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Individual Agency vs. Social Structure in Population Health: How Complex Systems Perspectives Can Help Us to Keep the Balance in Research, Praxis, and Policy

Message from the Guest Editors

Complex systems informed paradigm has led to exciting theoretical developments where justice is done to both agency of individuals and the structure of social entities at the same time. Morphogenetic social theory of Margaret Archer, habitus theory of Pierre Bourdieu, assemblage theory of Manuel Delanda, actor-network theory of Bruno Latour, dialectic critical realism of Roy Bhaskar, complex realism of David Byrne, and the general framework of complex adaptive systems (CAS) theory are of the best examples of such theoretical developments under the hood of complexity paradigm. The diverse range of methodologies have also been germinated that aim to ease the understanding of complex systems. Soft-system methodologies, microsimulation, qualitative comparative analysis (QCA), and ergodicity methodologies, etc. This Special Issue invites scholars and researchers to synthesise a path forward in understanding public's health through the interplay of agency and structure using complexity-informed theories and methods.

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