

This advanced summer school in comparative healthcare history will equip early career researchers with methods, sources and frameworks for understanding healthcare in Europe at a national, international and transnational level. It will explore historical approaches to analysing healthcare across European countries with a particular focus on financing and control of health. Sessions will focus on comparative methodologies, undertaking oral histories and using archival sources. Interdisciplinary sessions will also draw on health economics and ethics.

Funding: Full funding is available for participants of €150 daily allowance (including up to one extra day for travel) for subsistence and accommodation (University rooms priced at €45 per night are available if booked by 30 June). Funding to cover reasonable travel costs is also available.

Instructors: Prof Barry Doyle (University of Manchester), Dr Seán Lucey (University College Cork), Dr Axel Hüntelmann (Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin) (Dr Ida Milne (Carlow College), Dr Steven Thompson (University of Aberystwyth), Dr Agata Kocia (University of Warsaw), Dr Maria Aluas (Iuliu Hațieganu University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Romania), Dr Brian Turner (University College Cork).

Eligibility: Researchers are expected to be undertaking research on history of healthcare or in other fields but drawing on historical insights, methods etc. Applicants should be enrolled in a PhD programme, have received their PhD in the last 2 years, or be enrolled in a MSc programme. To avail of financial supports applicants should be members of the COST Action CA22159 National, International & Transnational Histories of Healthcare, 1850-2000.

For further details on the COST Action CA22159 and how to join see [here](#)

How to apply: A maximum of 20 students will be admitted. Apply via email to Dr Seán Lucey (sean.lucey@ucc.ie) by sending: (1) a curriculum vitae (max 2 pages), including a list of your scholarly publications, conferences etc (if applicable); (2) and a 300-word outline of your interest in the Summer School. There are a limited number of positions remaining.

Summer School Programme

Wednesday, 31 July

9.15-10.00am

Registration & Coffee

10am-12.30pm

Keynote Lecture

‘Hospitals in Britain and Germany in their historical context: Funding, Organization, Paperwork’

Dr Axel Hüntelmann

(Institute for the History of Medicine and Ethics in Medicine, Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin)

In the session we will discuss the different historical development of hospitals in Britain and Germany, embedded in their socio-cultural context as well as public health and biopolitics: dependent on this context the hospitals' funding, organization and constitution, and paper technologies mostly omnipresent. Following the lecture we will discuss the history of German and British hospitals on the basis of literature and selected sources.

Afternoon 1.30-3pm

‘How to do Comparative Approaches to Healthcare History’

Prof Barry Boyle (University of Manchester)

This will be followed by an interactive workshop which will focus on using different source material, methodologies and facing language barriers in your research.

3.30-5pm

‘Understanding Private Health Insurance: Comparative and Interdisciplinary Perspectives’

Dr Brian Turner (University College Cork) & Dr Agata Kocia (University of Warsaw)

This session will look at the increasingly important place of private health insurance in healthcare. It will draw on interdisciplinary approaches and provide participants with insights and understandings from the discipline of health economics and how to apply these to health history.

Thursday, 1 August

Morning: 9.30-11am

‘Paying the Piper and Calling the Tune: Sources for Control and Finance of Hospitals and Healthcare’

Dr Steven Thompson (University of Aberystwyth)

This session will focus on using archival records for understanding historical issues about the control and finance of healthcare. Drawing on Welsh examples, participants will get a greater understanding and practical experience of using healthcare archival records.

11.30-1pm

‘Oral History Interviewing on Health History: Ethics, Best Practice and Exploring the Evidence’

Dr Ida Milne (Carlow College)

This session will introduce participants to the skills and ethics needed to engage in oral histories relating to health. It will also explore how to use oral histories in tandem with other sources.

Afternoon: 2-4pm

Heritage Trip to Mercy University Hospital

Friday, 2 August

Morning: 9.30-11.00am

‘Ethical Criteria of Resource Allocation in Healthcare’

Dr Maria Aluas (Iuliu Hațieganu University of Medicine and Pharmacy, Romania)

Drawing on the theme of control, this session will explore the healthcare resource distribution through the lens of ethical and legal theories and criteria. Different methods will be used during the workshop, including oral presentation, case studies, and interactive discussion on justice in the distribution of limited resources.

11.30-1pm

Skills Session: ‘How to Reach Non-academic Audiences’

In this session participants are invited to explore how their own research could be used in public or non-academic audiences. Approaches on how to engage with media will also be explored.

Afternoon: 2-4pm

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