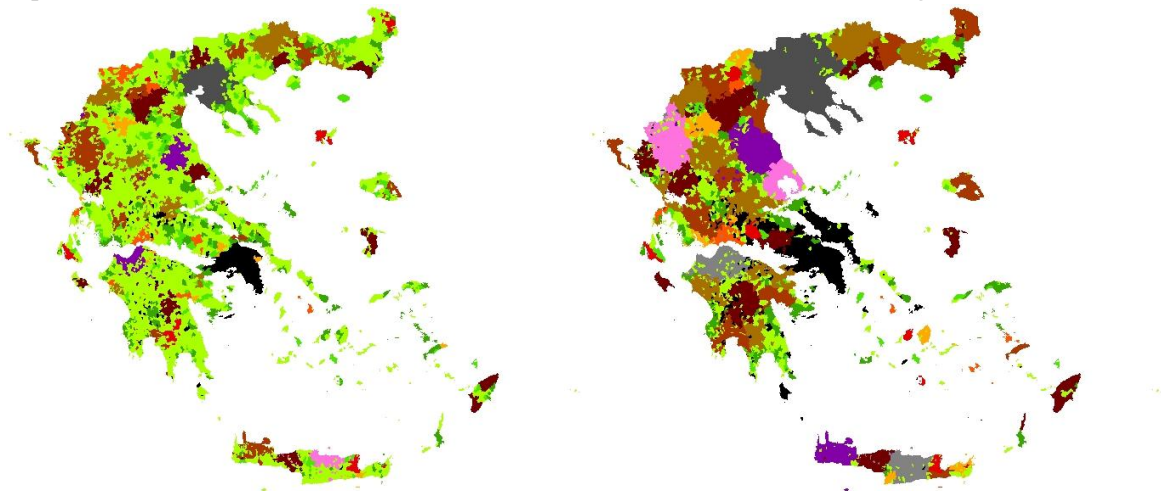


The labor market areas of Greece estimated from the 2021 commuting patterns

This paper delineates the Functional Economic Areas of Greece based on contemporary commuting patterns. By algorithmically grouping localities using travel-to-work flows from the 2021 Census, the study identifies updated economic boundaries and compares them to those derived from the 2011 Census (see Maps below; cf. *European Planning Studies*, 26.10: 1980-1998).

Furthermore, the study assesses Greece's spatial fragmentation based on these recovered formations and evaluates how closely they align with current regional and subregional divisions. The findings suggest that where these administrative and functional grids diverge, there is significant potential for more targeted policy interventions. Ultimately, this research advances our understanding of how labor market phenomena diffuse across the country, providing a robust framework for the formulation of evidence-based spatial policies.

Maps: The LMAs of Greece on the basis of the 25 and 10% in- and out-commuting ratios in 2011



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