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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

Seminar Opening.

Joana Maria Petrus. Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy and Arts

Pere Salas Vives

Joana Maria Pujadas Mora

Session 1: **Governing Contagion: Institutional Power, Expertise, and Gendered Vulnerabilities.** Chair: Joana Maria Pujadas Mora

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 (Online)

Isabelle Devos

Discussion

Session 2: **Social Determinants of Life and Death: Gender, Inheritance, and Epidemics.** Chair: Jordi Gumà Lao

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, Dídac Laínez Moreno and Isabel Moll Blanes

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Session 3: Urban Transformation, Infrastructure, and Cholera in 19th- Century Europe. Chair: Miquel Valls Fígols

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

Session 4: Institutions, Science, and Cholera Outbreaks. Chair: Zahra Behrouz Moghadam

La idra hindia. 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

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

Session 5: Unequal Before Disease: Gender, Socioeconomic Status, and State Responses in Global Health. Chair: Joana Maria Pujadas Mora

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

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Session 6: Global Perspectives on 20th-Century Epidemics. Chair: Jordi Gumà Lao

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

Lluís Coromina Verdaguer

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

Katarina Matthes

Discussion

Session 7: Circulating Knowledge, Reforming Spaces: European Responses to Infectious Diseases. Chair: Pere Salas vives

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

Closing session