SARS & the Global City

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Infectious Disease on the Move

Following the 2003 outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) in Toronto and other world cities, researchers are paying greater attention to the connectivity of major metropolitan centres through flows of capital, information, culture, people…and microbes.

A Better Shared Understanding

The project SARS and the Global City has entered a dialogue both locally and globally with experts, professionals and affected communities on developing an urban perspective on the spread and containment of emerging infectious diseases (EIDs) such as SARS.

The Cost of Not Acting

For diverse and internationally connected global cities such as Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver, it is vital to develop a ground-up perspective on infectious disease. In the age of SARS, avian flu and other EIDs, public health must be a priority for urban governance in order to keep people healthy and the multicultural fabric unharmed.

Real-World Solutions to Real-World Challenges

Real-world challenges demand different angles, different approaches, and different attitudes. Interdisciplinary and collaborative, York University research delivers relevant insights and meaningful solutions that address today’s complex social issues.

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