This course will explore the birth of public health as a field of concern and inquiry around the world and its link to the expansion of the state from 1789 through the interwar period. How did conceptions of the nation as a sanitary unit align with the growth of government? Is health a privileged category in terms of justifying governmental intervention? In what ways has the birth of international health intersected with national public health movements? Topics include epidemics and quarantines, urban health, and public health and imperialism. We will move roughly chronologically, though many of the weeks devoted to a theme consider readings that transcend one historical period. Though this is formally a European history colloquium and the readings tilt very slightly in that direction, the emphatic goal is to consider the intersection of public health and the growth of the state all around the world. We will study phenomena not only in Europe, but also the United States, the Caribbean, North Africa, the Middle East, and East Asia. To some extent, the themes and readings emphasized in the course will be dependent on student interest.

Assignments: Presentation (20%), Participation and Weekly Response Questions (30%), Final Paper (50%)

Preliminary Schedule (SUBJECT TO CHANGE):

Jan. 18th: Introduction

Jan. 25th: Defining the State and Defining Public Health

Reading: Peter Mandler, ed. Liberty and Authority in Victorian Britain (Chs. 1 and 2
Peter Mandler, “Introduction” and Phil Harling “The Powers of the Victorian State”)
Dorothy Porter, Health, Civilization, and the State (Intro., Chs. 3, 4, 6, and 8)
Michel Foucault, “Governmentality” in Security, Territory, Population
James Scott, Seeing like a State (Intro., Chs. 1–3)

Feb. 1st: State Medicine in the Napoleonic Era: Medical Police and Military Medicine

Reading: J.P. Frank, A Complete System of Medical Police (Selections)
George Rosen, “The Fate of the Concept of Medical Police, 1780-1890” (1957)
Catherine Kelly, *War and the Militarization of British Army Medicine* (Selections)  
*First Report of the Board of Health* (1805)

**Feb. 8th:** Quarantine

Reading: Birsen Bilmus, *Plagues, Quarantines, and Geopolitics in the Ottoman Empire* (2014) (Chs. 1, 5, and 6)  
Mark Harrison, *Contagion: How Commerce Spreads Disease* (2012) (Chs. 3 and 4)  

**Feb. 15th:** The Contagion Debate

Reading: Erwin Ackerknecht, “Anticontagionism between 1827 and 1861” *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* (1948)  
Margaret Pelling, *Cholera, Fever, and English Medicine* (Selections)  

**Feb. 22nd:** Cholera

Richard Evans, *Death in Hamburg* (Selections)  
Thomas Beggs, “The Cholera: The Claims of the Poor Upon the Rich”

**Mar. 1st:** Class Conflict and Public Health

Reading: Louis Chevalier, *Classes Laboureux, Classes Dangereux* (Selections)  
Andrew Aisenberg, *Disease, Government, and the Social Question in Nineteenth-Century France* (Selections)
LaVerne Kunke, *Lives at Risk: Public Health in Nineteenth-Century Egypt* (Selections)
David Barnes, “The Rise or Fall of Tuberculosis in *Belle-Époque France*” *Social History of Medicine* 5 (1992): 279–290

**Mar. 8th**: NO CLASS (Spring Break)

**Mar. 15th**: Public Health Reform

Reading: Christopher Hamlin, *Public Health and Social Justice in the Age of Chadwick* (Chs. 1, 2, 7, 8, 9)
Alan Mitchell, *The Divided Path* (Selections)
Graham Mooney, *Intrusive Interventions* (Part I)
David Barnes, *Great Stink of Paris* (Chs. 2–4)

**Mar. 22nd**: Selves, Bodies, States

Judith R. Walkowitz, *Prostitution and Victorian Society* (Intro., Chs. 1–4)
Margot Canaday, *The Straight State* (Chs. 1–3)
Laura Engelstein, *The Keys to Happiness: Sex and the Search for Modernity in Fin-de-Siècle Russia* (Selections)

**Mar. 29th**: Public Health and Nationalism

Reading: Nancy Gallagher, *Medicine and Power in Tunisia* (Entire)
Ruth Rogaski, *Hygienic Modernity* (Intro., Chs. 1–5)
David Barnes, *Great Stink...* (Ch. 5)

**Apr. 5th**: Imperial Medicine

Reading: David Arnold, *Colonizing the Body* (Intro., Chs. 1, 2, and 6)
Warwick Anderson, *Colonial Pathologies* (Intro., Chs. 1–4)
Philippa Levine, *Prostitution, Race, and Politics* (Chs. 1–6)
John Farley, *Bilharzia: A History of Imperial Tropical Medicine* (Selections)
Apr. 12th: Professionalization, Bureaucratization, and the Bacteriological Revolution

Reading: Nancy Frieden, “Physicians in Pre-Revolutionary Russia: Professionals or Servants of the State?” *Bulletin of the History of Medicine* 49 (1975)
Bruno Latour, *The Pasteurization of France* (Selections)
Laura Otis, *Membranes* (Selections)

Apr. 19th: The Third Plague Pandemic and the Spanish Flu

Reading: William Summers, *The Great Manchurian Plague* (Selections)
Nayan Shah, *Contagious Divides: Epidemics and Race* (Selections)
Alfred Crosby, *America’s Forgotten Pandemic* (Selections)

Apr. 26th: The Idea of International Health

Reading: William F. Bynum, “Policing Hearts of Darkness: Public Health at the International Sanitary Conferences”
Joao Alameida, “Panic, Quarantines, and the 1851 International Sanitary Conference” in Robert Peckham, ed. *Empires of Panic*
Amir Afkhami, “Defending the Guarded Domain: Epidemics and the Emergence of International Sanitary Policy in Iran”
Michael Worboys, “The Colonial World as Mission and Mandate”
A.M. Stern, “Yellow Fever Crusade: US Colonialism, Tropical Medicine, and the International Politics of Mosquito Control, 1900–1920” in Alison Bashford, ed. *Medicine at the Border*