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Life Course of Place: A Geographical Approach to Understanding Mental Health and Cognitive Ageing

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Summary:

Many studies show that individual circumstances throughout life influence subsequent health and well-being outcomes. The life-course perspective emphasizes that health is affected by the accumulation of social and economic (dis)advantages over an individual's life but, importantly, also that there can be critical periods where the effects of exposure can be greater. Yet few researchers have applied a life-course perspective to the study of health and place, which has resulted in a partial understanding of the dynamics of person-health-place relations. This presentation will introduce a new longitudinal approach for incorporating aspects of place into a life-course framework. Using historical and contemporary environmental information alongside cohort data from a cohort of individuals born in 1936 (the Lothian Birth Cohort 1936), I will consider the influence of environmental factors over the life course on mental health outcomes and cognitive ageing later in life.

Biography:

Jamie Pearce is Professor of Health Geography at the University of Edinburgh, where he is co-Director of the Centre for Research on Environment, Society and Health (www.cresh.org.uk), and Director of the Scottish Graduate School for Social Science. Previously he was a member of academic staff at the University of Canterbury, New Zealand, where was founding Director of the GeoHealth Laboratory. He is editor-in-chief of the international journal *Health and Place*. Professor Pearce has published over 100 books, academic papers, and book chapters. His research seeks to understand various social, political and environmental mechanisms operating at a range of geographical scales that establish and perpetuate spatial inequalities in health. Working at the intersection of human geography, public health and epidemiology, he has particular interests in health-related behaviors (e.g., smoking, nutrition, physical activity and obesity), environmental justice and health (e.g., air pollution, green space and multiple environmental deprivation), and macro-level health-related processes (e.g., social and economic inequality).

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