

FALL 2023 GEOG 442: URBAN SPACES/URBAN SOCIETY

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- **DIFFERENCES – Where, Why and How?**
- Understand/Discuss: **Theories and empirical patterns of socio-spatial disparities** and the complex relationships due to human diversity (e.g., race/ethnicity, nationality, culture, class, gender, sexuality, age/education).
- How do **these factors interact with each other to produces spaces & opportunities of difference.**
 - Urban Ecology Theories, Neighborhoods & Communities
 - Gentrification, Capitalism, Crises in Capitalism & Uneven (Racial/Ethnic) Development
 - 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-class discussions, commentary, Mid-term exam, Class project presentation, Final exam

