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Title: Air Pollution Effects on Respiratory Symptoms and Mortality in Istanbul Prior to Natural Gas Use- Results from Two Public Health Studies.

Abstract: This seminar aims to give a brief review of major air pollution episodes, health effects, the development of ambient air quality standards and methods in air pollution epidemiology. Methodology and results of two studies carried out by the lecturer in the late nineties in Istanbul will also be presented. A follow-up study of the above mentioned air pollution mortality and asthma-like symptoms morbidity projects was recently funded by Istanbul Metropolitan Municipality under Proje İstanbul. The final section of this talk will be allocated to a detailed discussion of the current study protocol and design issues.