



ABSTRACT

Spanish urban expansion at municipal level

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Abstract:

In Spain urban expansion or land take has been extremely intense in the last years and positive in all municipalities regarding of their size, location or urban/rural classification. Working with data for the more than 8,000 Spanish municipalities, this paper tries to uncover which are the local characteristics or factors partially explaining the *excessive* use of land. Are local population, income, transport costs and agricultural rents explaining around 80% of urban expansion, as it is the case for USA? Or is it land take occurring at local level even in circumstances of declining population and number of households? Which local characteristics can be prompting urban expansion beyond its rationale levels?

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