

Key Terms in Political Economy and Critical Social Science and their Implications for Population Health and for Health Care

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The Key Terms project was initially conceived as a pilot for a proposed annotated glossary of key terms in political economy and critical social science which are of particular importance in the struggle for health.

We have identified a number of key terms which could be covered in the proposed glossary (see below). We have draft entries for only seven of these. The list of terms in the Annex is indicative only.

The outcome of the project would be an accessible, browsable resource which would support health practitioners in exploring the relevance of political economy to their work. Critical aspects of the design would be extensive cross referencing (between the key terms) and a full index focused on the health implications of the various key terms. These two features would support browsability and repeated dipping into and skimming across the document.

The implementation of the project could also provide a useful opportunity for health activists to work together in identifying key terms, reviewing contemporary usage, and considering the implications of the terms (and the underlying phenomena) to health.

The final form that the resource might take (online, hard copy, or journal publication) is open for further consideration. Please note that the pilot entries so far developed are first drafts designed to illustrate the concept. They will benefit from feedback and more work.

Annex. Possible scope of key terms project

Key terms from political economy and critical social science with important implications for health care and population health

Accumulation *
Activism
Alienation 👍
Anarchism
Austerity
Autarky
Barter
Capital
Capitalism
Class 👍
Colonialism **
Coloniality
Commodity
Communism
Convergence **
Delinkage
Dependency
Determinants/determination of health 👍
Development
Dialectics
Discourse 👍
Enlightenment
Extractivism
Externalisation***
Fascism
Financialisation 👍
Fordism
Gift
Global value chain
Globalisation
Governance
Hegemony
Hope
Ideology 👍
Imperialism 👍
Intersectionality 👍
Labour arbitrage
Leninism
Liberal
Marketisation *** (and 'contract state')
Marxism
Mercantilism
Modernisation
Monetarism

Annex

Monopoly
Neoliberalism 👍
NIEO 👍
Overproduction 👍
Political economy
Power ***
Praxis 👍
Precariousness
Proletarian
Revolution
Relativism
Stalinism
Structural
Transnational corporation
Trotskyism
Uncertainty
Unequal exchange
Utopianism
Value/s ***
Value chain
War