Public health innovations

For harm and for good?

The phrase ‘public health in reverse’ was first used in 1949 to describe biological warfare, and it captures the dual-use dilemma of beneficial new research being co-opted for harmful purposes. Dr Balmer’s talk will report on a historical case study of dual-use and the development of chemical warfare. Dr Mirza’s presentation, “The road to medical innovation & access: from a rear-view mirror” will provide a historical perspective on intellectual property, innovations in medical technology, and public health.

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