

Editorial

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Health Tomorrow: Interdisciplinarity and Internationality (HTII) has been promoting interdisciplinary research from health justice perspectives since 2012. Growing knowledge of the ways in which oppressive colonial processes and their destructive legacies affect the health of individuals and communities compelled us to dedicate this fifth installation to the important and necessary challenge of “Taking Back Health”.

Volume 5 critically analyzes health discourses and practices, disrupting dominant understandings of health and dislodging approaches to healthcare from their epistemological, economic, institutional, demographic, and political centres. Often, this work is accomplished by making explicit the intersection of individual experiences, identities, and systems, as well as structures that interact simultaneously and on multiple levels.

Such critiques expose how health inequities and systemic injustices are embedded in conventional biomedical approaches, pathologies, and eurocentric conceptions of health and health services. By mapping instances of health inequities and injustices onto broader socio-political territories, Volume 5 helps us better understand the expression and interaction of multiple forms of oppression and discrimination.

Resisting these discourses also means decentering conventional health narratives, promoting emancipatory worldviews, and fostering more positive and contextualized health practices. Through destabilization, notions of health can become more dynamically responsive to context, power, privilege, and social location.

We are pleased to introduce a collection that directly speaks to these issues and processes.

HTII recognizes the importance of open dialogue across disciplines and social contexts and challenges researchers thinking about health to situate their work within an intersectional framework of social justice. We encourage prospective authors to contact us to discuss contributing to our subsequent volume at htii@yorku.ca.