



Urban Research Program

2009 Seminar Series

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Children's environments: Planning and understanding children's lives

In our fast-changing urban world impacts of social and environmental change on children are often overlooked. Neighbourhoods are changing. People lead more spatially dispersed lives, which arguably diminishes their local social connections. What is unknown at present is the impact this has on children's lives. This seminar addresses the factors that determine social and environmental connectivity and whether neighbourhood social connectivity is still present in urban areas for children. It presents findings from research undertaken with 163 children aged 9-11 in Dunedin, New Zealand. It examines both children's changing environmental relationships with their neighbourhoods and the wider city, and the research methods used in studying children's lives.

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Wednesday 26th August

12.15 p.m. - 1.30 p.m.

Nathan campus - Room N55 1.12