

Coordinating Approaches across the Literature and Steps towards Best Practice

GROUP DISCUSSION

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Key questions

- When and how are spatial dimensions a first-order concern for analysis?
 - So far spatial aspects have been incorporated because of research interest, but are spatial dimensions a “must” in certain cases in order to avoid biased estimates?
- Can we better coordinate myriad approaches across the literature and provide input on to when different approaches are relevant?

Key questions

- How can we better leverage theory to guide spatial analysis? And when is spatial analysis purely empirical?
 - Are there more starting points than the microeconomic concepts mentioned: Distance decay; substitutes and complements; diminishing marginal utility?
 - Are there criteria to guide implementation of concepts from geography?
- Are best practice guidelines needed/useful?
 - - If yes, this could be a topic of a following workshop and published as a paper
- Are there other key questions that have not yet been discussed?
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