

# CHP Seminar

The University of Melbourne

## Opportunity Pluralism and Children's Health\*

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This paper argues that dominant ways of thinking about the relationship between children's health and equality of opportunity are flawed. The paper therefore develops a new approach to the analysis of this relationship grounded in Joseph Fishkin's (2014) theory of 'opportunity pluralism'.

More specifically, the paper argues that we should pluralise our understanding of children's health, including both what it means for children to be healthy and what kind of opportunities different ways of being healthy may provide children with.

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Matteo Bonotti is a lecturer in the Department of Politics and International Relations at Monash University, having previously taught at Cardiff University, Queen's University Belfast, and the University of Edinburgh.

Matteo's research interests are diverse but unified by a common underlying theme: ethical pluralism and cultural diversity in contemporary societies, and the question of how the state should respond to them.

Matteo is currently writing a monograph (with Anne Barnhill, Johns Hopkins University) on healthy eating policy and liberal political philosophy, which is under contract with Oxford University Press. His research interests also include linguistic justice, free speech, religion and political theory, and the normative dimensions of partisanship.