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A RETROSPECTIVE MODELLING ANALYSIS ON THE EFFECTS OF CONTROL MEASURES ON SARS-COV-2 TRANSMISSION IN **CANADA**



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MEET THE PRESENTER

Tanya Philippsen is an Interdisciplinary Ph.D. student at the University of Victoria under the joint supervision of Dr. Junling Ma, Dr. Matthew Little, and Dr. Pauline van den Driessche. Her current research area is at the intersection of public health and mathematical modelling of infectious diseases, with a particular focus on emerging/re-emerging diseases, public health policy, and the social determinants of health.

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SEMINAR TITLE AND ABSTRACT A RETROSPECTIVE MODELLING ANALYSIS ON THE EFFECTS OF CONTROL MEASURES ON SARS-COV-2 **TRANSMISSION IN CANADA**

We consider the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic between March 2020 to February 2021 in three Canadian regions: Greater Vancouver, Greater Toronto, and Calgary. This period was dominated by the wild-type strain of SARS-CoV-2 and occurred prior to widespread vaccination roll-out. To assess the effectiveness of age-specific control measures on viral transmission, we construct a Susceptible-Exposed-Infectious-Recovered (SEIR) deterministic model with two age groups: youth (0-19 years), and adults (20+ years). We fit this model to SARS-CoV-2 case data over sequential time frames that capture the changes in public health control measures in each region. The agespecific control parameters of the fitted model are then adjusted to simulate alternative policy scenarios and assess their relative potential effectiveness in reducing the Fall/Winter epidemic peaks.





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