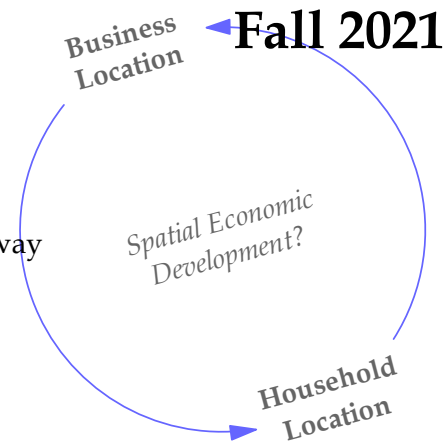


UPPP 275: Spatial Economic Development

Class Hours: Tue & Thu 3:30~4:50pm

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Promoting economic prosperity has long been an aspiration of many cities and regions, but economic development has remained challenging. Recent decades have seen increasing economic disparities between regions. Despite various (planning and policy) efforts, economic polarization is also prevalent within cities, which often manifests itself in the form of segregation.

What is behind the uneven geography of economic prosperity? In this course, students will tackle this profound question and explore relevant issues of economic development from a spatial perspective. Special attention will be paid to business and household location decision-making that underlies the process of spatial economic restructuring. Students will also examine the various strategies employed in the pursuit of economic development at local, regional, and state levels.

COURSE OBJECTIVES & ORGANIZATION

This course aims to offer students an opportunity to acquire a thorough understanding of the mechanisms of spatial economic development. Specifically, students will gain insights into

- the complex workings of spatial economies
- business and household location choice processes (and their interconnections)
- the (evolving) role of government and various economic development strategies
- ways in which economic development is associated with other domains of UPPP, such as housing, land use, transportation, and environmental management.

This course is organized as a series of lectures and other class activities that will help accomplish these course objectives. Real-world examples (of economic development successes, failures, and other notable cases) will be used extensively. Furthermore, adequate time and opportunity for discussion will be provided to enhance student learning. All readings and other course materials will be available on the course website.