



# POLITICS, POWER AND RESISTANCE

WEEK 4: GLOBAL HEALTH INEQUITIES

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## LOCKDOWN, HEALTHCARE & RACIST ABLEISM

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You were asked by the Victorian Health Department to advise on community engagement in the response to the outbreak of Covid-19 in the 9 Melbourne tower blocks in July 2020. What do you think an antiracist response to healthcare during the pandemic could look like?

DR CHRIS LEMOH



RACE & COVID-19 WEB SERIES

# PERSPECTIVE

**WE DRAW TOGETHER OUR LEARNING IN WEEKS 1-3 BY LOOKING AT GLOBAL HEALTH INEQUITIES**

## **POWER TO THE PEOPLE**

- ▶ **Where there is resistance there is power**
- ▶ **Politics is war without bloodshed**
- ▶ **Understanding oppression to challenge it**

## **WHY EVERYTHING COSTS MONEY**

- ▶ **Capitalism is based on wage labour, private ownership and profit**
- ▶ **Labour creates surplus value**
- ▶ **Capitalism was always global, dependent on super-exploitation of the minority of the world by imperial powers**

## **THE COLONIALITY OF POWER**

- ▶ **The modern-colonial world system still defines global power**
- ▶ **Coloniality expresses itself in knowledge and self-understanding as well as politics**
- ▶ **Decolonisation just be material, not just symbolic**

# **QUESTION 1**

**WHAT HAS COVID-19 REVEALED TO US ABOUT THE WAY WE THINK ABOUT HEALTH?**

# **QUESTION 2**

**HOW HAVE THE STRUCTURAL INEQUITIES IN OUR SOCIETY SHAPED OUR RESPONSE TO COVID-19?**

# **QUESTION 3**

**HOW DO WE MAKE THE HISTORIES OF THIS TIME SERVE A MORE JUST AND EQUITABLE FUTURE?**