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ADVANCES IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR SERIES

● **SEPT. 4 ■ 11:00 AM ■ B001 JENKINS NANOVIC HALLS**
MEDIATION ROOM **AND VIA ZOOM (LINK BELOW)**

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● Racism, discriminatory practices, institutional bias, and systematic exclusion can take lasting physical form in the built environment. Prior research has shown how housing policies and practices produce racialized urban space, but far less attention has been paid to infrastructure such as road networks. Prof. Roberto shows that road network disconnectivity and physical barriers — fences, railroad tracks, highways, dead-end streets — can demarcate space, facilitate exclusion, shape neighborhood valuation, and institutionalize racial inequality in durable material form.

The **Advances in Sustainable Development seminar series** features scholars working in a range of fields, organized under the broad theme of sustainable development, convening to critically engage the work of others. In conjunction with faculty working under the School's Poverty Inequality & Marginalization and Sustainability & Environmental Justice research programs, the seminar series emphasizes quantitative approaches to the study of sustainable development, from a diverse cross-section of disciplines, while welcoming mixed methods perspectives.

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