

FALL 2020 GEOG 442: URBAN SPACES/URBAN SOCIETY
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• **DIFFERENCES – Where, Why and How?**

- Understand and discuss the **theories and empirical patterns of socio-spatial disparities** and complex relationships due to human diversity (e.g., race/ethnicity, nationality, culture, class, gender, sexuality, age, education, etc.)
- How these factors interact with each other to *produces spaces and opportunities of difference*.
 - Urban Ecology Theories, Neighborhoods & Communities
 - Gentrification, Capitalism, Crises in Capitalism & Uneven (R)
 - Race/Ethnicity, Diversity & Multi-Culturalism
 - Ethnic and Gender Economy
 - Environmental Racism, White Supremacy, White Privilege (Political-economy discourses)
 - Globalization, Deindustrialization & Metropolitan Problems (Race, Crime, Poverty)
 - Urbanization: Developed & Developing World
- Evaluation criteria: Movie review, Article critique, Group-based class discussions and commentary, Mid-term exam, A short class presentation for all students, Final exam

