Dear colleagues and friends,

I am proud to share with you a new, Open-Access chapter of mine entitled "**Beyond Inclusion: From Liberal Integration to Radical Belonging**."

Humbly building on the work of many in these academic groups and drawing on case studies from my career, I take the framework from my recent co-authored article, "A Trauma-Informed Planning Framework (TIPF) for Immigrant Belonging," a critical step further.

This chapter reexamines liberal promises of inclusion, integration, and resilience from an emancipatory planning perspective. I use minoritized trauma to describe the cumulative harms inflicted on racialized, colonized, and legally vulnerable populations through dispossession, displacement, surveillance, confinement, environmental sacrifice, labor exploitation, and institutional abandonment. It refers to Latina/o immigrant residents and workers in Kansas City and Southern California; immigrant farmers in South Los Angeles; conflict-displaced and low-income residents of Medellín; and lower-income residents and caregivers in Talca and Concepción, whose experiences are shaped by intersecting relations of race, gender, class, legal status, and age. Trauma-informed planning is not therapy by another name. It asks how places, policies, and governance can prevent retraumatization, support healing, and change the conditions that reproduce harm. I connect racial capitalism, coloniality, and carceral power: they organize the valuation of populations and places, legitimize territorial and epistemic authority, and secure these relations through surveillance, policing, detention, and removal. Trauma persists as institutions and material arrangements reproduce injury. Across four cases—immigrant placemaking and deportability; the South Central Farm struggle; green infrastructure in Medellín; and communitarian care during COVID-19 in Chile—I show how communities transform situated knowledge into care, refusal, coalition, public joy, and institution-making. These practices sustain life, contest harmful terms, affirm presence, and produce common goods. Radical belonging names the capacity to inhabit, govern, remember, care, and remake socio-spatial relations without coerced assimilation or dispossession. I conclude with a planning paradigm centered on repair, redistribution, decommodification, demilitarization, self-determination, and accountable community power.

I hope you find it interesting and relevant to your work. Please feel free to share it with others who might be interested.

Best regards,

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Ignorance, allied with power, is the most ferocious enemy justice can have. —James Baldwin

Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time… If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. —Habakkuk 2: 2-3

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