



Urban Research Program

2008 Seminar Series

Dr Alan Walks

From gated communities to civic succession?

Politics & place effects in Canadian gated communities

What are the political implications of gating? Can it be assumed that gated community residents become fearful of others, distrustful of government, and supportive of individualism, self-sufficiency and the primacy of the market? Could we expect that gated community residents prefer right-wing political parties and support various neo-liberal policies, and possibly even to withdraw from the political process?

This seminar explores the politics of gated community residents through the analysis of aggregate election results at polling booths, and survey results from 1,345 people living in the suburbs of three large Canadian metropolitan regions.

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1.00 p.m. - 2.00 p.m.

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