



*IUSSP Workshop:  
Tuberculosis: The White Death as a Social Disease*

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The workshop is organized by the IUSSP Scientific Panel on 'Epidemics and Contagious Diseases: The Legacy of the Past', in collaboration with the University of Sassari.

Local Organizers: Lucia Pozzi (University of Sassari), Gabriele Ruiu (University of Sassari), Michail Raftakis (University of Bologna)

**Thursday, 26 September 2024**

9:00-9:15 Registration and Welcome

**9:15-10:45 ICD10h training by Alice Reid and Mayra Murkens (part I)**

10:45-11:15 Coffee break

**11:15-13:00 ICD10h training by Alice Reid and Mayra Murkens (part II)**

13:00-14:15 Lunch break

**14:15-15:45 Session A: Medical and institutional progress in relation to tuberculosis**

**Discussant: Elena Crinela Holom**

1. *The role of institutions and interventions in the fight against tuberculosis: Evidence from Sweden 1911-1960*

**Liuyan Shi**

2. *Smallpox vaccination and TB decline in England and Wales - a hypothesis paper*

**Nicola Shelton**

3. *Madness, morbidity, and mortality: TB and the Irish District Asylum*

**Oonagh Walsh**

4. *Poverty, malnutrition and disease in rural Spain in the first decades of the 20th century: the example of tuberculosis*

**Josep Bernabeu-Mestre, María Eugenia Galiana-Sánchez, Maria Tormo Santamaria, Eva María Trescastro López**

15:45-16:15 Coffee break

**16:15-17:45 Session B: Geographical and spatial analysis of tuberculosis mortality**

**Discussant: Diego Ramiro-Fariñas**

1. *The geography of tuberculosis mortality in Belgium between 1889 and 1991: a descriptive and explanatory analysis*

**Valentin Charlier**

2. *Spatial correlations between causes of death in Italian provinces at the end of the nineteenth century: A study on comorbidities with tuberculosis*

**Gabriele Ruiu, Lucia Pozzi, Michail Raftakis, Marco Breschi**

3. *Institutionalised Infection: A spatial analysis of tuberculosis in the Irish workhouse, 1900-1922*

**Stuart Clancy**

4. *Tuberculosis and Climatic Conditions in Bologna in the Late Nineteenth Century*

**Francesco Scalone, Nadia Barbieri, Cristina Munno, Hassan Rahnaward Ghulami, Rosella Rettaroli**

**Friday 27 September 2024**

**9:15-10:45 Session C: Nutrition, living Standards and tuberculosis**

**Discussant: Matteo Manfredini**

1. *The White Plague: should we rehabilitate the link between adult TB mortality, living standards and nutritional status? The case of Amsterdam 1856-1920*

**Angelique Janssens, Rachel Elands, Sanne Muurling, Mayra Murkens**

2. *Data on tuberculosis mortality in Transylvania (1896-1918) – investigation of social and economic determinants*

**Daniela Marza**

3. *Remove poverty and tuberculosis will disappear: the effect of changes in the standard of living in 19th century Poznan family on the prevalence of tuberculosis*

**Grażyna Liczbińska**

4. *Socio-economical inequalities as a precondition for tuberculosis in Vilnius in 1919-1939*

**Aistis Žalnora**

10:45-11:15 Coffee Break

**11:15-12:45 Session D: Tuberculosis mortality across Europe**

**Discussant: Michel Oris**

1. *The toll of tuberculosis often surpasses the sacrifices made in wars"! A detailed individual-level analysis of tuberculosis-related deaths in Transylvania, 1850-1914*

**Elena Crinela Holom, Mihaela Hărăguș**

2. *Changing manifestations of the White Death: the recording of tuberculous deaths in British civil registers, 1871-1901*

**Eilidh Garrett, Alice Reid**

3. *The harvesting effect of the 1918-1920 influenza pandemic on tuberculosis in a capital city: Madrid, 1913-1927*

**Diego Ramiro-Fariñas, Stanislao Mazzoni, Michel Oris, Dariya Ordanovich, Vicente Pérez Moreda**

4. *Tuberculosis and mortality trends, Ireland 1864-1952*

**Ciara Breathnach**

12:45-13:00 Lunch break

## **14:00-15:30 Session E: Tuberculosis mortality in rural and mining communities**

**Discussant: Grażyna Liczbińska**

1. *Layman's white death. Tuberculosis in three rural health districts in Denmark, 1876-1912*

**Anna Lodberg Sparre**

2. *Tuberculosis mortality during Sardinia's health transition: fresh insights from a rural mining community*

**Lucia Pozzi, Michail Raftakis, Gabriele Rui**

3. *Tuberculosis mortality in Skrad: A case study of rural settlement in the mountain region of Croatia in the second half of the 19th century*

**Dubravka Božić Bogović**

4. *The impact of South African mine worker characteristics on tuberculosis*

**Robynn Hera**

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

## **16:00-18:00 Session F: Gender, ethnic and racial differentials in tuberculosis mortality and morbidity**

**Discussant: Alice Reid**

1. *Addressing the enduring challenge of tuberculosis in Aotearoa New Zealand: Insights into the impact on indigenous Māori communities*

**Nina Scott**

2. *Racial and regional variation in the mid-century tuberculosis decline in apartheid South Africa, 1948-1968*

**Nicholas Fitzhenry**

3. *Tuberculosis as a sexist disease: a glimpse at sex-differentials in mortality in historical and contemporary populations*

**Michel Garenne**

4. *Maternal mortality, tuberculosis and social deprivation in Madrid during the second and third decades of the 20th century*

**Alba Teresa González-Esteban, Stanislao Mazzoni, Michel Oris, Diego Ramiro-Fariñas**

5. *Early life excess female mortality, tuberculosis and development: Evidence from Finnish population statistics, 19th - 20th c.*

**Sakari Saaritsa**

19:30 Social Dinner