

PUBLIC TALK

Shadow Suburbanism: Mexican Settlement, Immigration Enforcement, and Housing Form in the New South

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Over the past 20 years, Mexican communities have bypassed historic, urban ethnic enclaves to settle in and transform suburban areas of U.S. South. Nowhere is this spatial “Latinization” phenomenon more acute than in small towns such as those in Gwinnett County near Atlanta, one of the frontiers of new U.S. immigrant destinations. Coinciding with Mexican communities’ growth in these regions have been popular state- and county-level immigration policies—all of which have positioned states like

Georgia to be a national pioneer of hyper immigration surveillance and a regional enforcement model for neighboring metropolitan areas. The culmination of these adverse effects has required Mexican residents to create covert, culturally centered residential built environments. This project investigates how reactionary anti-immigrant policies fomented by the rise of new cultural land uses influence how Mexican immigrants reshape housing typologies in suburban Atlanta.

The event is sponsored by the OU Regional and City Planning Division. For accommodations, please contact C. Aujean Lee at aujean@ou.edu.