

Bio



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Fernando De Maio, PhD, was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina. He received a BA (Hons.) degree in Sociology and Economics from the University of Toronto, and his MA (Sociology and Health Studies) and PhD (Sociology) degrees from the University of Essex. His research and teaching interests lie primarily within medical sociology and social epidemiology, with a focus on the concept of structural violence and the social determinants of health. His work has been guided by the notion of 'radical statistics' – the idea that statistical analysis can be used to not just describe the world, but to change it.

He is the author of *Health & Social Theory* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2010) and *Global Health Inequities* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2014), and co-editor of *Latin American Perspectives on the Sociology of Health and Illness* (Routledge, 2018), *Community Health Equity: A Chicago Reader* (University of Chicago Press, 2019), and most recently, *Unequal Cities: Structural Racism and the Death Gap in America's Largest Cities* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2021).

His work appears in a wide range of academic journals, including the American Journal of Public Health, Critical Public Health, Global Public Health, the Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved, the International Journal of Epidemiology, and the New England Journal of Medicine. He serves as an associate editor of Health Sociology Review and is also on the editorial board of the International Journal of Social Research Methodology.

Fernando was a founding co-director of the [Center for Community Health Equity](#), which was founded by DePaul University and Rush University in 2015. In 2019, he was a Research Fellow at the Sinai Urban Health Institute.

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