

CRITICAL REVIEW

Spatial Econometrics

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The idea of this exercise is to write a critical review on one of the paper in the references. There are several papers on different topics: agriculture, crime, environment, finance, migration, social issues, unemployment, land and urban economics. It is possible that a student wants to write a critical review on a paper that is not on the proposed list, so that he or she must get approval to do it.

Some rules:

- More than one student can work on the same paper, but every student has to work independently
- In order to prepare the critical review each student should do his or her best effort to read the paper and analyze its contribution
- The final document cannot be longer than 5 pages written in English, and it must show the student's personal view
- Whether the authors have shared the database, some journals encourage to share the database and also the code used, each student must check this, the students may use what they have learned in the computer lab to replicate some of the maps and figures in the paper and probably update and improve some of those
- It would be also desired to specify how to improve the paper and, if possible, how to implement the necessary updates
- The critical review should be delivered by **Friday 20th of February, 9 a.m.**
- All student should do a presentation (max. 20min) on the paper selected where present the main findings of the paper and her or his critical point of view. This presentation will be on **Friday 20th of February**

List of papers

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Sayago, J. (2014). “The spatial agglomeration of educated people in Colombia”, *Cuadernos de Economía*, 33(62):297-317.

Sierra, H. and Campo, J. (2013). “Regional equilibrium and migration patterns in the Americas 1960-2005: Spatial data panel analysis”, *Asian Journal of Latin American Studies*, 26(4):19-38.