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How comparing South Africa, Russia and 19th century Sweden gives clues on human resources for health today

Comparing contemporary Russia and South Africa with early 19th century Sweden offers insights into how human resources to protect welfare and health are established, eroded and re-established over time, and who become "winners" and "losers" in the construction of the social fabric. Despite chronological, economic, social and cultural differences, societies may share many common experiences during periods of rapid social change. Knowing more about these forces may also offer clues to where the resources should be directed in order to meet the challenges, help minimize stigmatisation of vulnerable groups, and increase understanding across cultural borders.

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