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Edited by Vicente Navarro and Carles Muntaner

Combining scrupulous inquiry with analytic insight, the essays in this impressive collection penetrate deeply into fundamental issues of public health that are often obscured in narrowly focused technical discussions. The studies range widely over the human problems arising from the socioeconomic crises plaguing much of the world and suggest guidelines for addressing the underlying causes of circumstances that should not, and need not, be tolerated. An indispensable volume.

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—David Stuckler, Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Oxford
Author, *The Body Economic: Why Austerity Kills*

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—Margaret Whitehead, W H Duncan Professor of Public Health
Head, Department of Public Health and Policy
Institute of Psychology, Health and Society, University of Liverpool

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—Walter Korpi, Professor of Social Policy
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