Zoning for Equity

Course Overview

Land use zoning in the U.S. has a long history of discriminatory intent and impact. From the overt racism of racial zoning in the early 20th Century through the more covert methods of exclusionary zoning that persist today, this policy tool has frequently been used by local governments to establish and maintain patterns of racial, ethnic, and class segregation.

This course is part of a joint effort by six Universities across the U.S (including University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, University of North Carolina, University of Utah, Florida State University, and University of California, Los Angeles). We will join with students and faculty at those universities to explore the exclusionary history of zoning and contemporary efforts to make zoning more equitable.

The course will include pre-recorded materials that students at all five universities will see, additional material delivered at each site, and a course project local to each site focused on an issue of zoning equity. There will be periodic meetings across all of the Universities so that students can learn from the projects taking place at each site.

Fridays, 12:30 - 3:15 pm

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Who Should Take This Course?

This course is designed for MURP students but could be of interest for any students with an interest in the exclusionary history of zoning and contemporary efforts to make zoning more equitable.