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Dilemmas of planning, mapping and designing for health and wellbeing: intervention and regulation

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The rise of the social dimensions of health has stimulated the spatial professions – architecture, planning and geography. Planning, mapping and designing for health and wellbeing have become priorities for many practitioners and researchers within these professions. Reflecting on both the past and present this seminar opens a discussion on the dilemmas of the agency of the spatial professions in the generation of health and wellbeing. The seminar will briefly introduce and conceptually explore two dilemmas: intervention and regulation. In the practice of planning and architecture for health and wellbeing practitioners face the dilemmas of space and time of intervention and regulation through material norms. The spatial professions need to unpack these dilemmas, navigating their equity, to make these professions more explicitly aware of their limits and potential in addressing health and wellbeing.

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Jason's research has been published widely, in a diverse range of journals including *Urban Studies*, *Environment and Planning A*, *Journal of Sex Research*, *Urban Policy and Research*, *Critical Social Policy*, and the *Journal of Cleaner Production*. He is currently completing a four-volume collection with Professor Carole Cusack (The University of Sydney), titled *'Religion, Sexuality and Spirituality: Critical Concepts in Religious Studies'* (Routledge, 2015).



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