, the recognition of health as a “global public good” has released new ways of thinking of the socio-economic determinants that affect health. We will examine the history of global health and show the transformations that have advanced knowledge in genetic predispositions to illness and patients have to also account for a multitude of factors like access to healthcare, costs of treatment, and caregiving in order to negotiate their health. This course will introduce students to the theory and practice of Global Health in order to understand how the biological, social, and ethical absorb each other to determine our negotiations to remain healthy. Throughout our course we look back at the history and various experiences with global health and forward to the challenges that are emerging in order to address questions of success and failure in our interventions. To this extent we look at epidemics that have been eradicated, controlled, and are emerging.

EDUCATIONAL GOALS: