



**From urban-rural division to regional cohesion:
History, politics, and evidence for geographies of community**

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The divide between “urban” and “rural” geographies is a concept that has been used to explain cultural differences, political struggles, and, more broadly, the socioeconomic transformations of “modernity.” However, as geographers know, it is extremely difficult to point at an exact point on the ground where the city ends and the country begins. In this talk, I’ll discuss how ideas about the idea of a regional community beyond the urban-rural binary shaped the invention of “New England” as a geographic place and a cultural tradition. Then, I’ll draw on empirical evidence about economic spatial integration to further complicate the question of how to think about what kinds of people and territories can be considered “all in the same place.”

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