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Global Health Webinar Series

# Professor Taryn Young, Executive Head, ​​​​Department of Global Health, Stellenbosch University, cordially invites you to a webinar on

**Global Inequality and Community Wellbeing:**

**1 CPD** point in Level 1

**Positioning Disability Intersectionalities at the Centre of Infrastructures of Social Protection**.

**17 January 2023, 12:00 – 13:30pm,**

**Venue: Lecture room 6, 1st Floor (Auditorium), Education Building**

The impacts of Covid-19 have reminded us of the severe disparities in social inequalities that continue to thrive in our world. For so many of our community members, the experience of Covid-19 was one of repetition. First, the experience of the well-established disproportionate inequities in health and social care systems, delivery and distribution, both prevailed and often, became more entrenched for highly marginalised groups, especially for those living with disability, chronic conditions and ill-health. Second, the experience of being invisible to health and social care systems, services and the workforce because of one’s position of marginality were deepened. And third, the absence of social and political representation of our most vulnerable community members in decision making throughout the covid crises, particularly for community members who live at the intersections of racism, classism, ableism and cissexism, was persistent and unrelenting.

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This paper will be driven by two core questions that will seek to explore the important role of sociologies of disability in shaping disciplinary understandings within the sociologies of inequality in a post-pandemic world. First, it asks, what role can sociologies of disability play in deepening the epistemological engagement with deepening sociological questions of inequality? Second, it asks, how can we, as sociologists of inequality, engage in co-creating sustainable research practices to broaden out and mobilise civil and political understandings of disability inequity – in both its production and reproduction – to address the deepening structural relations of ableism that are emerging in our pandemic world?

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