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# Martin Centre Lecture

## Department of Architecture



## Psychological Geography: Exploring Interactions Between People and The Places They Live

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There is overwhelming evidence from research in the geographical sciences that attitudes, values, and behaviors are regionally clustered. Until recently, psychologists have had little to say about such differences. This presentation aims to redress the neglect of regional differences in psychology. He will provide evidence that there are personality differences across the United States and United Kingdom, offer potential explanations for those differences, and show that regional personality differences are linked to a variety of important geographical indicators. His talk will consider how a geographical perspective on psychological processes can inform theory and research in psychology and related disciplines.

*His research concerns person-environment interactions and focuses on the ways in which personality is expressed in everything from people's preferences for music to the places in which they live. Rentfrow's research on these topics has appeared in several prestigious journals including Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, PLoS One, American Psychologist, Journal of Personality and Social Psychology, Psychological Science, and Regional Studies.*

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**Where:** Lecture Room 1, Department of Architecture  
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