



PROJECT TITLE	Tropical Modernity, Public Health and Endemic Disease Control: the combat against malaria, sleeping sickness and syphilis in former Portuguese Africa (1920-1975)
BRIEF DESCRIPTION	The project's multi-disciplinary approach brings together a number of different academic traditions, i.e. the political economy of public health, the social history of medicine, the history of tropical medicine and medical anthropology. The approach is also comparative, addressing inter-colonial and inter-imperial aspects of disease control and eradication in former Portuguese colonial spaces, and those operating in British, French and Belgian Africa during a crucial period of institution building in public health. In addition, the project engages with international health institutions such as the WHO and its regional organization in Africa, and their impact on control and eradication programmes in former Portuguese Africa.
OBJECTIVES	The project aims to fill crucial gaps in the knowledge of disease control and eradication campaigns regarding malaria, sleeping sickness and syphilis in sub-Saharan Africa, and former Portuguese Africa in particular. The project is also meant to enhance the researcher's skills, expand his knowledge of tropical medicine, especially with regard to the evolution of programme/policy design, and their management and implementation within health systems in Africa. In the context of the GHTM-IHMT, project research is also expected to facilitate access to and extend interaction with international networks of health experts and scholars in tropical medicine, especially in Europe, Portuguese Speaking African Countries (PALOP) and Brazil.
IMPLEMENTATION	The planned outputs of the project are producing qualitative and quantitative databases on disease control and eradication in sub-Saharan Africa; engaging with teaching curricula on the history and anthropology of medicine; the organisation of seminars and workshops; the presentation of conference papers in national and international forums; and publications, in the form of authored, co-authored and co-edited books and articles in peer reviewed journals.
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