Special Issue

Life Course Neighbourhood Effects

Message from the Guest Editors

There have been calls to improve the evidence base to test the thesis that an accumulation of exposure to certain neighbourhood circumstances is damaging to health and wellbeing. This Special Issue presents papers using longitudinal data showing how where you live across the life course impacts later life health and wellbeing. Most research on neighbourhood effects has relied on cross-sectional characteristics of place, which adds very little to our understanding of the causal relationship between where you live and your health and wellbeing. In order to gain a deeper understanding of the origins of adult health and wellbeing, it is important to take into consideration factors throughout the life course using a longitudinal study design. A life course perspective of neighbourhood effects is important because it is possible that people could move between places or that the places where they live change in situ. Life course theories also consider the measurement of accumulated disadvantages, which is absent from cross-sectional neighbourhood effects studies that only take account of concurrent neighbourhood circumstances.

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