



# How Infection Shaped America: Lessons from Irish Famine



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The talk will examine the role of Infection in human history, using the Irish Great Famine. It will review the interactions between starvation and infection as causes of death in famine and examine social and political influences on the health in the context of environmental disasters.

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