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“Separate Worlds? Explaining the Current Wave of Regional Economic Polarization and Its Consequences”

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Interregional and intermetropolitan economic divergence is greater in many western developed countries than it has been in many decades. Divergence manifests itself in many ways, including per capita income, labor force participation, and the spatial distribution of skills and returns to education. At the same time, geographical polarization of political preferences and electoral choices has increased, with gains in populism and nationalism in some regions, and broadening of socially liberal, pro-trade and multicultural attitudes in other regions. The task of explaining these developments poses challenges to economic geography and regional and urban economics. These fields have already developed some of the building blocks of an account, but a number of important gaps persist. How to tackle the key mechanisms behind divergence as well as integrate them in a common overall framework?

Speaker

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Michael Storper is an internationally recognized scholar and author, particularly well known for his books which include *The Capitalist Imperative: Territory, Technology and Industrial Growth* (with R. Walker; Blackwell, 1989), *Pathways to Industrialization and Regional Development* (with A. Scott; Routledge, 1992), *Worlds of Production: The Action Frameworks of the Economy* (with Robert Salais, Harvard Univ. Press, 1997), *The Regional World: Territorial Development in a Global Economy* (Guildford Press, 1997), and *Latecomers in the Global Economy* (editor with L. Tsipouri and S. Thmodakis; Routledge, 1998). His latest books are *The Rise and Fall of Urban Economies* (Stanford University Press, 2015), and *Keys to the City: How Economics, Institutions, Social Interaction, and Politics Shape Development* (Princeton University Press, 2013).

Discussant

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