

11.329 Social Theory and the City

Session 2: Center vs. Periphery

The class focused on developing the theoretical arguments presented in student responses to the first assignment. Student volunteers read aloud their responses, and the class was asked to discuss their theoretical propositions and arguments around a set of basic questions:

1. What are the underlying assumptions that this argument relies on?
2. Are additional criteria needed to strengthen the argument?
3. What challenges to the theoretical propositions in the argument need to be addressed in its elaboration?
4. How do the arguments differ from one another?
5. What common ground do the different arguments share, if any?