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# FROM PUBLIC NEIGHBOURHOODS TO MULTI-TIER PRIVATE NEIGHBOURHOODS: THE EVOLVING ECOLOGY OF NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIVATIZATION IN CALGARY

## ABSTRACT

The privatization of urban space, as represented in the trend towards a wide variety of common interest developments and increasing prevalence of gated communities, is an international phenomenon. Recent research has not systematically explored the ways in which these types of developments are collectively re-shaping the public and private realms of the city at large. This empirical study of community areas in a Canadian city describes a number of historical private neighbourhood development trends and their convergence in space and time. Based on the empirical generalizations, a conceptual model is developed to illustrate how the trends may have combined to produce a new geography or ecology of space privatization within the city, one in which the older public city is being circumscribed and bounded by new territories of multi-tiered privatization.

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