



Epidemic Disease and the Urban Fabric

Seminar with visiting professor Samuel Cohn (Glasgow)

Monday 23. May 2022, 13:00 – 16:00 Room 1463-515

The social distancing and lockdowns experienced during Covid-19 pandemic is routinely understood as the last in a long sequence of epidemics that impacted on urban design and the fabric of urban life. The extent and nature of this impact must, however, to be carefully historicized, because the relation is neither straightforward nor ubiquitous. This seminar explores specific examples of the relation between epidemic disease and urban space and governance in order to provide a contextualized understanding of the intersection between disease and the urban fabric.

Programme:

13:00 – 13:10, Jakob Bek-Thomsen (Aarhus University):

Welcome and introductory remarks

13:10 – 14:00, Samuel Cohn (University of Glasgow):

Did the Black Death or successive plagues of the second Pandemic Reshape Cities?

14:00 – 14:30, Morten Arnika Skydsgaard (Steno Museum, Aarhus University):

Consequences of the Copenhagen cholera epidemic in 1853

14:30 – 14:45 COFFEE

14:45 – 15:15, Mikkel Thelle (National Museum, Copenhagen):

Contagion and urban porosity between cholera and COVID

15:15 – 15:45, Niels Brimnes (Aarhus University):

The third plague pandemic and the social fabric of three cities

15:45 – 16:00, Jakob Bek-Thomsen (Aarhus University)

Observations and concluding Remarks

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