WHO Regional Office for South-East Asia
Global Health Histories Seminar 70

MONDAY, 25 March 2013 | 1:30 - 3.00 pm | Conference Hall, WHO |

The Global Health Histories initiative was started in 2004 and regularized in 2008. This is the first Global Health Histories seminar to be held in the South-East Asia Regional Office. The event seeks to showcase the interactions that can be fostered by such seminars through two presentations. The first, by Professor Bhattacharya, will draw on a historical analysis of South Asia’s role in the worldwide smallpox eradication programme and the insights this can provide us on national and regional health policy trends. The second presentation, by Professors Jones and Sivaramakrishnan, shows that the history of medical and institutional concerns with heart disease in India provides insights into the many complex forces that shaped the public health agenda at national and international levels. Historical analysis of policy documents and the writings of key political actors and medical experts reveals the many scientific, technological and administrative factors that influenced policies related to heart disease.

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