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Impact of Socioeconomic Status on Health and Subjective Well-Being: Dimensions and Mechanisms

Message from the Guest Editor

Although public health, social and medical sciences have intensively studied the association between socioeconomic status (SES) and health/subjective wellbeing (SWB), the evidence is less clear in low- and middle-income countries. Moreover, the COVID-19 pandemic has intensified existing SES-related health inequalities, and may exacerbate such inequalities by having a far greater impact on vulnerable populations than their better-off counterparts. To mitigate health/SWB inequalities across socioeconomic dimensions, policy makers need to comprehensively understand the nature of this gradient and its underlying pathways. The focus of this Special Issue is on issues related to SES-health gradient and its underlying mechanisms, both in and between developing and developed countries, and the impacts of sociodemographics on human SWB, which is measured both objectively and subjectively. We are also interested in studies that explore the relationship between SES in childhood and health at older ages, as well as potential policies and interventions to improve human health and SWB through interdisciplinary research from economics, demography, public health, and epidemiology, among others.

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