



FROM ENDEMIC DISEASE TO A NATIONAL SCOURGE. THE MEDICALIZATION FOR LEPROSY IN BRAZIL.

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Abstract

In Latin America, particularly in Brazil, the concern to combat leprosy occurs mainly with the participation of representatives of the medical community in the several editions of the "International Leprosy Conference" - the first happened in Berlin in 1897. The guidelines for these conferences would serve as basis for the development of research on the disease, as well as for elaboration/implementation of preventive practices to combat it. In this paper is intended to analyze as a set research and prophylactic actions in Europe countries, such as Norway, are received and "reinterpreted" in Brazil, where nowadays leprosy is recognized as a national scourge.