

A Geographical Perspective on Socioeconomic Disparities

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Abstract: *Academics, politicians, and governments have been worried about urban inequality and their effects for decades. This is particularly important since geographical disparities affect health, education, job and income, and well-being. This commentary reviews spatial disparities and contextual and neighborhood impact literature. We cover some of the fundamental issues in modeling contextual effects and show that no one research can conclusively explain whether and how much spatial context effects affect individual outcomes. Only when considered together does the extensive research on spatial context effects prove its relevance. The discussion concludes with the segregation model's vicious spiral and suggests strategies to break it.*

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