

## Post-Modern Segregation in the United States: Patterns, Causes and Consequences in the 21st Century

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Residential segregation in the United States was historically arranged so that most whites had little or no contact with racial-ethnic minorities, especially Blacks. Since the 1970s segregation levels, in the case of African Americans, have declined while for other groups, such as Hispanics and Asians, segregation has not increased despite the large growth experienced in their population sizes. However, Massey argues that as racial-ethnic segregation has slowly but steadily moderated, new forms of residential differentiation have emerged, mainly along income and education levels. Socio-economic segregation is not only on the rise, but set in the context of the housing boom and bust over the last two decades this has had important and unforeseen consequences for social inequalities. Anti-density zoning laws and sub-prime predatory loan practices have increased Black residential segregation in US metropolitan areas by reducing the quantity of affordable housing in white jurisdictions and concentrating foreclosures in Black neighborhoods. In this talk, Massey explains how “Post-Modern Segregation” is shaping new urban patterns of socio-spatial difference while perpetuating and exacerbating racial and class inequality in the United States.

Speaker:

Professor Douglas Massey is Henry G Bryant Professor of Sociology and Public Affairs at Princeton University. Massey’s research focuses on international migration, race and housing, discrimination, education, urban poverty, stratification and Latin America, especially Mexico. A

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