

PATHWAYS TO LEGITIMACY: INSTITUTIONS AND PLANNING EFFECTIVENESS IN VANCOUVER AND TORONTO

Guest Lecture: Dr. Zack Taylor, University of Western Ontario

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What makes planning effective? Planning theorists have largely focused on the inclusiveness and quality of deliberation in goal-setting—in other words, on inputs. Drawing on concepts used in the comparative study of political institutions, Dr. Taylor argues, first, that legitimacy is central to planning's effectiveness, and second, that there are two other pathways through which legitimacy is formed: throughput and output. Comparing the history of regional planning in greater Vancouver and greater Toronto suggests that its legitimacy, and therefore its effectiveness, has largely derived from the quality of throughput mechanisms, which points to questions of how planning institutions are structured.

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