



The Injustices: Social Determinants of Vulnerability to Unhealthy Behaviours

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Message from the Guest Editors

The prevalence of lifestyle-related diseases and psychosocial distress is higher among the poor, discriminated and marginalised. Some authors have attributed this to the failure of society, social policies and social institutions to tackle the uneven distribution of social goods and power, as well as socioeconomic discrimination against the marginalised. Others assert that social discrimination and lack of opportunities increase the vulnerability to maladaptive behaviours such as unhealthy relationships with food, tobacco smoking, drugs and alcohol dependence. The aim of this Special Issue is to highlight pioneering research that explores the understanding of and response to the inequalities experienced by socially disadvantaged and marginalised communities. This includes but is not limited to the homeless; ethnic minorities; migrants, asylum seekers, and refugees; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and two-spirit (LGBTQ2S); substance misusers; as well as survivors of gender-based violence and of torture and ill-treatment.





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