

# WHO Regional Office for Europe Global Health Histories Seminar 1

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## “Antimicrobial Resistance: historical and contemporary perspectives”

Professor Gradmann’s presentation describes how the story of antibiotic resistance came to be framed in medicine and public health after World War Two. In particular it follows WHO sponsored initiatives from the 1950s onwards. These attempted to support the establishment of international standards for antibiotic sensitivity testing. Inspired by public health concerns and therapeutic rationalism such aspirations were met with stiff resistance from the side of the producers of such medicines.

Dr Lo Fo Wong will talk about WHO's renewed efforts in the field of antimicrobial resistance, details of a more comprehensive approach and broader partnership than ever before, with WHO providing leadership and using its convening power.

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