



## **Talk: From International to Global: Writing a History of Current Changes in Health Government**

Speaker:

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10th Floor, Pixel A, Auditorium, APU

Abstract:

Global health has become a pervading notion used by all actors involved in the government of health at the international level, from foundations like the Bill and Melinda Gates to WHO and multiple bodies of experts. The idea of a 'global' health has however been questioned in many ways: as a by-product of its intimate relations with economic globalization and a market-oriented understanding of health services, as an over-generalizing category denying the specificity of local contexts and local knowledge, or as a mere rhetorical tool used by some players in health arenas to preserve influence and visibility. Historians on their part have questioned the novelty of global health and insisted on the continuities between the present government of health and international public health as it emerged within the context of UN institutions after World War II. Based on a combination of recent historical and anthropological work, this paper will discuss the nature of the transition from international public health to global health taking tuberculosis as a test case. It will in particular address the interactions between innovation policies, intellectual property rights and market construction, new forms of treatment and care.

A Note on the Speaker:

Jean-Paul Gaudillière is Directeur de recherche (Research Professor) at the Institut National de la Santé et de la Recherche Médicale (Inserm, Paris) and Co-Director of the Center for the Study of Science, Medicine, Health and Society, Paris (Cermes3, Paris). He is the editor of several volumes on these issues and the author of *Inventer la biomedicine* (La Découverte, 2002). He is currently working on the history of biological drugs before the advent of gene-based biotechnology, with strong interests in the dynamics of knowledge production, clinical work, and market construction. He has recently coordinated special issues on "Drug Trajectories" (Studies in History and Philosophy of the Biological and Biomedical Sciences 2005) and "How pharmaceuticals became patentable?" (History and Technology 2008).