



## **Environmental Sustainability in Pacific Rim Cities: The Challenge of Air Quality**

Balancing environmental sustainability with urban development has become one of the most important challenges in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. However there are few interdisciplinary studies that analyze the interaction of various factors in the regulation of urban pollution. Focusing on air quality, the research team adopts an international and interdisciplinary approach to the study of this topic through intensive case studies and data analysis.

Examining up to 8 to 12 Pacific Rim cities, the group will explore the critical political, institutional, spatial, economic and technological factors affecting air pollution in these cities. Lessons from this study will have implications for policy makers, urban planners, scientists, ecologists and engineers involved in environmental governance in cities.

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