Historical Epidemiology and Contemporary Disease Challenges

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New perspectives from the biological sciences and from environmental history have opened new avenues through which to explore the histories of contemporary disease challenges. The emerging subfield of historical epidemiology—the study of the impacts of efforts to control disease over time and the ways in which interventions have transformed patterns of disease and influenced disease transmission—will demand approaches that integrate several domains of knowledge. What hurdles will need to be surmounted? What role, if any, should medical historians take on? What are the promises and pitfalls of historical epidemiology?

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