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Crucially, the authors argue that neoliberal epidemics require a political cure in the form of a revitalised and social democratic welfare state.

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