

A conceptual framework to help decolonise disability research with Indigenous people with disability

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Although Indigenous Standpoint Theory has been in use in Australian Indigenous studies for many decades, there is minimal exploration of its applicability in Australian disability studies. Indigenous people with disabilities have experienced substantial abuses from researchers since British invasion. Although the AH&MRC and AIATSIS have developed Indigenous research ethics protocols, researchers are still disrespecting Indigenous people with disabilities in the research process. What is needed is an Indigenous conceptual framework in disability research and policy development that assists Indigenous people with disabilities to regain control of research that involves them. This presentation proposes such a conceptual framework that brings together the strengths of the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health and Indigenous Standpoint Theory for research and policy development regarding Indigenous people with disabilities. This framework provides criteria that bridge the cultural interface between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities to emancipate Indigenous people with disabilities in the research and policy development process in Australian disability and Indigenous affairs.