

MUSE in FOCUS: **Pandemic**

A sampling of scholarship from Project MUSE publishers to bring some historical, cultural, and social context to the COVID-19 crisis.

As the modern world faces an unprecedented crisis in the COVID-19 pandemic, it is difficult to put into context each day's events and how they will reverberate for years to come. In order to bring some perspective and context, in the spring of 2020 Project MUSE collaborated with participating non-profit publishers who provided a sampling of scholarship and we were truly amazed at the depth and breadth of interdisciplinary content they've provided.

"MUSE in Focus: Contextualizing Pandemic" is just a sampling of this scholarship on the broad topic of pandemic and its effects throughout history, in culture, and on humanity as a whole. We hope that bringing these pieces together will help to bring historical and cultural context to the current crisis, so that we may look to the knowledge of the past to guide us forward.

We envision this cross section as a place for scholars and generally interested readers alike to begin learning more. We also encourage readers to explore Project MUSE for additional relevant content.

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