

RESEARCH FORUM 2015

Department of Political and Social Sciences

Next Thursday, May 12th at 15:00

Room 40.004. Roger de Llúria Building

Douglas S. Massey, (Princeton University).

will present

“Segregation and Social Mobility in the United States”.



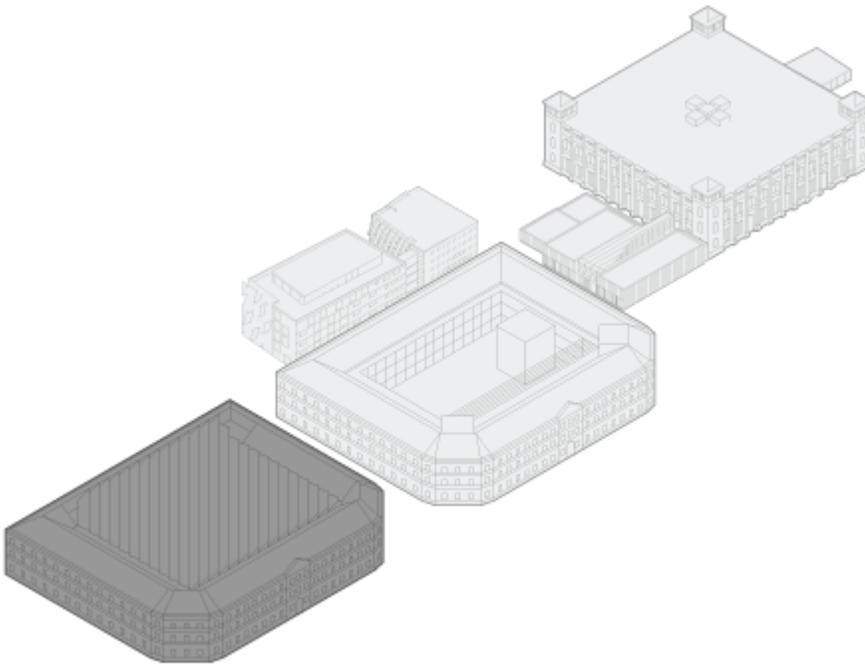
Abstract:

D. Massey offers an analysis of why border enforcement backfired as a strategy of immigration control in the United States. Border enforcement emerged as a policy response to a moral panic about the perceived threat of Latino immigration to the United States propounded by self-interested bureaucrats, politicians, and pundits who sought to mobilize political and material resources for their own benefit. The end result was a self-perpetuating cycle of rising enforcement and increased apprehensions that resulted in the militarization of the border in a way that was disconnected from the actual size of the undocumented flow. Using an instrumental variable approach, the author shows how border militarization affected the behavior of unauthorized migrants and border outcomes to transform undocumented Mexican migration from a circular flow of male workers going to three states into an eleven-million person population of settled families living in 50 states.

Short bio:

D. Massey's research focuses on the intersection between immigration, race-ethnicity, and inequality. He has been PI on multiple NIH-funded projects studying the causes and consequences of residential segregation in the United States, as well as other NIH-funded projects designed to collect, disseminate, and analyze data on international migration in addition to NIH-funded work to study the social ecology of racial and class inequality using the Adolescent Health Survey. He has also served as PI on a foundation-funded project to study underachievement at selective colleges and universities and measure the effects of neighborhood disadvantage on wellbeing using quasi-experimental methods. With external support, he has served as codirector of the Mexican Migration Project, the Latin American Migration Project, the New Immigrant Survey, and the National Longitudinal Survey of Freshmen. He has written or edited 25 books and published more than 300 journal articles and book chapters, in addition to more than 80 opinion pieces on topics of public interest. Recent peer-reviewed publications include the following: 1. Massey, Douglas S., Jorge Durand, and Karen A. Pren. 2016. "Why Border Enforcement Backfired." *American Journal of Sociology* 121(5):1-44. 2. Rothwell, Jonathan, and Douglas S. Massey. 2015. "Geographic Effects on Intergenerational Income Mobility." *Economic Geography* 91(1): 83-106. 3. Rugh, Jacob S., Len Albright, and Douglas S. Massey. 2015. "Race, Space, and Cumulative Disadvantage: A Case Study of the Subprime Lending Collapse." *Social Problems* 62:186-218 4. Massey, Douglas S., and Jonathan Tannen. 2015. "A Research Note on Trends in Black Hypersegregation." *Demography* 52:1025-1034. 5. Massey, Douglas S., and Kerstin Gentsch. 2014. "Undocumented Migration and the Wages of Mexican Immigrants in the United States." *International Migration Review* 48(2): 482-499. 6. Massey, Douglas S., and Jayanti Owens. 2013. "Mediators of Stereotype Threat among Black College Students." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 37(3):557-575.

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