Geospatial Analysis for Policy: A Comparative Framework

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Spanish Cave ~14,000 BP

Çatalhöyük Mural ~ 9,000 BP

Earliest human writing ~5100 BP



Geographical ignorance is not bliss





Source: Task Force for US Korea Policy, Centre for International Policy

Early Spatial Analysis



Geography as Synthesis

Figure 10.2 The Circumference of Geography (Adopted from Fenneman)





Tobler's First Law of Geography

"Everything is related to everything else, but near things are more related than distant things."

Spatial dependence = structure



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"Hell is a place with no spatial dependence."

Michael Goodchild (2002)



Tobler's Second Law of Geography

"The phenomenon external to an area of interest affects what goes on inside."

Spatial dependence: pattern vs. process



Ord's Second Law of Geography

"All maps are wrong, some are useful."

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By Michael Nedelman, CNN () Updated 1:09 PM ET, Tue January 24, 2017



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More from CNN

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pregnant

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Photos: Do you live near a cancer cluster?

Patternicity



Mission

- 1. Establish a core of excellence at UCR that becomes an internationally renowned source of innovation in geographical information science.
- 2. Enable interdisciplinary research at UCR, and beyond, where spatial methods are central to the research questions.

Activities

- 1. Basic research in geographical information science
- 2. Open source tools development and open science innovations
- 3. Applications of tools and methods across the social, life, and natural sciences in collaboration with domain scientists
- 4. Dissemination and training through UCR courses, national and international short courses, and production of educational materials



Spatial **Statistics**

To understand and predict spatial phenomena using statistical approaches.

View Projects

Spatial Optimization

To prescribe the best spatial arrangement or to evaluate a spatial arrangement.

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Big Spatial Data

To study geographical phenomena with big data like geo-tagged tweets.

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Spatial Uncertainty

To address uncertainty of spatial data regarding spatial location and spatial representation.

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Open Source & Science

To make state-of-thescience analytical approaches free and accessible to everyone.

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Comparative Regional Inequality Dynamics: Multiscalar and Multinational Perspectives



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Research Questions

- 1. What is the role of space in the internal income dynamics of different continental, national, and regional systems?
- 2. What is the relationship between convergence, inequality and spatial autocorrelation?
- 3. Do spatial spillovers fuel economic growth, convergent growth or divergent growth?

Framework: Integrative and Comparative

- 1. Interregional inequality decomposition
- 2. Interregional mobility
- 3. Spatial distribution dynamics
- 4. Comparative dynamics of interregional inequality



US State Per Capita Income Distributions 1929-2015







Per Capita Income LISA Markov HH-HH 1969-70





Per Capita Income LISA Markov Stable Coldspots (Any Period)



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