

Modelagem Baseada em Agentes para Políticas Públicas

aula 6: PolicySpace

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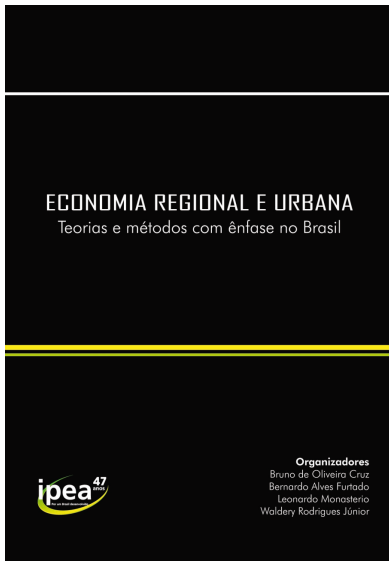
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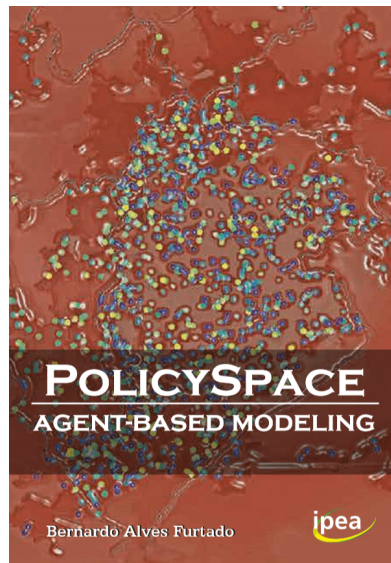
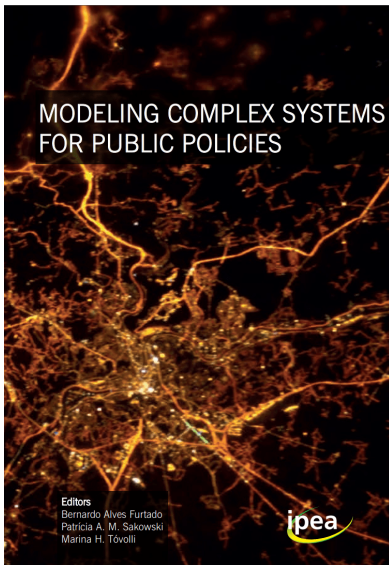
Application

Platform

Paper factory

Transit simulation





Molding PolicySpace

- ▶ Urban economics [1]
- ▶ Spatial heterogeneity [2]
- ▶ Functional urban regions [3]
- ▶ Heterogeneity of taxes [4, 5]
- ▶ Access to opportunities [6, 7]
- ▶ Needs unified planning [8]

In short

PolicySpace is an **open source, spatial-economic agent-based model** with three **markets** and a **tax-system** that empirically simulates 46 **metropolitan regions** in Brazil

Concept

ABM is a computer implementation of an artificial environment that contains agents that interact in time and space

Literature

Based on Lengnick [9], a family of the ‘emerging practices’ in Macroeconomics models [10]

Contributions

- ▶ Incorporates intra-urban space
- ▶ Mobility of families (via real estate market)
- ▶ Population dynamics
- ▶ Use of **distance** (consumption and labor markets)
- ▶ ‘Bridge’ among MABMs, LUTs, Activity models

Motivation

- ▶ Public policies: effects on space and time, on citizens
- ▶ Complex Systems: **agents and interactions**
- ▶ Method: agent-based modeling
 - ▶ Low cost (*in silico* experimentation)
 - ▶ What-if questions
 - ▶ Dynamic, spatial, and **modular**

Research question

Would alternative municipalities' taxes configurations increase citizens' quality of life?

ODD protocol: entities, states, scales

- ▶ Citizens (workers), mobile
- ▶ Families (collective of citizens), mobile
- ▶ Residences
- ▶ Firms
- ▶ Municipalities - government bodies
- ▶ 2000-2020
- ▶ Markets: labor, goods, real estate ¹

¹I thank collaborators Isaque Eberhardt and Francis Tseng

ODD: data initialization

- ▶ Generating (loading) agents: region, pop., vacancy, members per family
- ▶ Agents in a region, into families, into residences
- ▶ Firms
- ▶ Official data
 - ▶ shapefiles
 - ▶ gender, age, firms by tracts
 - ▶ qualification, municipal HDI, taxes by municipalities
 - ▶ mortality, fertility by states

ODD: processes and temporal execution I

1. Production: number of employees and qualification
2. Demographics: birthday, mortality, fertility
3. Goods market: families' consumption
 - ▶ Savings: not consumed portion
 - ▶ Criteria: prices or distance
4. Firms: decisions on
 - ▶ wages (revenues)
 - ▶ prices (stocks)
 - ▶ hiring/firing (profits)
5. Labor market
 - ▶ Firms paying higher wages, choose first
 - ▶ Criteria: qualification or distance

ODD: processes and temporal execution II

6. Real estate market

- ▶ Percentage of families
- ▶ House vacancies
- ▶ Prices: demand: family savings x supply: hedonically calculated

7. Taxes on properties

8. Municipality invest taxes on Quality of Life Index

9. Data output (a lot of data!)

Parameters

- ▶ Offer flexibility and analysis to the model
- ▶ Attributes of agents (productivity)
- ▶ Rules
 - ▶ Distance
 - ▶ Wage (unemployment)

ODD sub-models: taxes

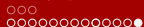
Tests two True-False parameters on how to distribute taxes:

1. ‘municipalities as a single region for tax purposes’
2. presence of progressive tax called MPF

Automated running

python main.py [options]

- ▶ Numerous times: *-n 4*
- ▶ Numerous processors: *-c 12*
- ▶ Sensitivity analysis: *sensitivity ALPHA:0:1:7*
- ▶ Numerous metropolitan regions: *acps*
- ▶ Numerous tax schemes: *distributions*
- ▶ Browser interface: *web*



The model

Available on GitHub

GitHub, Inc. [US] <https://github.com/BAFurtado/PolicySpace>

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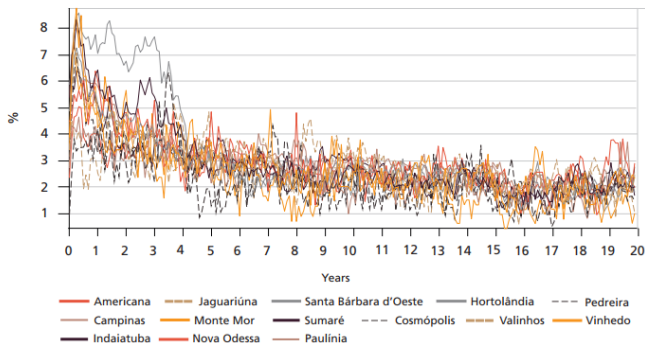
We validate the model in a five-step process:

1. macroeconomics indicators
2. sensitivity analysis
3. taxes reproducibility globally
4. taxes distribution set of regions
5. structural sensitivity

Validation I: jobs

GRAPH 6

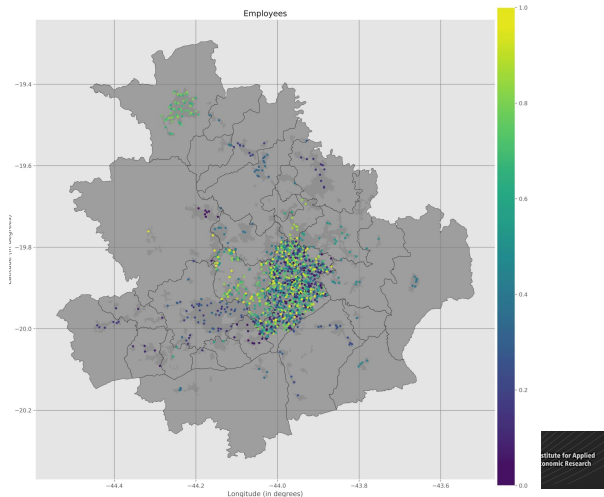
Campinas: unemployment by municipality



Author's elaboration.

Note: Data for 2% of the population and default configuration.

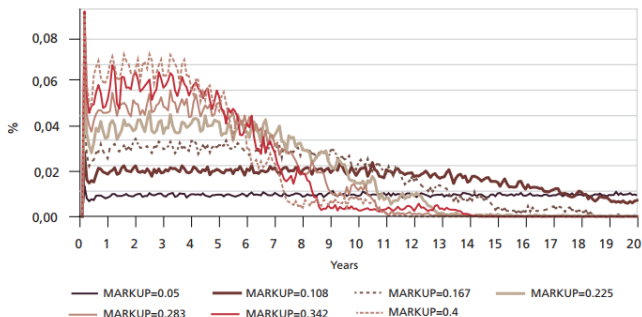
Validation I: jobs



Validation II: sensitivity markup - inflation

GRAPH 3

Brasília: sensitivity analysis with parameter *markup* – monthly inflation estimates



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Note: Data for 1% of the population and default configuration.

Validation III: taxes

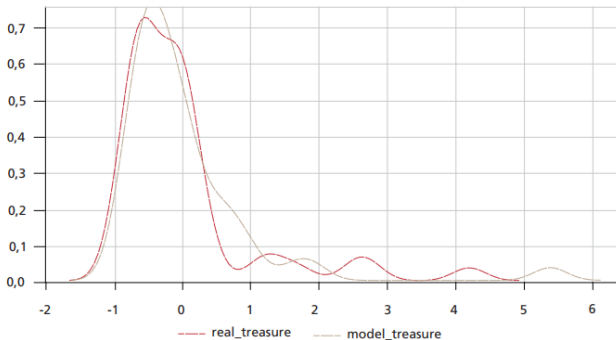
Taxes/GDP	Literature [11]	Simulated	Treasure
Labor	0.0024	0.0105	
Firm	0.0065	0.0173	
Consumption	0.0093	0.0334	
Property	0.0007	0.0056	0.0044
Transaction	0.0008	0.0012	0.0012
Total collected	0.0207	0.0679	0.0869
FPM		0.0534	0.0184
Taxes/total			
Labor	0.1178	0.1522	
Firm	0.3181	0.2595	
Consumption	0.4498	0.4819	
Property	0.0356	0.0885	0.0919
Transaction	0.0399	0.0179	0.0119
FPM		0.4303	0.412

Validation IV: Total tax

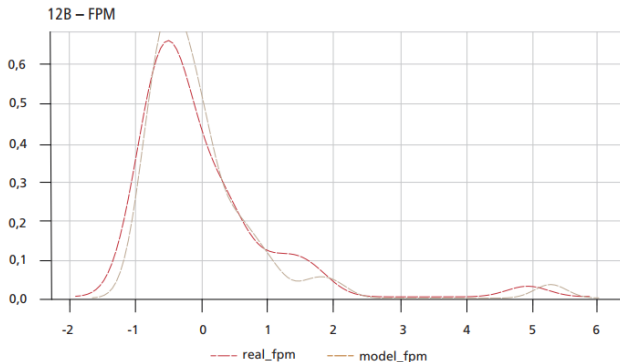
GRAPH 12

Comparison between observed and simulated values for all ACPs

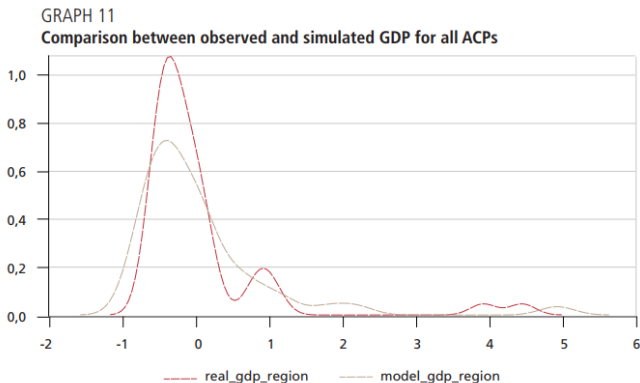
12A – Total collected tax



Validation IV: FPM

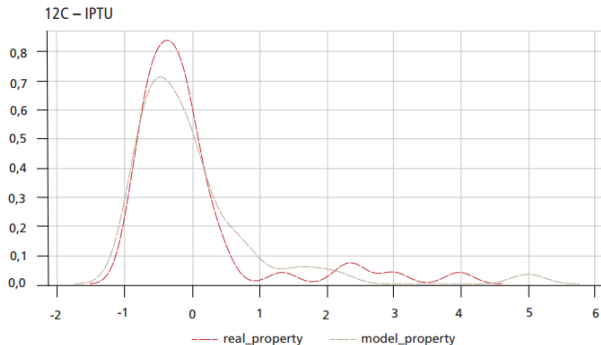


Validation IV: GDP

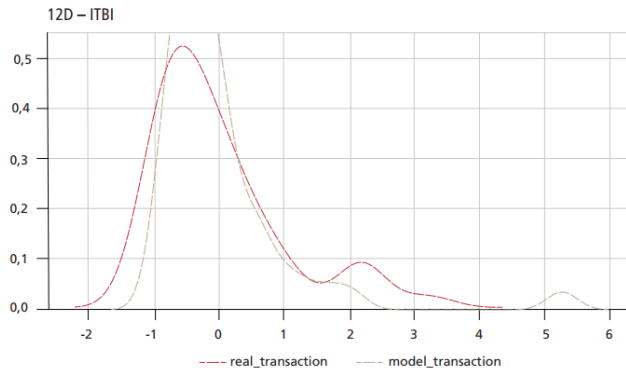


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Validation IV: Property tax



Validation IV: Transactions tax

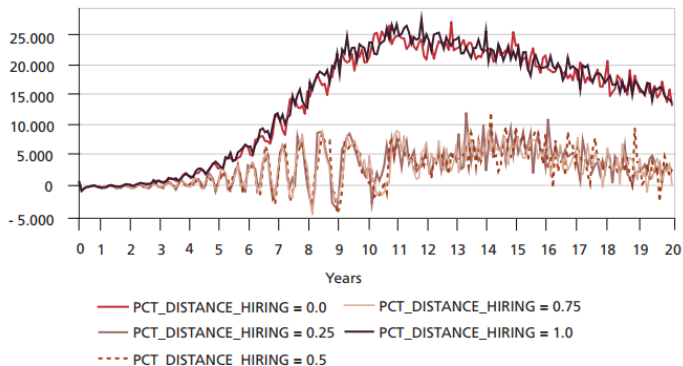


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Validation V: rules

GRAPH 1

Sensitivity analysis of the hiring rule by distance criterion 'for firms' profit



Author's elaboration.

Note: Results for Belo Horizonte, with 2% of the population, average of three simulations.

Validation V: rules

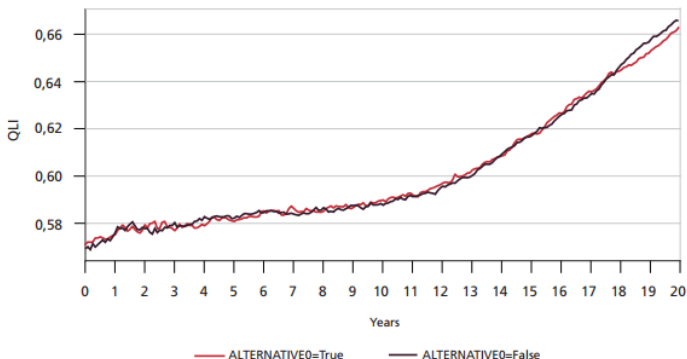
GRAPH 2

Sensitivity analysis of the hiring rule by distance criterion for unemployment

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GRAPH 3

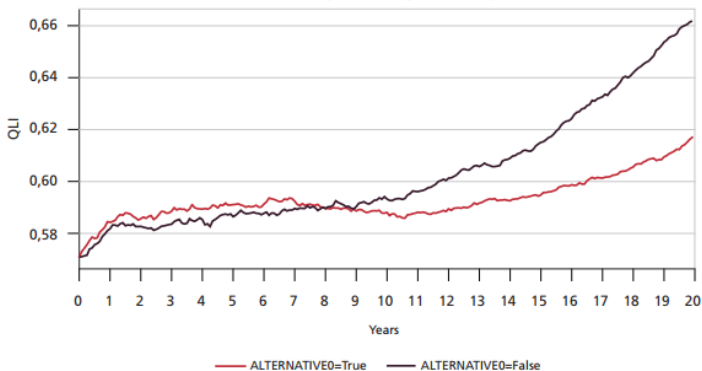
Distributive rule alternative, municipalities together or apart with MPF rule

Author's elaboration.

Notes: 1. This simulation follows the default setting in which MFP=TRUE.

2. Results for Brasilia with 1% of the population, average of five simulations.

GRAPH 1

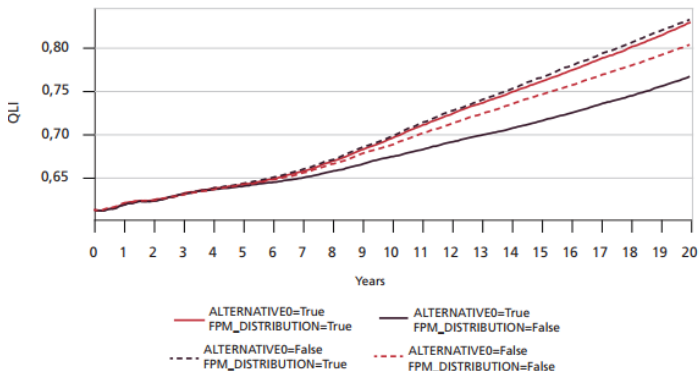
Distributive rule alternative, municipalities together or apart without MPF rule

Author's elaboration.

Notes: 1. The average QLI is always weighted by the population. For this simulation MFP=FALSE.

2. Results for Brasília with 1% of the population, average of four simulations.

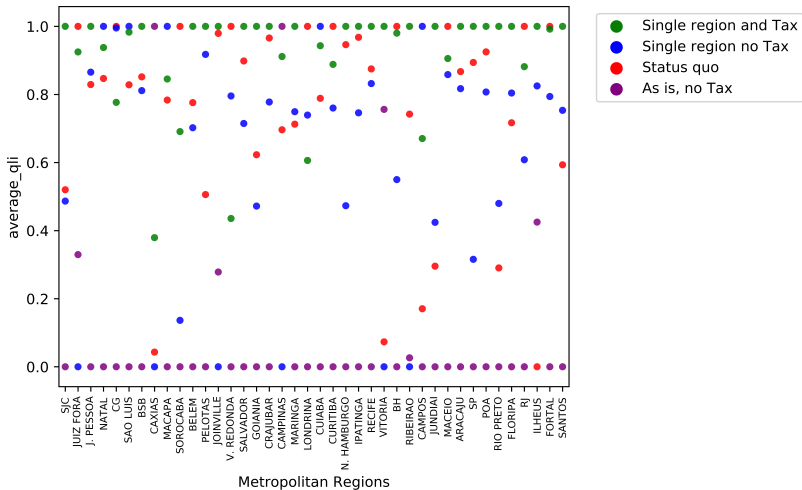
GRAPH 4
Distributive rule alternatives



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Note: Results for Rio de Janeiro with 2% of the population, average of ten simulations.

Application



OLS Regressions

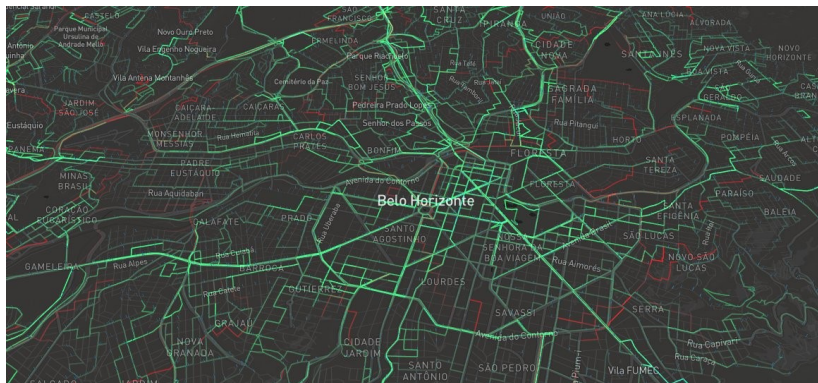
	Simul.1	Simul.2	Real.1	Real.2
ALTERNATIVE0[T.True]	-0.01*** (0.00)	-0.01* (0.01)	-0.01*** (0.00)	-0.01 (0.01)
FPM_DISTRIBUTION[T.True]	0.02*** (0.00)	0.02** (0.01)	0.02*** (0.00)	0.02* (0.01)

Log-likelihood	506.85	266.99	260.65	129.08
R-squared Adj	0.98	0.60	0.98	0.52
AIC	-931.69	-517.97	-477.31	-246.16
BIC	-806.65	-493.57	-424.90	-231.87
No. observations	156	156	80	80

- ▶ Data exploration
- ▶ Demographic analysis
- ▶ Social mobility and inequality
- ▶ Detailed tax analysis
- ▶ Specificities of real estate market
- ▶ Firms
 - ▶ Decision-making rules
 - ▶ Product innovation
 - ▶ Sectors
- ▶ Qualification investment

Machine learning

- ▶ Attempt to map from parameters to model outputs
- ▶ ... and back
 - ▶ 693 *conf.json* 693 set of outputs
 - ▶ Targets: highest GDP and lowest GINI
 - ▶ Calibration



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