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ECOHEALTH, ONEHEALTH, GLOBAL HEALTH: WHY DIVERSITY, EMERGENCE AND RESILIENCE ARE KEY TO RESPONDING TO WICKED PROBLEMS

Ecohealth has emerged as a nexus of scholarly and practical effort at a time of considerable transition in research, policy, practice, and education. This presentation will offer a critical reflection on where ecohealth is headed as a transdisciplinary endeavour and how this emerging field positions itself among a series of other 'turn of 21st century' efforts such as OneHealth and Global Health. Early impetus for the journal *EcoHealth* drew on the momentum of 'Ecosystem Health' and 'Global Change and Human Health', plus growing interest in a journal to represent 'Conservation Medicine' and related fields. In the decade since, ecohealth has been informed by scholarly lineages that include 'ecosystem approaches to health'; rapid expansion in the field of disease ecology; richer understanding of complex ecosystem dynamics and their relationships with human well-being across cultures and societies; and increased recognition of the social-ecological context for animal and human health. As well as these different lineages, the influence of international conventions, declarations and assessments cannot be overlooked. Some would argue that ecohealth offers a conceptual space and scholarly home for the convergence, synthesis, and commonalities among, for example, the Rio Declaration on Sustainable Development, the International Panel on Climate Change, the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, the WHO Commission on the Social Determinants of Health, and the UN Declaration on Rights of Indigenous Peoples' Rights. Informed by the boundary-crossing involved with establishing an international, transdisciplinary journal and Association, this presentation reflects on a decade of field-building efforts, and the scholarly diversity, emergence and resilience required to understand and address the wicked problems that ecohealth is a direct response to.