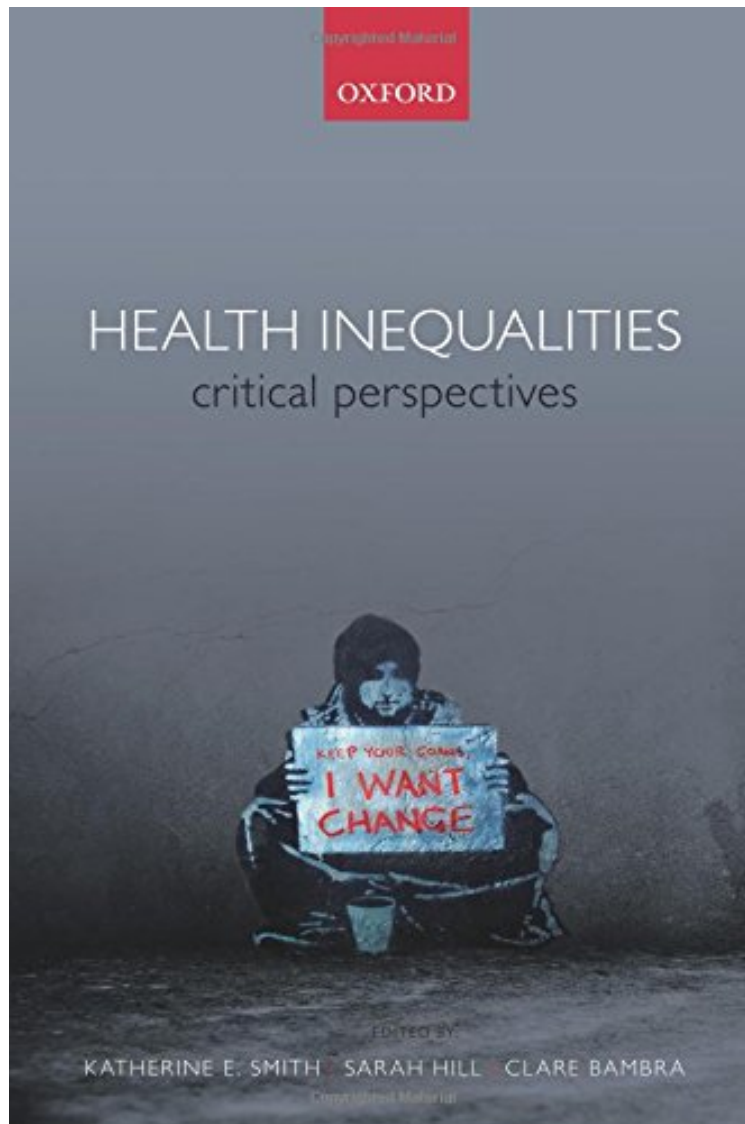


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Informed by a wealth of available research, between 1997 and 2010, the UK Labour government introduced a raft of policies to reduce health inequalities. Despite this, by most measures, the UK's health inequalities have continued to

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By combining critical social and political science perspectives together with more standard public health approaches, and mainly applying them to the UK context, this book goes beyond standard traditional public health approaches, to try to better understand and address health inequalities * Lucinda Cash-Gibson and Joan Benach, *Journal of Social Policy* * The authors' accomplishments, good and bad experiences, concerns, beliefs and values will resonate among many readers who are public health researchers or practitioners. The book will stimulate, encourage and challenge us to move from research to advocacy and campaigning. Furthermore, regardless of our specific field of research or public health practice, the book will remind us to be always aware and explicit about the values inherent in our professional and personal choices and decisions. * Ilona Koupil, Centre for Health Equity Studies, Stockholm University/Karolinska Institutet Department of Public Health Sciences, Sweden; *European Journal of Public Health*, 11 *About the Author Katherine E. Smith, Reader, Global Public Health Unit, University of Edinburgh, UK, Clare Bamba, Professor of Public Health Geography, Centre for Health and Inequalities Research, Durham University, Sarah E. Hill, Senior Lecturer, Global Public Health Unit, University of Edinburgh, UK Katherine Smith is a Reader at the Global Public Health Unit in the School of Social and Political Science at the University of Edinburgh. Her research focuses on analysing policies affecting public health (especially health inequalities) and better understanding the relationships between public health research, policy, advocacy and lobbying. Katherine recently brought some of this work together in a book entitled *Beyond Evidence Based Policy in Public Health: The Interplay of Ideas*, as part of a new book series, *Palgrave Studies in Science, Knowledge and Policy*, which she co-edits with Professor Richard Freeman. From January 2011-December 2012, Katherine held an MRC-ESRC Post-Doctoral Fellowship, followed by an ESRC Future Research Leaders award in 2013-2015. Clare Bamba is Professor of Public Health Geography, Centre for Health and Inequalities Research, Durham University. Her research focuses on the health effects of labour markets, health and welfare systems, as well as the role of public policies to reduce health inequalities. She has published extensively in the field of health inequalities including a book on *Work, Worklessness and the Political economy of Health* (Oxford University Press, 2011). She contributed to the Marmot (2010); the European Commission's *Health Inequalities in the EU report* (2013); the US National Research Council Report on *US Health in International Perspective* (2013) as well as the Public Health England commissioned report on the health equity in the North of England: *Due North* (2014). Sarah Hill is a Public Health Physician and Senior Lecturer at the Global Public Health Unit in the School of Social and Political Science at the University of Edinburgh. Her research focuses on health inequalities and the social determinants of health, tobacco and health, and global health. She is particularly interested in the structural drivers of health inequalities including historical and institutional discrimination and the role of commercial actors in non-communicable disease epidemics. Sarah joined the University of Edinburgh in 2009 having previously worked in research, public health and medicine in New Zealand, the USA, West Africa and the UK.