

Glenn School Colloquium, Special Thursday Edition:

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## Planning as if Health Matters:

**Built Environment, Food Environment, and Women's BMI**

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**130 (LEC) Page Hall, The Ohio State University**

**Thursday, April 11**

**12:30-1:30 (lunch provided)**

**Event is free and open to the public**

Dr. Raja's research focuses on planning and design for healthy communities and the fiscal dimensions of planning. Her research on healthy communities examines the influence of the food and built environments on obesity and physical activity. Given the interdisciplinary nature of this topic, Dr. Raja collaborates with colleagues from UB's School of Medicine and the School of Public Health and Health Professions. An ongoing multi-year study, conducted in collaboration with the School of Medicine, examines the effect of the built environment on obesity among youth, and has received over a million dollars in funding from the National Institute of Health.

Dr. Raja's interests in fiscal dimensions of planning pertain to the methods planners use for measuring the fiscal impacts of land development. She is currently working, as a part of a national team, to develop a framework for evaluating traditional methods of fiscal impact analysis. This project is funded by the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy.

Dr. Raja has also worked internationally. Her international interests pertain to the role of planning in communities experiencing conflict; her geographic area of expertise is the region of Kashmir in South Asia.



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