Policy framing of household food insecurity in Canada: Why getting the problem wrong leads to faulty solutions

(The lecture will be presented in English)

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"Identifying Policy Interventions to Reduce Household Food Insecurity" is a CIHR Programmatic Grant in Health Equity. This presentation highlights the theory, methods and findings of a grant sub-project on "Defining the Policy Problem of Household Food Insecurity." Kingdon suggests that the policy formation process consists of problems, policies, and politics. How policy actors identify and define or “frame” a problem is fundamental to what will be done to address it. The legislative debates (Hansards) of Ontario, Nova Scotia, British Columbia and the federal government from 1996 through to 2012 were examined using an interpretative policy analysis technique to uncover how food insecurity is defined in the public record and how it is framed as a policy problem. The substantive frames will be shared along with implications for moving forward on policies that might better address food insecurity at the household level in Canada.