

6.00 pm

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The Treehouse

Berrick Saul Building

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## Trial and Evolution: Chemotherapy for Tuberculosis in Britain, 1940-70

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### An evening lecture with Clare Leeming-Latham

Tuberculosis chemotherapy is often presented as a success story dominated by the use of streptomycin in Medical Research Council clinical trials. However, what this standard rhetoric overlooks is the complexity of tuberculosis drug therapy and the relationship between this and two alternative treatment options, bed-rest and thoracic surgery. Initially, these three treatment strands overlapped and the potential of chemotherapy as a curative option was not immediately apparent. This lecture explores the evolution of treatment using drugs alone, where determining best practice from a plethora of prescribing options was clinically challenging.

All welcome, no booking necessary

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