

INTERNATIONAL AND MULTI-DISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES ON EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY

Seminar 4: Historical and International Perspectives on Health

This half-day seminar in the new series on evidence-based policy will take the form of 'conversations' between researchers and policy advisers/users, followed by group discussions. The seminar will serve as a forum at which participants from different national and disciplinary perspectives discuss and develop ideas for projects and articles in a themed issue of a journal.

Convenors: Susanne MacGregor FAcSS, and Virginia Berridge FAcSS, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Date: 4 December 2017 13.15–17.00

Venue: Academy of Social Sciences, 33 Finsbury Square, London

Outline: The aim in this seminar is to consider historical perspectives on the development of policies in response to evidence about the impact of changing patterns of disease, behaviour and structural conditions. The discussions will focus on two areas: firstly, the role of public health and its changing nature over time, moving from environmental explanations to those couched in terms of changing personal behaviour. Secondly, the development of what are termed 'health systems' as the key mode of dealing with health issues. The role of international agencies in disseminating ideas and models and national systems will be discussed as well as cross-national influences. The relevance of historical analysis to present and future directions in public health and health systems will be explored.

Conversation 1: Public Health: Historical and International Perspectives

Interviewer: **Virginia Berridge** FAcSS Professor of History, Centre for History in Public Health, LSHTM

in conversation with **Alex Mold** Associate Professor in History and Director, Centre for History in Public Health, LSHTM

and **Alan Maryon Davies** Past President of the Faculty of Public Health and honorary Professor, Kings College London

Conversation 2: Health Systems: Historical and International Perspectives

Interviewer: **Sally Sheard** Andrew Geddes and John Rankin Professor of Modern History, University of Liverpool

in conversation with **Martin Gorsky**, Professor in the History of Public Health, Centre for History in Public Health, LSHTM

and **Martin McKee** Professor of European Public Health, LSHTM