

# **NO FUTURE, NO FEAR: The Acampada Movement and the Defence of the Spanish Public Health**

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Spain has been one of the epicentres of vibrant working and middle class responses to Austerity measures as that country grapples with the German dominated Eurozone and its own aggressive neo Francoist government. Social epidemiologist and health inequalities researcher Dr. Carles Muntaner is just back from a sabbatical in Spain and will share his participant observer account on what is happening on the ground there.

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**Carles Muntaner**, MD, PhD, MHS is Professor of Nursing, Public Health and Psychiatry at the University of Toronto, Canada. He is also member of the WHO sponsored Global Health Prevention Center at the University of Toronto. He is associate researcher at the Institute for Work and Health, the Keenan Research Center at St Michaels Hospital in Toronto and adjunct professor with the Department of Mental Health, at Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health in Baltimore. As a founding member of the EMCONET research group he is also currently appointed at the Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona.

Since the early nineties, Dr. Muntaner has conducted extensive research, relying mostly on primary data collection studies among workers in the US, the European Union, Latin America, Asia and Western Africa, with a focus on social inequalities in health. Dr. Muntaner's research agenda on social inequalities in health began with studies of immigrants, unemployment, working conditions and health services inequities in Europe and North America. Dr. Muntaner advanced the fields of psychosocial work environment and employment relations as a risk factor for mental disorders, the measurement of social class as property relations and managerial domination, the effects of neighborhood and workplace contexts on health, and realist approaches of class, racism, sexism, migration, precariousness and work organization, income inequality and social cohesion in public health. In the late nineties Dr. Muntaner's focus turned to macro-social determinants of health and focused on integrating politics, welfare state and labor markets as determinants of population health.

Dr. Muntaner has been Principal Investigator on primary data collection grants financed by NIDA, NIMH, NIOSH and CDC in the US and CIHR in Canada. More than one hundred and eighty of his three hundred plus publications appear in the Web of Science. He has been first author of empirical studies published in Psychopharmacology, American Journal of Epidemiology, American Journal of Public Health, International Journal of Epidemiology, Annals of Epidemiology, Health and Place and Social Science and Medicine among other journals. He has been member of NIH (US) and CIHR (Canada) study sections and of advisory boards of Centers for Health Disparities (US). He has served as consultant for the PAHO and several governments in Latin America, including Venezuela and Chile. He participated in the "Marmot Review" and is currently part of the review on social determinants and the health divide in the WHO European region. He co-chaired the Employment Conditions Network (EMCONET) of the WHO Commission on Social Determinants of Health. Dr. Muntaner's awards include the Wade Hampton Frost Award from the Epidemiology section of the American Public Health Associations for his contributions of international health equity research.