Deprived Health:
the Collaborative Pursuit of Health Capability in Contexts of Socioeconomic Deprivation

Multidisciplinary Workshop
University College Dublin, Humanities Institute Seminar Room, Dublin, Ireland
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Day schedule:

- 8.45-9.00: Registration
- 9.00-9.30: The "Deprived Health" project: welcome and introduction with the workshop organizers *Ilaria Galasso, Meaza Haddis Gebeyehu and Susi Geiger*, *University College Dublin*.
- 9.30-10.30: Keynote address: *Sridhar Venkatapuram, King's College London* - The capability to be healthy and its applications 20 years on.
- 10.30-11.00: Coffee break
- 11.00-12.30: Parallel sessions
  - 1A: Health capability in deprived and violent settings (HI seminar room)
  - 1B: Blind spots and system failure for health capability (Social Work Building, C102)
- 12.30-13.30: Lunch and networking
- 13.30-15.00: Parallel sessions:
  - 2A: Health literacy and use of technology in deprived settings (Hi seminar room)
  - 2B: Addressing barriers for health capability for deprived and traumatized populations (Social Work Building, C102)

- 15.00-15.30: Coffee break
- 15.30-16.40: Parallel sessions
    - C1: Participatory research with vulnerable populations with neglected health needs (HI seminar room)
    - C2: Environmental determinants of health capability (Social Work Building, C102)
- 16.45-17.30: final collective discussion, collaborative framing and launch of the 'Deprived Health' network.

Parallel sessions:

1A) 11.00-12.30 Institute of Humanities Seminar Room

HEALTH CAPABILITY IN DEPRIVED AND VIOLENT SETTINGS

- *Jill Hernandez, Texas Tech University, United States* - Atrocity-Responsive Health Justice: Case Studies of Deprivation
- *Oluwole Kazeem Sanni, Durban University of Technology, South Africa* - "Nothing for Us Without Us": Operationalising Venkatapuram's Health Capability Framework through Trauma-Informed Participatory Research with Conflict-Displaced Nigerians
- *Olufemi Adenitan, University of Exeter, United Kingdom* - Beyond Healthcare: Capability, Governance and Health Justice for Women and Girls Displaced by the Farmer–Herder Conflict in Nigeria
- *Abhinav Anand, Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur, India* - Securitisation of Health and Social Justice in Sidin Vadukut's *Bombay Fever*

1B) 11.00-12.30 Agnes McGuire Social Work Building, Room C102

BLIND SPOTS AND SYSTEMS FAILURES FOR HEALTH CAPABILITY

- *Suadath Veshnampara, Centre for Economic & Social Studies, Hyderabad, India* - The Kerala Model Revisited: Why Access Doesn't Guarantee Women's Health Capability
- *Naha Parikh, University College Dublin, Ireland* - Caught in the Middle: Health Shocks, Private Care, and Financial Vulnerability in India
- *Astha Jaiswal, Central University of Gujarat, India* - From Storage to Social Justice: Health Capability and Equitable Access in Public Umbilical Cord Blood Banking in India

- *Smrutimayee Sarangi, University College Dublin, Ireland* - Persistent Maternal Health Inequalities among Indigenous Women in India: Understanding the Role of Identity and Structural Barriers

2A) 13.30-15.00 Institute of Humanities Seminar Room

HEALTH LITERACY AND USE OF TECHNOLOGIES IN DEPRIVED SETTINGS

- *Keerthi Dubbala, Karl Landsteiner University, Austria* - Barriers to accessing mental health care and the use of Digital and AI based mental health support in University students

- *Silvia Ivani, American University of Armenia, Armenia* - Healthcare, AI Conversational Agents, and Discursive Spaces

- *Saheed Isiaka, University of Ibadan, Nigeria* - Homelessness, Use of Technology, and Healthcare Utilisation among Young People in the Urban Slums of Lagos, Nigeria

- *Oluwafunmike Ogwa, University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria* - Community engagement and responsive feedback to improve childhood immunization uptake in underserved communities: implications for health capability.

2B) 13.30 – 15.00 Agnes Mc Guire Social Work Building, Room C102

ADDRESSING BARRIERS TO HEALTH CAPABILITY FOR DERPIVED AND TRAUMATIZED POPULATIONS

- *Lyric Helena Emerson, independent researcher* - The Burden of Conversion: Administrative Work and Health Capability Under Deprivation

- *Yining Qian, University College Dublin, Ireland* - Unspoken Pasts, Unmet Needs: Historical Trauma as an Epistemic Barrier to Health Capability among First-Generation Chinese Migrant Women

- *Ambra Bergamasco, University College Dublin, Ireland* - Embodied Practices of Care in Conditions of Abandonment: Clinical Dance Therapy within the Italian Reception System

- *Jawhar Cholakkathodi, SRM University-AP, India* - Invisible Care and Deprived Health: Women Waste Workers in Kerala's Decentralised Waste Governance

3A) 15.30 – 16.45, Institute of Humanities Seminar Room

PARTICIPATORY RESEARCH WITH VULNERABLE POPULATIONS WITH NEGLECTED HEALTH NEEDS

- *Ṣeun Sẹ̀ẹ́ Williams and Adewale Ọnagbẹsan, University College Dublin, Ireland* - Deprived and Despised: Researching Poverty-Related and Neglected Tropical Diseases in West Africa

- *Lisa Lehner, Verena Kollmann and Cornelia Feichtinger, University of Vienna, Austria* - Early Results and Epistemic Challenges in Lifeworld-Oriented Participatory Research with People who Experience Homelessness and Cancer: the LISTEN-IN Project (2025-2027).

- *Julie Broderick, University College Dublin, Ireland* - The LEAP Studies: The feasibility of trauma-informed, low threshold exercise and protein supplementation for people who have experienced severe and multiple disadvantage.

3B) 15.30 – 16.45, Agnes Mc Guire Building Room C102

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH CAPABILITY

- *Mohamadmahdi K. Moraveji, Qom Seminary, Iran* - Health by Design: Urban Planning as an Instrument of Health Justice in Light of Henri Lefebvre's Philosophy

- *Noelle Withfield, Florida State University, United States* - The Grass is Always Greener_ Golf Courses, Green Space, and Health Capability

- *Jeyver Rodriguez, Universidad Central de Chile, Chile* - From Climate Injustice to Deprived Health: Zoonoethics, Community Engagement, and the Future of One Health

REGISTRATION

Registration is **free of charge but required**.

To register, **please send an email to Dr Ilaria Glasso: ilaria.galasso1@ucd.ie**

Please register **by 16 November 2026**.

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