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INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

Epidemics, Gender, and Public Institutions in the 19th & 20th Centuries

2-3 July 2026

University of the Balearic Islands – Faculty of Arts and Humanities – Lecture Hall

Organisers: Joana Maria Pujadas-Mora and Pere Salas-Vives

Day 1 — 02/07/2026

09:00-09:30 Registration and Distribution of Credentials

09:30-10:00 Seminar Opening

10:00-11:30 Session 1: **Governing Contagion: Institutional Power, Expertise, and Gendered Vulnerabilities**

Old Measures, New Crises: Epidemic Control from the Past to the Present

Zrinka Puharić, Anamarija Jurčev Savičević, Josipa Savičević Nora and Filip Puharić

Governing Epidemics in Liberal Italy. Institutional Transformation and the Control of Expertise (1884-1919)

Roberto Cea

Epidemics and Urban Penalties: Gendered Mortality in Belgian Cities, 1832-1929

Isabelle Devos

Discussion

11:30-12:00 Coffee break

12:00- 13:30 Session 2: **Social Determinants of Life and Death: Gender, Inheritance, and Epidemics**

Inheritance, Fertility, and Son Preference: Evidence from Pre-Industrial France

Tommaso d'Amelio, Joanne Haddad and Lamis Katta

Cholera, class and public sanitation - Helsinki 1830-1900

Beatrice Moring

Being John Snow: Gender, Water Sources, and Cholera in Palma (Spain, 1865)

Joana Maria Pujadas-Mora, Pere Salas-Vives and Dídac Laínez Moreno



Discussion

13:30–15:00 Lunch

15:00–15:30 Session 3: Urban Transformation, Infrastructure, and Cholera in 19th-Century Europe

Epidemics as Drivers of Public Hygiene and Urban Transformation (19th–20th Centuries)

Carnot Dushime

Epidemic Echoes: The Role of Cholera in Shaping Urban Governance and Gendered Social Structures in the Late 19th Century

Fanny Gateka

Water, Cholera, and the State: Epidemics, Infrastructure, and Institutional Change in Nineteenth-Century Europe

Carlos Alves

The passenger and the stowaway: the impact of transport networks on the diffusion of cholera in nineteenth century in Spain

Zahra Behrouz Moghadam, Guillermo Esteban-Oliver, Eduard J. Alvarez Palau and Joana Maria Pujadas-Mora

Discussion

16:30–17:00 Coffee break

17:00–18:30 Session 4: Institutions, Science, and Cholera Outbreaks

Epidemics, Gender, and Health Governance: Cholera and Institutional Transformations in Europe in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries

Nadia Manirakiza

La idra india. Debate etiopatogénico y estrategias terapéuticas del cólera en la medicina italiana (1831–1842)

Alberto Tanturri

A Cholera Epidemic in Brittany

Jean-Marie Le Goff

The Reliability of Cause-of-Death Certification during Epidemics: The Case of Palma, Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries

Jean-Marie Le Goff
Joana Maria Pujadas-Mora, Enrique Perdiguero Gil and Dídac Laínez Moreno



La muerte en el período pre-estadístico en la población de Tacuarembó – Uruguay. (1851-1879)

Alexa Andrada Pereira and Isabel Barreto Messano

Discussion

Day 2 — 03/07/2026

9:30-11:00 Session 5: Unequal Before Disease: Gender, Socioeconomic Status, and State Responses in Global Health

Problématique de la prévention et lutte contre les épidémies en milieu urbain au Sahel: cas du Tchad

Moyangar Madjitoloum

El Síndrome Tóxico (1981): controversias, políticas sanitarias y transformaciones culturales en la España de la transición

J. Carlos García-Reyes

Epidemics, Gender Inequalities, and the Institutionalization of Public Health in Burundi: From Colonial Cholera to Contemporary Health Crises

Angélos Nduwimana

Discussion

11:00–11:30 Coffee break

11:30-13:00 Session 6: Global Perspectives on 20th-Century Epidemics

El impacto de la gripe de 1918 en agentes sociales gerundenses: profesionales de la salud, autoridades y medios de comunicación

Lluís Coromina Verdaguer

Influenza Pandemics and the Gender Health Paradox: Insights from Historical Swiss Data

Katarina Matthes

Epidemics and Gender Inequalities in Burundi: Institutional Responses and Demographic Impacts in the Twentieth Century

Darlène Inamahoro

Discussion



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13:00–15:00 Lunch

15:00-16:45 Session 7: Circulating Knowledge, Reforming Spaces: European Responses to Infectious Diseases

The pan-European circulation of ideas in the fight against the re-emergence of leprosy in the Baltic States in the 19th century

Andreas Jüttemann

¿Envenenamiento, intoxicación, fiebres tifoideas? Entre el diagnóstico médico y el imperio de la verdad popular: el contagio del helado de 1928 en Santa Margalida (Mallorca)

Jaume Escales, Mateu Ferrer and Antoni Mas

Entre epidemias y reformas: salud pública en Portugal (siglos XIX-XX) a partir de los registros parroquiales

Antonio Gonçalves

Discussion

16:45–17:00 Closing session

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