

BROWNBAG LUNCHTIME TALK

Recent Intra-metropolitan Patterns of Geography of Opportunity in the U.S.

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SYNOPSIS - A spatial mismatch hypothesis (SMH) by John Kain proposes that spatial segregation of Black population in the inner city and the decentralization of jobs to the suburbs created spatial barriers for accessing jobs. It emphasizes that the geographic disparities in access to opportunities shaped by segregation patterns in the U.S. Metropolitan areas have undergone dynamic changes in the 21st century, reshaping the demographic landscape and economic geography. Black populations have become increasingly suburbanized, urban development has become polycentric, and gentrification has revitalized inner cities. Then, has the suburbanization of Black populations resolved the spatial mismatch by bringing their residential locations closer to jobs in the suburbs? Or, has the suburbanization of Black populations recreate spatial mismatch in the suburbs as a result of suburban re-segregation? This talk will explore the recent intra-metropolitan patterns of spatial mismatch in U.S. Metropolitan areas, in particular how the geography of mismatch has shifted from the inner city to the suburbs.



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