Public Health during the Anthropocene: A Survey of Brasil's Unified Health Care System

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Introduction
- Casa de Oswaldo Cruz (COC) is a research nexus for documenting the history of sciences
- Focusing on research in the Anthropocene in Brasil with SUS (Sistema Único de Saúde) in mind

Objective of Internship
I wanted to explore the confluence and growing intersectionality between global/public health and ecology defined during the Anthropocene.

Reflection
- Aside from readings and discussions with professors, I visited different sites such as the women's and children's health center (IFF), nationally protected ecological sites such as Burle Marx's house, and other Fiocruz campuses in Petrópolis and Mata Atlântica to understand the sweeping role of SUS and how they are incorporating environmental justice within their public health system.

Looking Ahead
- I hope to advocate for an unified public health system that encompasses individual health and prioritizes ecological concerns in an equitable way.

Questions
- Is it possible to negate or prevent further environmental degradation (and in part capitalism) through robust public health policies? If so, what philosophical undertaking is needed to garner such support?

Conclusion
- Substantial and urgent work must be needed to fully address the public health crises we face during the Anthropocene.

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