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Dr. Ajay Agarwal is a faculty member of Queen's University located in Kingston, Ontario. He is a registered professional planner in Canada and a member of Ontario Professional Planning Institute and Canadian Institute of Planners. He has been a member of SICI's Canadian Member Council (CMC) since 2016.

Dr. Agarwal graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Architecture from Lucknow University, India in 1995. He practiced as a professional architect in India for several years before joining University of Southern California, Los Angeles in 2001 from where he graduated with Master's and Doctoral degrees, both in Planning. Dr. Agarwal started working at Queen's University in 2009.

Dr. Agarwal's research expertise is in urban transportation policy planning. He has published on a variety of transportation topics including sustainable transportation, role of transport infrastructure in urban growth and development, travel behaviour of the millennials, challenges to public transportation use in Canadian cities, and addressing local transportation needs of older adults. His research has been funded by Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC), Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, and MITACS.

Dr. Agarwal actively promotes teaching and research collaborations between Indian and Canadian scholars. He has successfully facilitated faculty and student mobility across the two countries. He has established a very successful international programme at Queen's for which he was bestowed with the university's highly prestigious Principal's Award for Innovation in International Education in 2017. Dr. Agarwal regularly delivers lectures at universities and colleges outside Canada, including India. He was a recipient of Government of India's Global Initiative of Academic Network (GIAN) award in 2018.