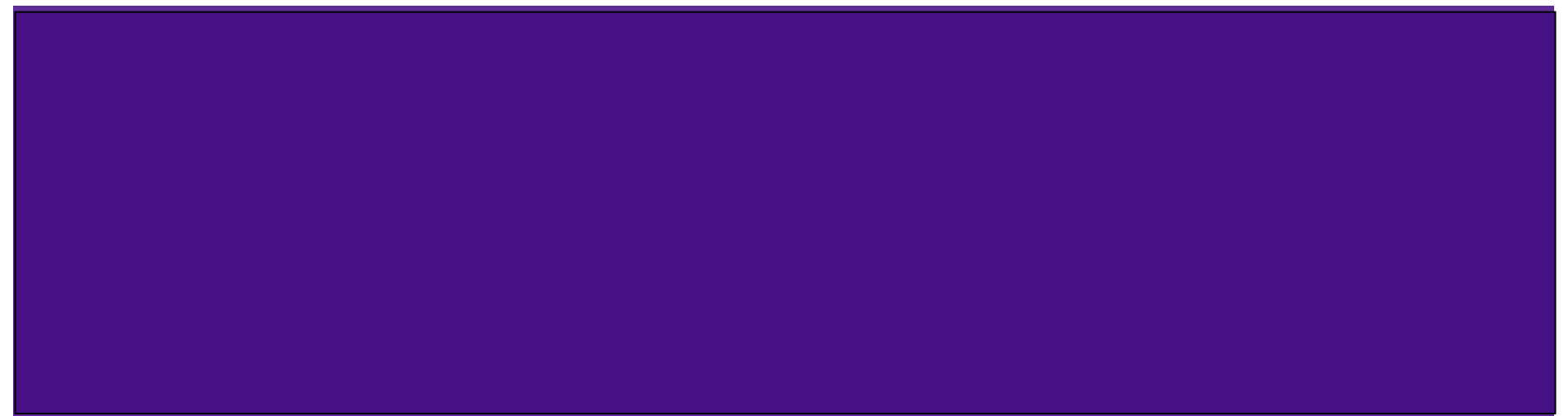




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Research in LMICs

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Dividing the Globe

- **High Income Countries & Low- and Middle- Income Countries**
 - World Bank definition of HICs: gross national income per capita of US \$13,589 or more in 2022
- **Global North & Global South**
 - North = “the West”, i.e. US, Canada, Europe, Australia, New Zealand
 - South = LMICs
- How different are these from “First World” (US and Allies), “Second World” (Communist countries), “Third World” (those whose people live on less than \$100 annually)?



The (Hierarchical) Origins of Global Health

- Global health originated under the terms **international health** and **tropical medicine**
 - Kopan et al (2009): “an area for study, research, and practice that places a priority on improving health and achieving equity in health for all people worldwide”
- 2008 inaugural meeting of Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH)
 - the few participants from the Global South said “global health is Northern concept”
 - “for the academic institutions of the Global South, everyday public health, medical and nursing education and practices constitute “global health”
- **What is public health and what is global health?**
 - **To whom? In the face of global infectious diseases?**



Global North & Global South Partnerships

- What is **partnership**?
 - Larkan et al (2016): “contextually relevant peer-to-peer collaborations which offer a platform for sharing knowledge and growing expertise globally, working towards a common goal, across disciplines and perspectives”
- However, there is still a directional aspect to most work
 - Money, research, “capacity building” resources move from the Global North to the Global South



Global North & Global South Partnerships

- Gaultier et al (2018) distinguish between levels of these “partnerships” in the following way
 - **Macro-level:** institutions
 - “Decolonization” drained resources from Africa → Global North to “save” the day
 - North to South funding transfers + humanitarian aid/charity
 - **Meso-level:** research teams
 - Global North researchers are PIs and develop projects/secure funding → Global South “partners” to collect data “in the field” → Global North researchers analyze and write
 - **Micro-level:** individuals
- All reproduce the imbalance of power



Rethinking Global North & Global South Partnerships (Gautier et al 2018)

- **Deconstructing:**
 - “examining in order to reveal the basis or composition of often with the intention of exposing biases, flaws, or inconsistencies”
- **Macro-level:** rethinking what the field of global health is
- **Meso-level & micro-level:** understanding the colonial history of global health, combating “brain drain”, committing to one’s own training and continued re-education

