S-65 – Going Healthier in peripheral European cities and non-European cities: exploring new connections in urban spaces and resources

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Abstract:
In this symposium we aim at exploring the intersections of urban history and history of science, technology, and medicine (STM) through two different inter-related axes. In the first we extend the units of analysis by encompassing peripheral European cities and non-European cities, usually not taken into consideration in the emerging area of urban STM history, which has been mainly focused on cities of central countries such as Paris, London, Berlin or Tokyo. In the second we look at the multiple measures to turn cities into healthier spaces by analyzing jointly health and hygiene measures, including water management and sewage, but extend the focus of analysis from measures, such as the former, meant to control and heighten the physical well-being of citizens to the consideration of their psychological well-being through the creation of various kinds of leisure spaces, from gardens to amusement parks. By unveiling new connections in urban spaces and resources meant to turn them into healthier spaces we want to explore what we can learn about peripheral European cities and non-European cities, which we cannot learn otherwise.

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