From medical geography to the geography of health

This presentation traces the historical relationship between geography, epidemiology and public health. It argues that to reap full national and international benefits, biomedical paradigms must be overcome, and that health (not just disease) and the system of health (not just the health care system), must be considered in their spatial and territorial dimensions. The presentation develops this point of view with the help of precise examples drawn from research in developed and developing countries.

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