

The Ecological Perspective: Streetwalking

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ABSTRACT By walking down a main street in a town with several different specialists, one quickly learns that one environment can be viewed from highly divergent perspectives. Such specialist views are essential to understanding, but extremely limiting in that much is omitted. Holistic viewpoints gained from pooling what specialists "see" and appreciation of "others" who are different are extremely valuable concepts and practices, whether considered culturally, socially, occupationally or otherwise.