



Socio-cultural determinants of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing

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- Defining socio-cultural determinants
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Background

- The ‘gap’ and measuring the gap (what are we measuring?)
 - The ‘fundamental flaw of adaption of values and practices of western society’ (Yu, 2011)
 - Socio-cultural determinants (proximal and distal) of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing
 - Data availability and integrity/completeness





Definitions

The cultural determinants are a set within the social determinants, they concern features of a group that are bound in the values, belief and behaviors within the group.

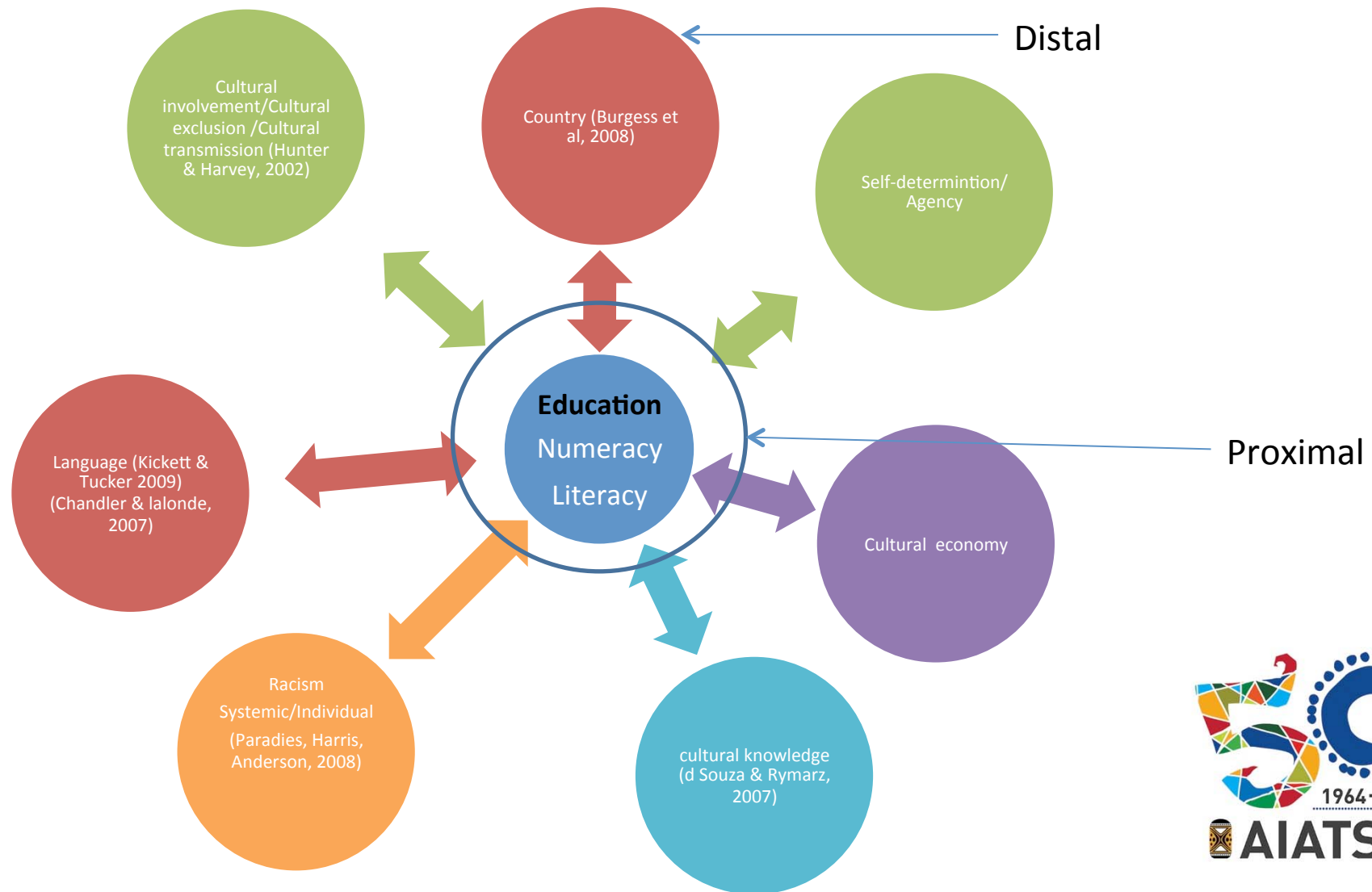
These features commonly concern (Brown, 2013, Chandler and Lalonde, 2007, Knibb-Lamouche, 2012, Hallet, Chandler, Lalonde, 2007, Prout, 2011):

- Land/Country
- Spirituality
- Identity, Hx ancestry
- Family and community Hx
- Language/inc. reclamation
- Self-determination/Agency
- Cultural continuity
- Cultural economy
- Others

Focused on unique cultural elements and continuity of those elements



Where cultural determinants fit Proximal V Distal



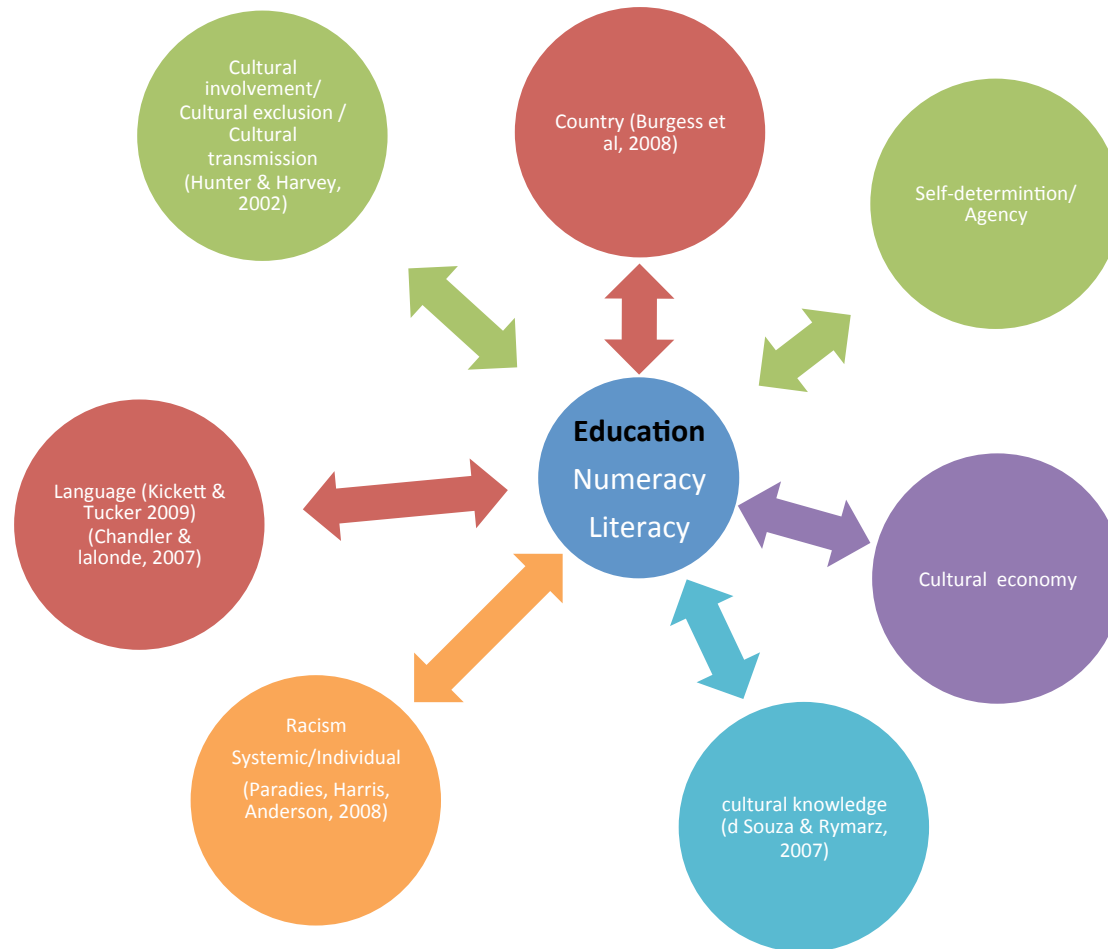


What we know

- Current data on cultural determinants
 - NATSISS
 - Living on country (9-40%)
 - Time spent with leaders or elders (23-48%)
 - Removal from family (limited useful data no account of intergenerational)
 - Psychological distress (30%- moderate to severe) 3 times
 - Language (40-70%), some words
 - Identifies with mob (62%)
 - Involvement in cultural events (63%)
 - Regional and local surveys (Yawuru, 2014)
 - International evidence (Chandler, 2003, 2007,)



What we don't know





A world in which all Indigenous peoples' knowledge and cultures are recognised, respected and valued.

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