

Graduate School Special Seminar



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The influence of neighbourhood environments on physical activity, cardio-metabolic health and diet in Canada *- new findings from our research*

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The Chief Public Health Officer of Canada commented in her 2017 Annual Report about the “Tremendous potential that changing our built environment has for helping Canadians live healthier lives.” This seminar will focus on a body of empirical work to come from our research group about this potential - both on the influence of neighbourhood environments to support physical activity and cardio-metabolic health and on the role of food environments in shaping diet and health outcomes of Canadians. Evidence is converging that neighbourhoods really do ‘get under the skin’ and the Canadian policy community is clearly receptive, but what the research means for specific policy directives has proven difficult to pin down.



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