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The use of ‘Mobilities’ technology in the formation and maintenance of personal communities: The experience of social housing tenants

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The seminar will be followed by a light lunch

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The ‘new mobilities paradigm’ views the control over and access to mobility as a resource that is unequally distributed locally and globally. New technologies (in particular transport and communication technologies) enhance some groups’ mobility while increasing the immobility of others. This seminar will report on research into the use of communicative and mobilities technology amongst social housing residents primarily living in outer south-west Sydney. The research takes as it methodological base the notion that contemporary community is liberated from being restricted to affiliations based on geographic propinquity alone, and that access to mobility influences the structure of our personal communities. The research examines how technology is used to support residents’ personal communities, and the implications that a lack of access to mobility may have on residents’ lives.

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