COLLATERAL DAMAGE: THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES OF COVID19

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While few would dispute the magnitude of the direct impacts of the COVID19 crisis, the downstream consequences have yet to be clearly articulated. The panel discusses the gaps and inequities that have been revealed as well as the wide-ranging collateral damage of the pandemic, which is exacting a largely unseen toll on individuals, communities and society at large.

Amélie Quesnel-Vallée holds the Canada Research Chair in Policies and Health Inequalities at McGill University, where she is jointly appointed across the Faculties of Arts (Sociology) and Medicine (Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Occupational Health). She is the founding Director of the McGill Observatory on Health and Social Services Reforms (MOHSSR), and an Associate Director of the North American Observatory on Health Systems and Policies (NAO, U. of Toronto). She was a Science Policy Fellow at the European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies (Imperial College London) and is a contributor to its Health Systems and Policy Monitor through the NAO. Her research examines the contribution of policies to social inequalities in health over the life course and appeared in journals such as The Lancet, the International Journal of Epidemiology, and Social Science & Medicine. She has experience in providing high-level scientific and strategic advice through her service on boards such as the National Statistics Council at Statistics Canada (2014-2017), and the Governing Council of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (2018-2021).

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