50 years of social medicine
critique, utopias, and networks of knowledge

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“Community healthcare machine”, Madrid 2018, photography Janina Kehr

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Social medicine is an umbrella term for a plurality of local initiatives since the 19th century that have tempted to make access to medicine easier and fair. In other words, social medicine has been considered as a way to achieve social justice through medical and health practices. In this workshop, we want to investigate the variety of forms that social medicine has taken over the last 50 years. While considering the long history of social medicine since the end of the 19th century, we will focus on its specific position and role within the history of sanitary reforms since the 1970s. To do so, we will examine the temporalities of social medicine, in terms of continuities, discontinuities, and the changing actualization of its practices, knowledge, and critiques.

The workshop will be held online. Please register via E-mail to sophie.hansal@univie.ac.at and use the following link to participate:
https://univienna.zoom.us/j/99031419223?pwd=eWdpdWdhOWE4MGZWSU1uTnF4T2llUT09
Meeting-ID: 990 3141 9223, Passcode: 209414

Monday, 29th of March

14:00-14:15h Introduction (Nils Graber, Janina Kehr, Nils Kessel)

Practical experiences and experimentation in the field of primary care and community medicine

14:15-15:30h
Chair: Francesco Panese, University of Lausanne
- Anne Kveim Lie, University of Oslo, “Negotiating academic social medicine between the public administration and the clinic in the 1950s and 60s.”
- Helena Prado, University of Strasbourg, “Medicine for whom? Questioning access to reproductive care and practices in the private and public sectors”

15:30-15:45h Break

15:45-16:45h
Chair: Nils Graber, University of Lausanne
- Cécile Fournier, IRDES, presentation of projects on “Exploring the different forms and paradoxes of social medicine through ongoing primary care reforms in France”

16:45-17:00h Break

Politicization of physicians, the medical field and healthcare reforms (1/2)

17:00-18:30h
Chair: Christian Bonah, University of Strasbourg
- Luiz Alves, Fiocruz, “Health is democracy’: the moral economy of social medicine in Brazil (1970-2000)”
- Dora Vargha, University of Exeter, “Social or Socialist Medicine? Ideas and practices in the early Cold War’s ‘Second World’”
- Laure Pitti, University Paris 8, “The revival of a utopia? Practicing general medicine as social medicine in working-class neighborhoods in France today”
Tuesday, 30th of March

Politicization of physicians, the medical field and healthcare reforms (2/2)

14:00-15:30h
Chair: Bernhard Hadolt, University of Vienna
- Ruth Jane Prince, University of Oslo, “Kenya´s experiments with Universal Health Coverage: a move towards social medicine or the financialization of global health?”
- César E. Abadía-Barrero and Vivian Laurens, University of Connecticut, “Latin American Social Medicine in Colombia: From combating neoliberal policies to building Buen Vivir”
- Janina Kehr, University of Vienna, “Moral economies of Universal Healthcare: Resisting Austerity in contemporary Spain”

15:30-15:45h
Break

Production and circulation of knowledge and techniques related to what one might call ‘social medicine’

15:45-16:30h
Chair: Nils Kessel, University of Strasbourg
- Alex Mold, LSHTM, “Social medicine and health citizenship in post-war Britain”
- Jeremy Greene, John Hopkins University, project presentation 'Biomedicalization from the Inside Out (BIO)'

16:30-16:45h
Break

16:45-17:45h
Chair: Janina Kehr, University of Vienna
- Claudia Lang, University of Leipzig, "Rethinking social medicine through Kerala's Primary Health Care"
- Nils Graber, University of Lausanne, “Between Biomedicalization and Primarization: the case of primary healthcare cancer immunotherapy trials in Cuba”

17:45-18:30h
General discussion and conclusion