The World’s problems are indeed problems social and environmental crises, global trade and politics, and major upheavals are pushing public health to new heights. From this moment onwards, changing health, global governance, and international law will become the single most important historical phenomenon of the past five centuries. Western civilization’s rise to global dominance is the single most important historical phenomenon of the past five centuries. How did the West overtake its rivals? This is the question that forms the basis of this book. The authors explore the history of the West, including the role of the United Nations, WHO, and other international organizations. They provide a comprehensive analysis of the key events and trends that have shaped the modern world, and discuss the implications of these developments for global health and international relations. The book covers a wide range of topics, including the rise of democracy, the spread of industrialization, and the development of modern medicine. It also addresses contemporary issues such as the role of international organizations in shaping global health policy, the impact of globalization on public health, and the challenges of responding to emerging health threats.