



Cities, health, networks, and global governance

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My vision: *two* messages

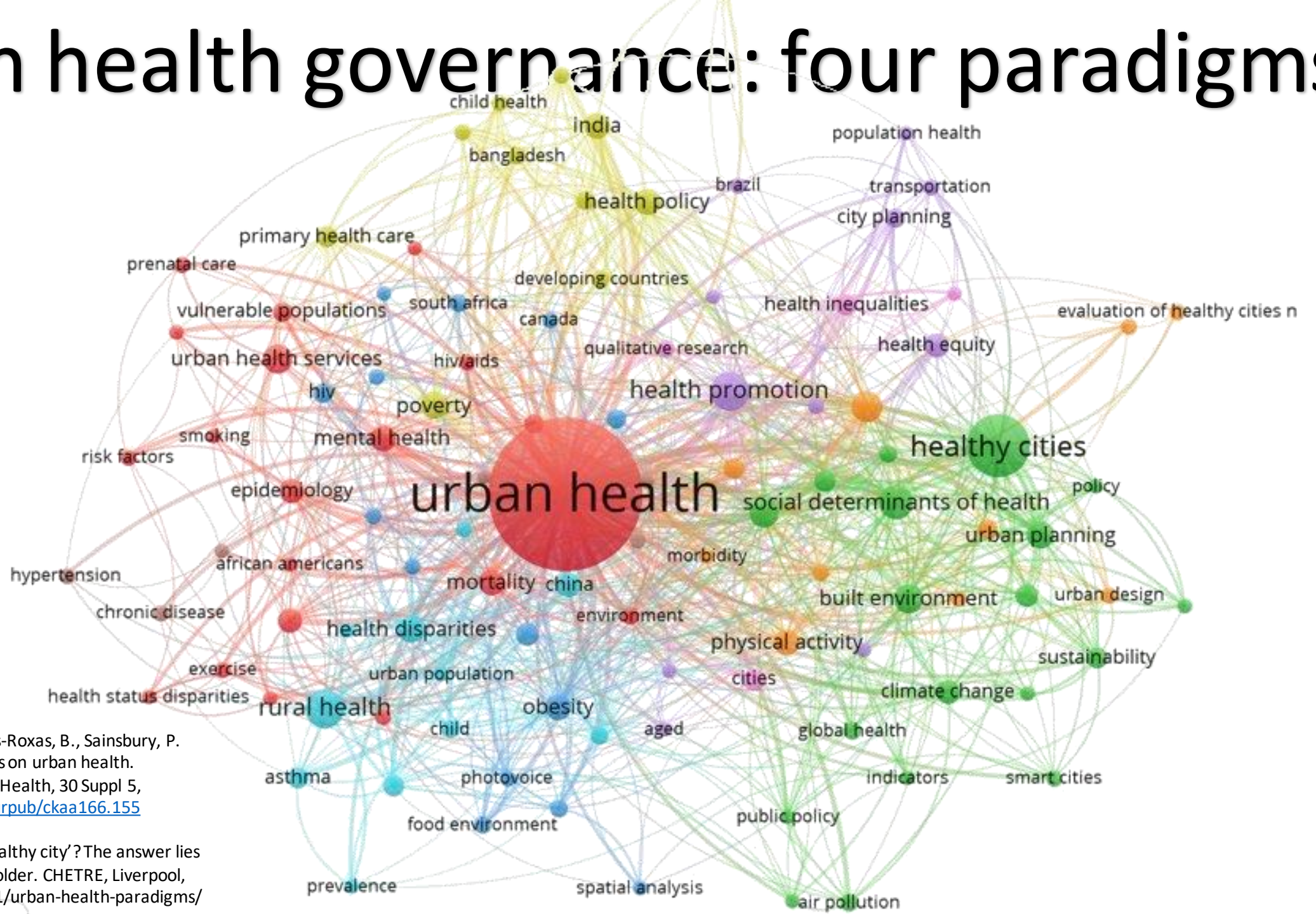


We are unique



We are together

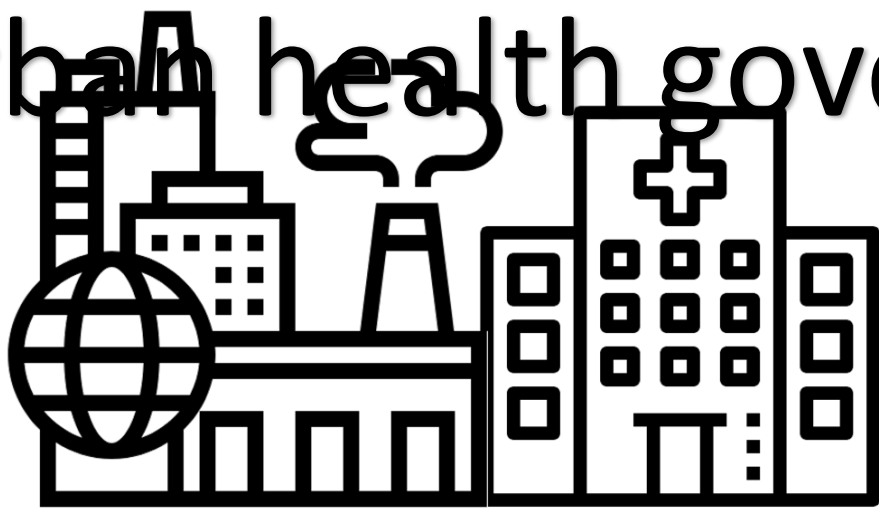
Urban health governance: four paradigms



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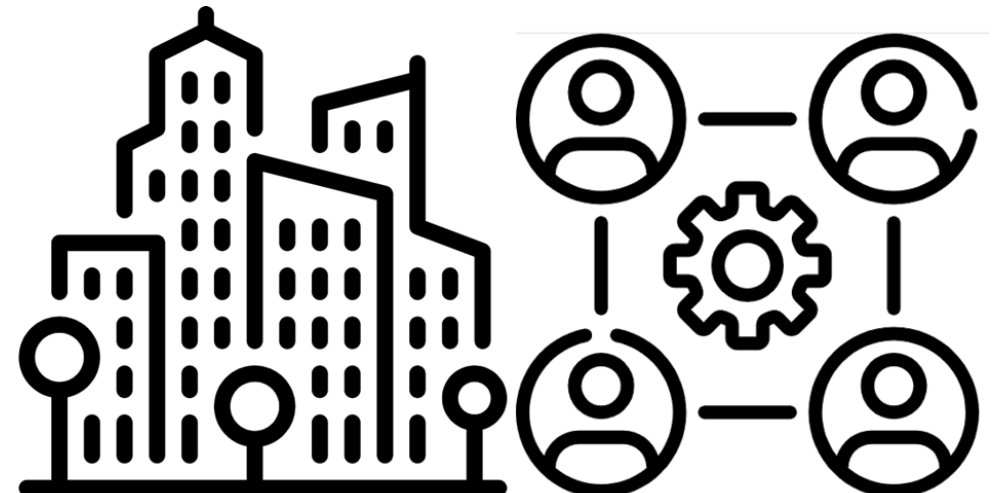
Medical-Industrial City








Urban Health Science








Healthy Built Environment








Health Social Movement

-  Urban development is predominantly economic
-  More economic development means more health
-  Health services can/must be developed in response
-  Everybody benefits/trickle down economics
-  Mostly free market/neoliberal






Medical-Industrial City

-  Urban development leads to different responses
-  *'Only what is measured matters'*
-  Academic pursuit; evidence-based policy & practice
-  Inequ(al)ity can be addressed through intervention
-  Mostly (proportionate) universalist

Urban Health Science

-  Urban development is a planning challenge
-  Health can be integrated in planning
-  'Health Urban Planning' guidelines, audits
-  Health equity is a systems issue
-  Health can be an integrative policy force

Healthy Built Environment

-  Urban development is a community issue/concern
-  Cities are pivots of people \Rightarrow concentration & mobility
-  Communities drive policy and change
-  Reciprocally engage public sector, industry, community
-  Responsive targeted proportionalism

Health Social Movement

Cities and global health governance



WHO Healthy Cities was the first global theme cities network

(after that many others followed, including Sustainable Cities, Smart Cities, Resilient Cities, Inclusive Cities, Slow Cities, Child-Friendly Cities, Age-Friendly Cities, Happy Cities, Healthy Cities 2.0, Creative Cities, Knowledge Cities, Festive Cities, Just Cities, Winter Cities, etc etc etc)



Urban responses to COVID-19



There are many (other) reasons that city networks are knocking on the door of global (health) governance

(Urbanisation; faltering leadership of nation-states; exorbitant accumulation of wealth in the hands of very few – e.g., Amazon's Jeff Bezos; disintegration of factfulness)



Get organised!

ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability; UCLG - United Cities and Local Governments; Metropolis.org; UNACLA - United Nations Advisory Committee of Local Authorities; UN-Habitat attempt to step in

Thanks for your attention

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