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To a seminar with:

Dr. Maya Negev

On

“Promoting Environmental Health in Decision-Making”

Sunday, January 13th 2013, at 13:30
Room E409, Radzyner-Sustainability Building, IDC Herzliya Campus

According to the World Health Organization, approximately 25% of preventable illness globally is attributed to poor environmental quality. Environmental quality is often determined in decision-making sectors whose main concern is not environment and health protection, such as infrastructure, planning, transportation and agriculture. This talk will focus on integrating environmental health considerations into decision-making. The first part of the talk will present health impact assessment (HIA), a method to examine predicted environmental health impacts of suggested plans and policies. A case study of an HIA of a metropolitan plan of the city of Be’er Sheva will be presented. The case study included a process of stakeholder participation in HIA, and analysis of stakeholders’ characteristics including knowledge, data and interests. These characteristics and the tensions between them will be presented. The second part of the talk will present on an ongoing research on inter-ministerial (or inter-agency) aspects of environmental health, on the government level. This research maps modes on collaborative policy-making both between environment and health agencies and between these two and other agencies such as transportation and agriculture. In addition, the research analyses two Israeli case studies: pesticides and transportation aspects of Clean Air Act. The research characterizes the ministries and their relationships, as well as inter-ministerial issues such as division of responsibilities, conflicts and usage of data.

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