



Advances in the Health Effects of Place and Social Inequality

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Message from the Guest Editor

Income inequality has sharply increased in recent years. Statistics show that the top one percent of the population captures a much larger share of total income growth. In the US in the last four decades, the actual annual earnings for the top 1% and bottom 90% increased by 158% and 24%, respectively, with wider gaps between men and women. Similar trends have been observed in other countries. The alarming trends in income inequality raise questions: What is happening if income inequality stays high? Does it harm all communities or only poor people, and who will suffer more? Race and place are two other predictors of high income inequality and worse health outcome. Almost all socioeconomic factors, including income, are influenced by race and ethnicity. The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine has reported that African Americans and the poor consistently exhibit higher rates of multiple diseases, physical and mental impairment, functional limitations, and disabilities. In this Special Issue we want to learn how income inequality, race, and place drive health outcomes in communities.





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