

PLACE-BASED POLICIES: OPPORTUNITY FOR DEPRIVED SCHOOLS OR ZONE-AND-SHAME EFFECT?

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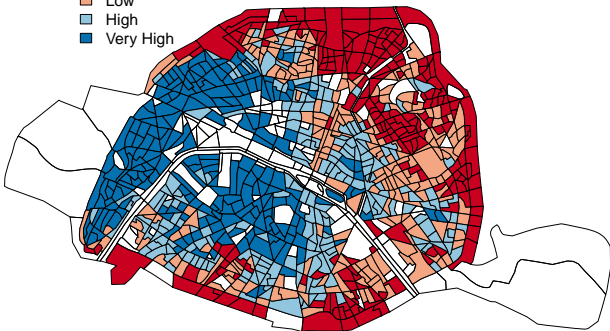
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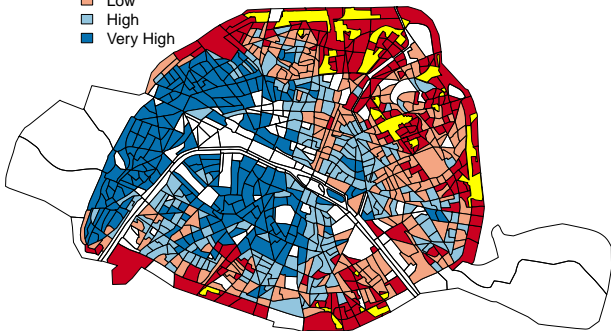
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Place-based policies targeted at deprived areas

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Urban zoning:

- QPV

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STIGMA ASSOCIATED TO “PRIORITY” NEIGHBORHOODS

- In France, “priority” neighborhoods suffer from **negative image**
 - public opinion (Guisse & Müller, 2019)
 - media (Magat, Rémila & Sala, 2018; ONPV, 2022)



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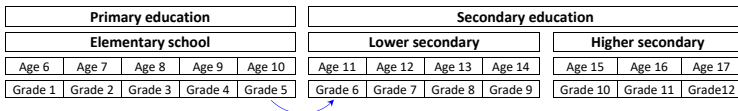
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- ⇒ What is the “**net**” **impact** of place-based policies **on school enrollment** in lower secondary education in France?

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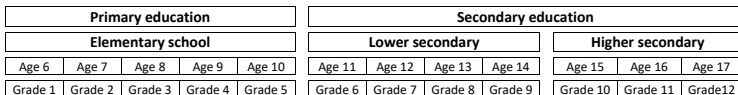


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⇒ Middle school enrollment reveals families' **preference** for places

⇒ Enrollment at the **catchment-area school** as a measure of attractiveness

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- ⇒ We compare school outcomes **before and after** the reform, in neighborhoods lying **on both sides** of the eligibility threshold

MAIN RESULTS

- Drop in school enrollment in **first-time labeled neighborhoods** compared to never-treated counterfactual neighborhoods
 - **Low-SES** pupils shift to public middle schools outside policy zoning
 - **High-SES** pupils opt for private middle schools
- **No increase** in school enrollment in **disqualified neighborhoods** compared to still-treated counterfactual neighborhoods

LITERATURE

- Extensive literature on **Place-Based Policies**
 - **Job creation** (Ham et al., 2011; Busso et al., 2013; Criscuolo et al., 2019)
 - **Heterogeneous effects** (Briant et al., 2015; Austin et al., 2018)
 - **Short-lived effects** (Gobillon et al., 2012; Givord et al., 2018)
 - **Negative spillovers** (Givord et al., 2013; Mayer et al., 2017; Einiö & Overman, 2020)
 - **Real estate capitalization** (Ehrlich & Seidel, 2018; Kitchens & Wallace, 2022)
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- But **few and only indirect evidence** on effects on residents, in particular **education outcomes**
 - “Moving to a better neighborhood” effects (Gould et al., 2004, 2011; Åslund et al., 2011; Chetty et al., 2016, 2018, 2020; Chyn, 2018; Guyon, 2022)
 - School-resources effects (Card & Payne, 2002; Papke, 2005; Jackson et al., 2015, 2021; Lafortune et al., 2018; Schmick & Shertzer, 2019; Jackson and Mackevicius, 2021 vs Bénabou et al. 2009; Feigenberg et al., 2019; Davezies & Garrouste, 2020; Benhenda & Grenet, 2020)
 - Sorting effects (Beffy & Davezies, 2013; Davezies & Garrouste, 2020)

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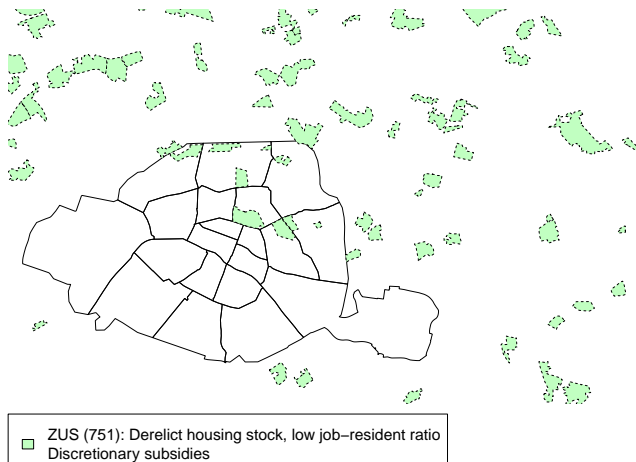
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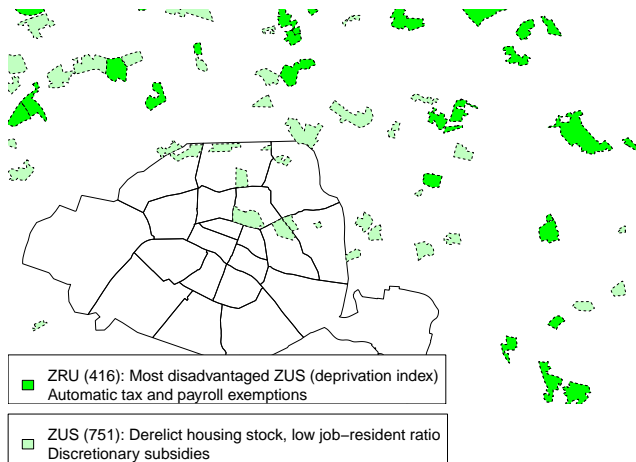
- Multi-dimensional State-City actions to improve
 - **Social cohesion** (public subsidies to non-for-profit organizations)
 - **Living conditions** of residents (construction/rehabilitation of social housing)
 - **Labour market** participation (tax breaks & positive discrimination)
 - **Education** (outside schools: child tutoring, support for parents, etc.)

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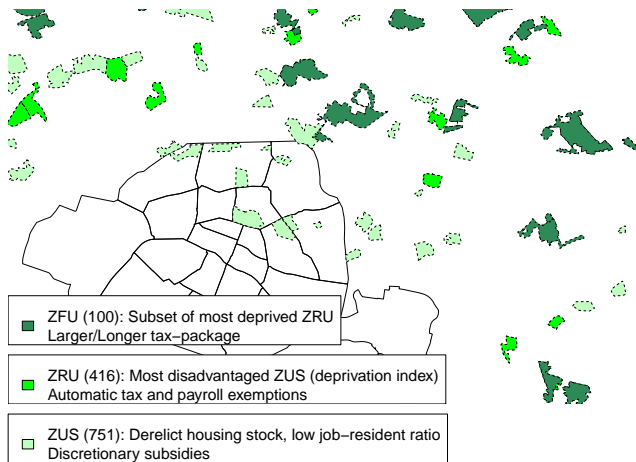
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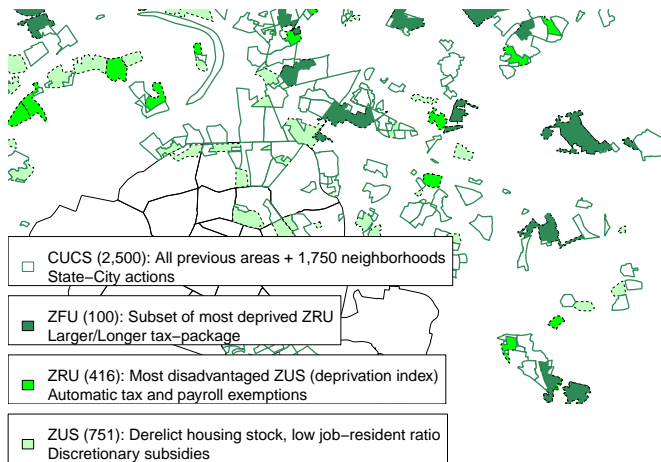
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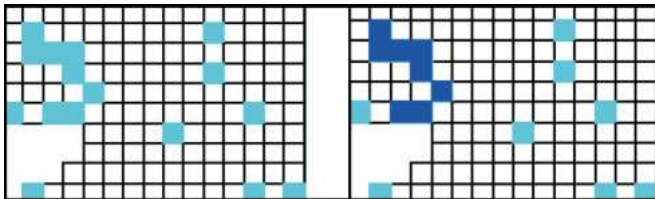
OBJECTIVES OF THE 2014 REFORM

- **Unique** zoning system (QPV)
 - ⇒ transparent eligibility criterion based on the median income of residents

- **Improve** cost-effectiveness
 - ⇒ public subsidies targeted at a smaller number of disadvantaged areas

NEW ELIGIBILITY RULE

- Square grid of the whole French territory (200 x 200 meters)
- Eligible zones: Adjacent squares with a median income below a **poverty threshold** (60% of non manipulable reference income)



Source: Quantin and Salat (2018)

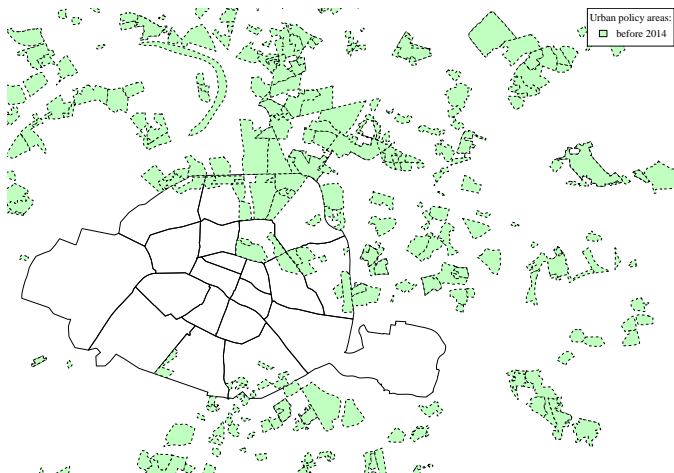
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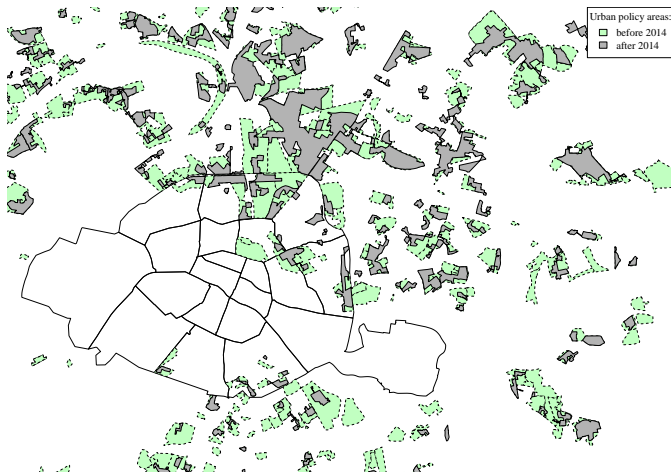
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 - Citizens' councils
 - Internet tools providing precise information on zoning delineation [Example](#)
- ⇒ Information shock, beyond policy change [Google trends](#)

BEFORE THE REFORM IN PARIS



Source: ANCT-CGET, Mairie de Paris

AFTER THE REFORM IN PARIS



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 - Reference income for all Urban Units in France (poverty cut-off)
 - Square-grid income at the census tract level (confidentiality issues)
 - Precise boundaries of urban policy zoning

	Freq.	%
Gender		
Girl	3,673,594	49
Boy	3,799,984	51
Socioeconomic status		
Very High SES	1,748,272	23
High SES	955,174	13
Medium SES	2,006,649	27
Low SES	2,459,399	33
Unknown SES	304,084	4
Citizenship		
French	7,165,558	96
Other	308,020	4
Age		
7-10	213,575	3
11-12	7,248,610	97
13-17	11,393	0
Middle School Choice		
Catchment-Area School	4,069,682	54
Other Public School	1,762,704	24
Private School	1,641,192	22
Catchment-area school		
In policy zoning	2,291,369	30.7
Entering policy zoning	29,374	0.4
Exiting policy zoning	1,941,826	26.0
Exiting policy zoning ($0.6 < I_R < 0.7$)	686,137	71.2
In entry-counterfactual areas	355,104	4.8
In exit-counterfactual areas	320,169	4.3
Total	7,473,578	100

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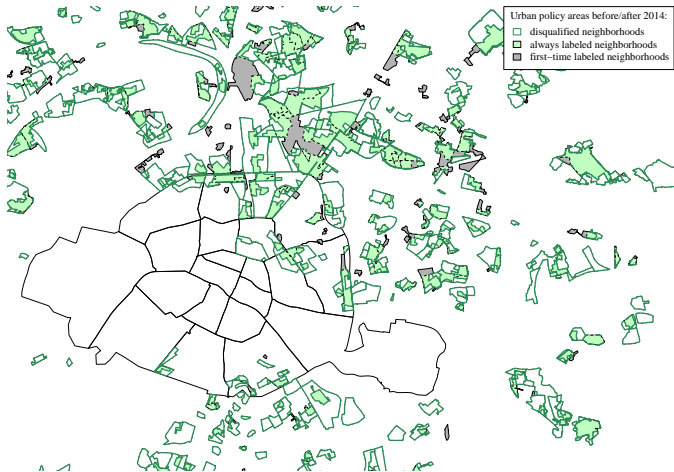
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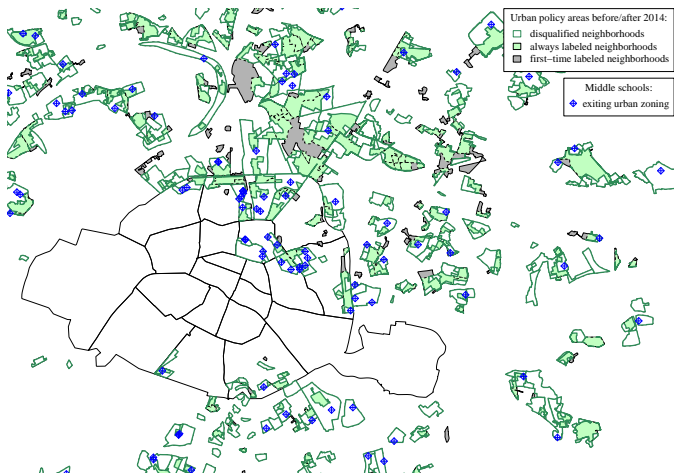
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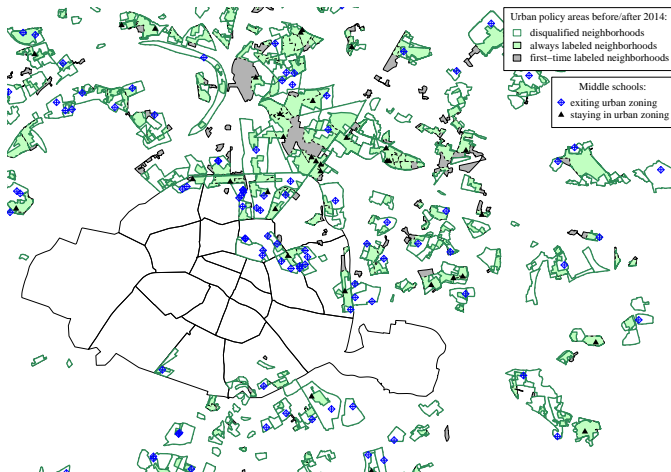
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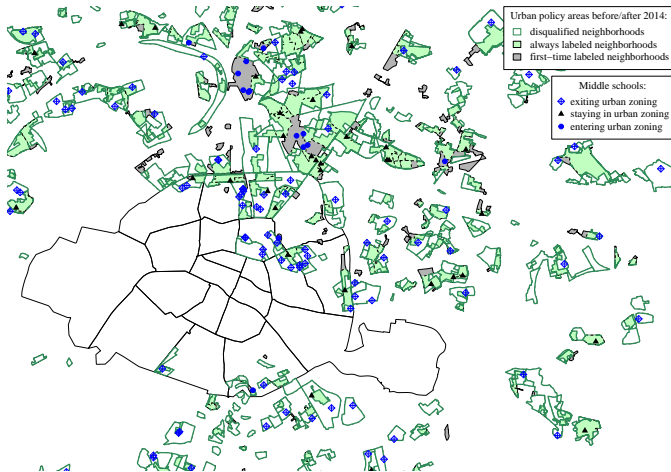
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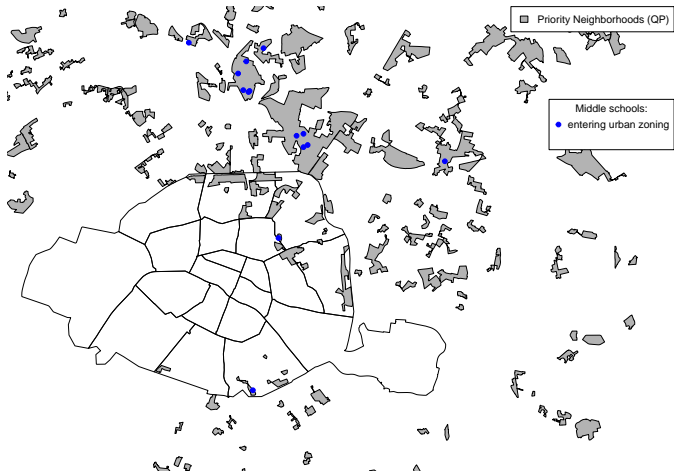
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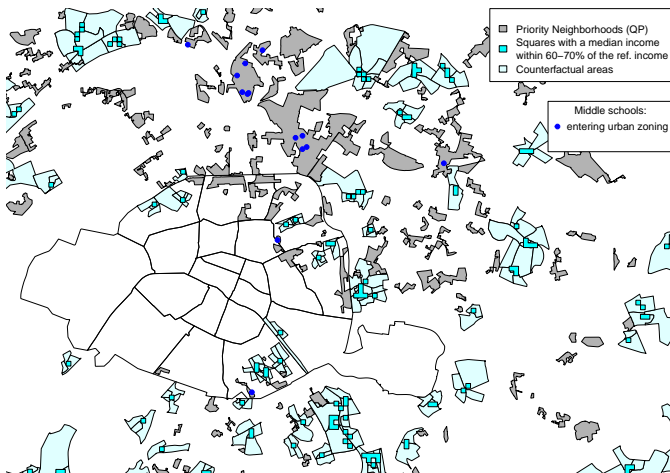
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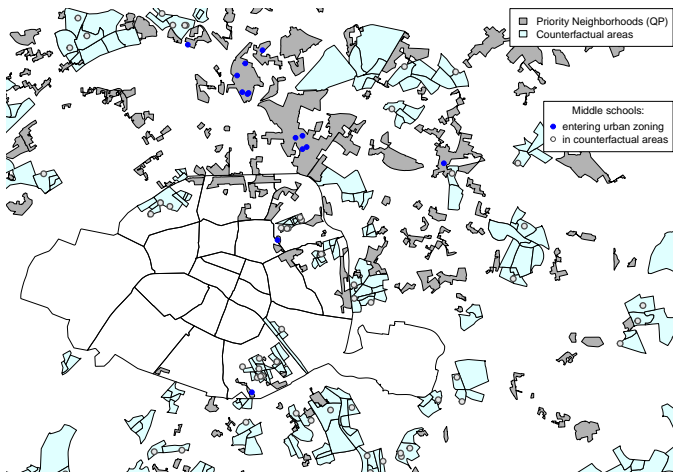
MIDDLE SCHOOLS “ENTERING” THE NEW ZONING



COUNTERFACTUAL AREAS FOR ENTRANT NEIGHBORHOODS



CONTROL AND TREATED (ENTRANT) SCHOOLS



EMPIRICAL FRAMEWORK

For schools in neighborhoods **never zoned before 2014**:

$$Y_{idt} = \sum_{k=2010}^{2019} \beta_{1k} T_d^{\text{entry}} \times \mathbb{1}_{t=k} + X_{it}\sigma_1 + Z_{dt}\lambda_1 + \mu_d + \mu_t + \epsilon_{idt}$$

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For schools in neighborhoods **already zoned before 2014**:

$$Y_{idt} = \sum_{k=2010}^{2019} \beta_{2k} T_d^{exit} \times \mathbb{1}_{t=k} + X_{it}\sigma_2 + Z_{dt}\lambda_2 + \mu_d + \mu_t + \varepsilon_{idt},$$

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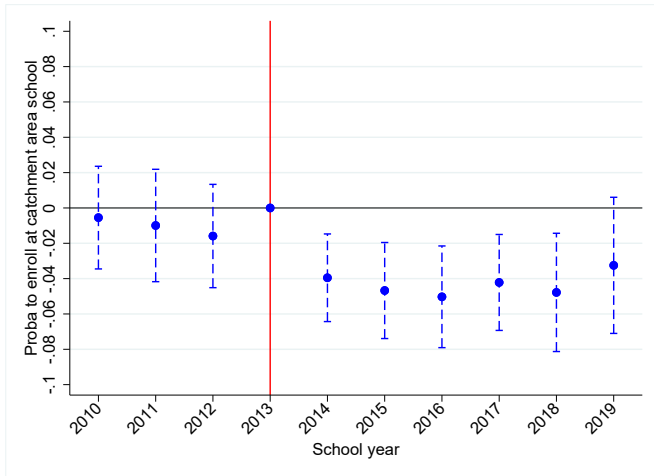
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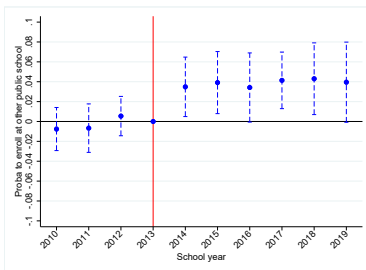
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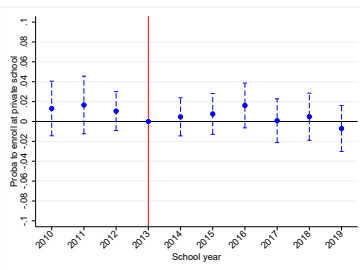
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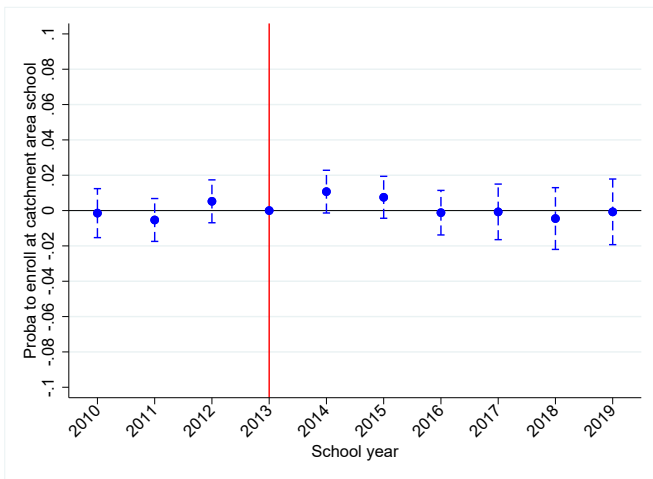
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[See main table](#)

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HETEROGENEITY ANALYSIS

- When the catchment-area school enters zoning
 - **Low-SES** families shift more often to another **public school**
 - and less often to a **private school** than high-SES families [See results](#)

- **Teachers** or equivalent **react less** than others [See results](#)

- 8th graders, **already enrolled** for two years, do not react [See results](#)

⇒ Key mechanism: **informational** frictions

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Comments and suggestions would be very welcome!

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FRENCH PLACE-BASED URBAN POLICY AROUND 2014

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		2004	2014	2020	→
Tier-4: CUCS	Tier-1: ZUS	Housing and living conditions National Urban Renewal Programme			
		Education <i>Prog. de Réussite Educative (PRE)</i> (to the end of the State-City contract)			
	Tier-2: ZRU	Enterprise zones and employment: Payroll tax exemptions Corporate tax exemptions (up to 5 years after installation)			
	Tier-2: ZFU	Enterprise zones and employment: Larger payroll tax exemptions Larger corporate tax exemptions (up to 14 years after installation) Larger property tax exemptions			
QPV			Citizen participation: Citizens' council		
			Housing and living conditions: National Urban Renewal Programme		
			Education: <i>Prog. de Réussite Educative (PRE)</i>		
			Enterprise zones and employment: Property tax exemptions		

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Rechercher un territoire

Accédez rapidement à votre territoire pour y trouver des données statistiques et une cartographie détaillée.

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The map shows a city area with several blue shaded zones. A red location pin is placed on a street. Labels on the map include 'Grand Centre - Sémard', 'CARENNE', 'Niveau - Boulogne', 'Jardin d'été - Boulogne', 'St-Louis', and 'St-Jacques'. A scale bar at the bottom indicates 1 km.

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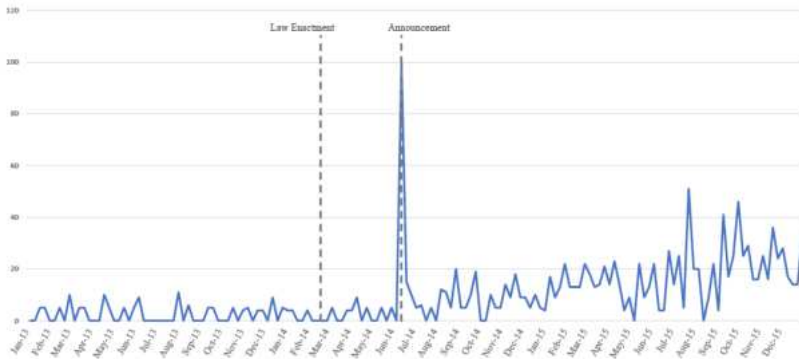
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Source: French Ministry of Urban Affairs.

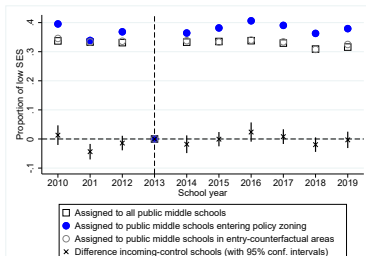
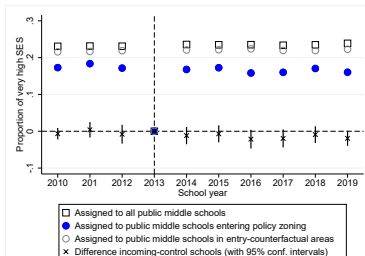
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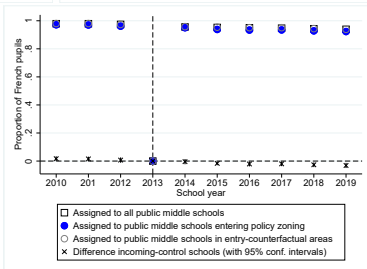
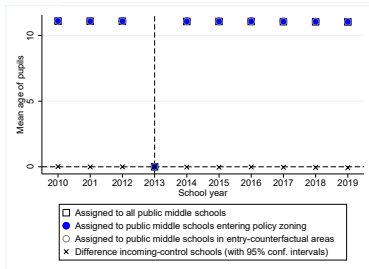


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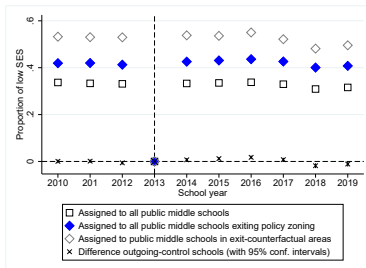
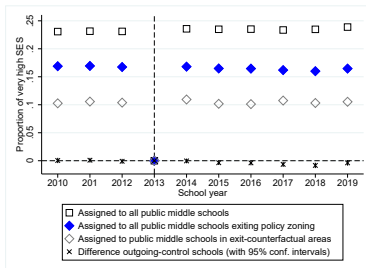
INCOMING VS. ENTRY-COUNTERFACTUAL SCHOOLS



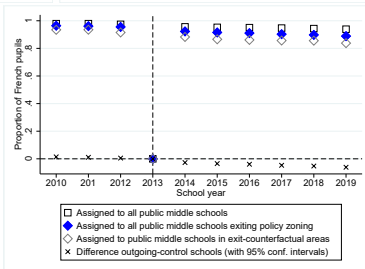
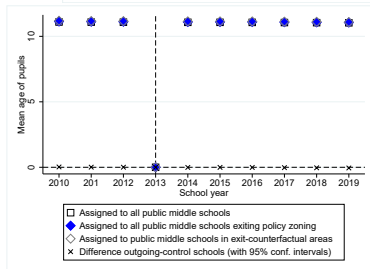
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OUTGOING VS. EXIT-COUNTERFACTUAL SCHOOLS



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	Probability to enroll at:		
	CA School	Other Public School	Private School
γ_{entry}	-0.035** (0.015)	0.041*** (0.015)	-0.006 (0.008)
SES (ref.=Medium)			
Very High SES	-0.069*** (0.007)	-0.017*** (0.006)	0.086*** (0.007)
High SES	-0.016*** (0.006)	-0.009** (0.004)	0.025*** (0.006)
Low SES	0.096*** (0.006)	0.023*** (0.005)	-0.120*** (0.006)
Unknown SES	0.082*** (0.017)	0.041*** (0.013)	-0.123*** (0.010)
Male	-0.011*** (0.002)	0.006*** (0.002)	0.005** (0.002)
French	-0.068*** (0.010)	-0.014 (0.010)	0.083*** (0.009)
Age	0.011*** (0.004)	0.028*** (0.003)	-0.039*** (0.004)
CA School in comp. educ. prog.	0.009 (0.013)	-0.005 (0.011)	-0.004 (0.012)
No. of Private Schools within 5km	0.061*** (0.013)	-0.075*** (0.013)	0.014** (0.007)
R^2	0.166	0.123	0.187
No. obs	384,478	384,478	384,478
No. clusters	235	235	235
Year FE	✓	✓	✓
School FE	✓	✓	✓

*** $p < 0.01$, ** $p < 0.05$, * $p < 0.10$. Standard errors clustered at the school level.

“Exit” from policy zoning and pupils’ enrollment [back](#)

	Probability to enroll at:		
	CA School	Other Public School	Private School
$\gamma_{exit} - treatment_{2014}$	0.004 (0.007)	-0.003 (0.007)	-0.001 (0.005)
SES (ref.=Medium)			
Very high SES	-0.119*** (0.007)	-0.016** (0.007)	0.136*** (0.008)
High SES	-0.038*** (0.005)	0.004 (0.004)	0.034*** (0.004)
Low SES	0.115*** (0.005)	0.001 (0.005)	-0.116*** (0.005)
Unknown	0.080*** (0.010)	0.035*** (0.009)	-0.115*** (0.007)
Male pupil	-0.011*** (0.002)	0.009*** (0.001)	0.001 (0.002)
French pupil	-0.081*** (0.007)	0.011 (0.007)	0.070*** (0.006)
Pupil's age	0.025*** (0.003)	0.033*** (0.003)	-0.058*** (0.003)
Catchment area school in comp. educ. prog.	0.005 (0.010)	0.003 (0.009)	-0.008 (0.007)
No. of private schools within 5km	0.025*** (0.007)	-0.014* (0.007)	-0.011*** (0.004)
R^2	0.172	0.106	0.237
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No. clusters	408	408	408
Year FE	✓	✓	✓
School FE	✓	✓	✓

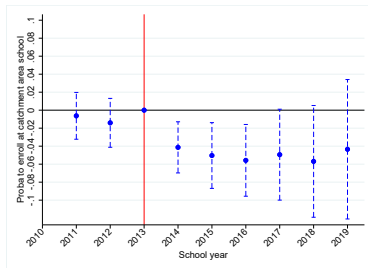
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EVENT STUDY - ENTRY - WITH TIME TRENDS

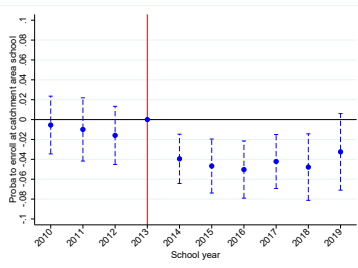
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Relative probability to choose the Catchment-Area school

(a) With time trends



(b) Without time trends

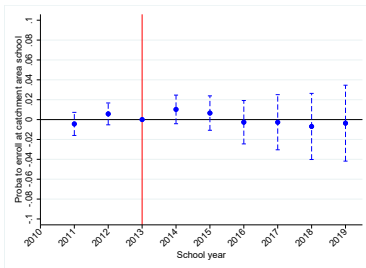


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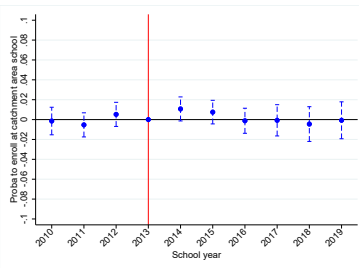
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Relative probability to choose the Catchment-Area school

(a) With time trends



(b) Without time trends



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	Probability to enroll at:		
	CA School	Other Public School	Private School
T^{entry}	-0.036* (0.019)	-0.000 (0.019)	0.036** (0.016)
SES (ref.=High)			
Medium SES $\times T^{entry}$	-0.002 (0.016)	0.029 (0.020)	-0.027 (0.018)
Low SES $\times T^{entry}$	-0.013 (0.021)	0.048** (0.019)	-0.035* (0.021)
R^2	0.180	0.136	0.207
No. obs	384,478	384,478	384,478
No. clusters	235	235	235
	Probability to enroll at:		
	CA School	Other Public School	Private School
T^{exit}	-0.003 (0.010)	-0.001 (0.010)	0.004 (0.008)
SES (ref.=High)			
Medium SES $\times T^{exit}$	0.010 (0.009)	-0.014 (0.009)	0.004 (0.009)
Low SES $\times T^{exit}$	0.021** (0.009)	-0.010 (0.010)	-0.011 (0.008)
R^2	0.186	0.133	0.237
No. obs	954,666	954,666	954,666
No. clusters	616	616	616
Pupil's characteristics	✓	✓	✓
Time-varying controls	✓	✓	✓
Year FE	✓	✓	✓
School FE	✓	✓	✓
Group-trends	✓	✓	✓

*** $p < 0.01$, ** $p < 0.05$, * $p < 0.10$. Standard errors clustered at the school level.

Re-zoning and the enrollment of teachers' children [back](#)

	Probability to enroll at:		
	CA School	Other Public School	Private School
T^{entry}	-0.041*** (0.013)	0.036** (0.016)	0.005 (0.011)
SES (ref.=Non-Teachers)			
Teachers $\times T^{entry}$	0.059** (0.025)	-0.061** (0.027)	0.001 (0.018)
R^2	0.153	0.123	0.155
No. obs	384,476	384,476	384,476
No. clusters	235	235	235
	Probability to enroll at:		
	CA School	Other Public School	Private School
T^{exit}	0.011* (0.006)	-0.010* (0.006)	-0.001 (0.004)
SES (ref.=Non-Teachers)			
Teachers $\times T^{exit}$	-0.018 (0.014)	0.021 (0.017)	-0.003 (0.014)
R^2	0.144	0.116	0.168
No. obs	954,660	954,660	954,660
No. clusters	616	616	616
Pupil's characteristics	✓	✓	✓
Time-varying controls	✓	✓	✓
Year FE	✓	✓	✓
School FE	✓	✓	✓
Group-trends	✓	✓	✓

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KEY MECHANISM: INFORMATIONAL FRICTIONS

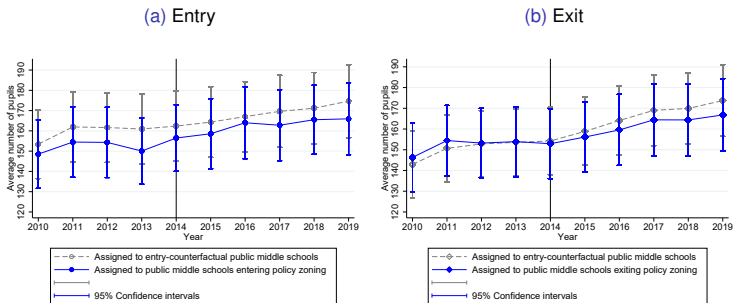
"Entry" into policy zoning and enrollment into 8th grade [back](#)

	Probability to enroll at:		
	Previous Public School	Other Public School	Private School
T^{entry}	0.009 (0.010)	-0.009 (0.009)	-0.000 (0.004)
R^2	0.010	0.009	0.006
No. obs	303,977	303,977	303,977
No. clusters	237	237	237
	Probability to enroll at:		
	Previous Public School	Other Public School	Private School
T^{exit}	0.003 (0.003)	-0.004 (0.003)	0.001 (0.001)
R^2	0.010	0.009	0.007
No. obs	687,380	687,380	687,380
No. clusters	619	619	619
Year FE	✓	✓	✓
School FE	✓	✓	✓
Group-trends	✓	✓	✓

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SORTING ACROSS SCHOOLS OR MOVING HOUSE?

Average number of pupils assigned to treated and counterfactual schools [back](#)



⇒ Re-sorting across schools, rather than across neighborhoods

NARROW DEFINITION OF TREATMENT

- ZUS/ZRU/ZFU delineation: well-known by residents before the reform
 - Other CUCS: unknown by most people (even high SES) before 2014
- ⇒ Changes in perceptions, beliefs or preferences triggered by the reform heterogeneous across these two groups?
- ⇒ Only ZUS/ZRU/ZFU could have been perceived as treated before 2014
- ⇒ $T_{dt}^{entry} = 1$ if school not in ZUS/ZRU/ZFU before 2014 and in QP after
- $T_{dt}^{exit} = 1$ if school in ZUS/ZRU/ZFU before 2014 and not in QP after

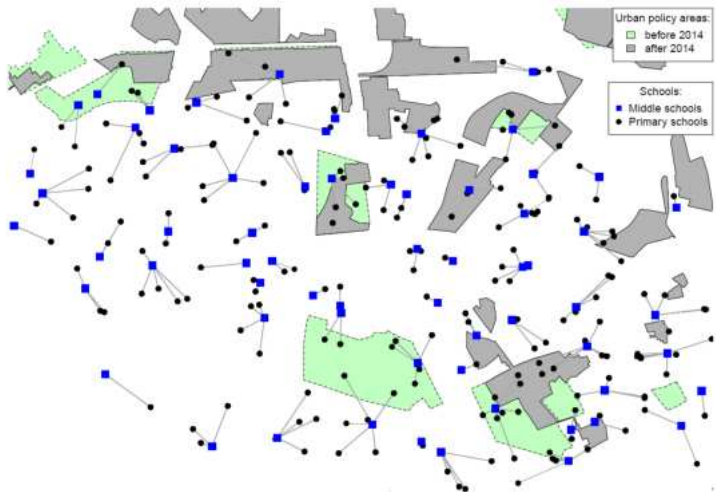
REZONING AND PUPILS' ENROLLMENT - NARROW TREATMENT

	Probability to enroll at:		
	CA School	Other Public School	Private School
T^{entry}	-0.021*** (0.008)	0.026*** (0.008)	-0.005 (0.005)
R^2	0.170	0.126	0.192
No. obs	449,998	449,998	449,998
No. clusters	280	280	280
T^{exit}	0.014* (0.007)	-0.017** (0.007)	0.003 (0.005)
R^2	0.178	0.102	0.218
No. obs	574,409	574,409	574,409
No. clusters	368	368	368
Pupil's characteristics	✓	✓	✓
Time-varying controls	✓	✓	✓
Year FE	✓	✓	✓
School FE	✓	✓	✓
Group-trends (exit)	✓	✓	✓

***p<0.01, **p<0.05, *p<0.10. Standard errors clustered at the school level.

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CATCHMENT-AREAS BASED ON PUPIL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



Blue squares = public middle schools, black dots = primary schools. Black segments link each primary school to its closest public middle school, defined as the catchment-area school of all pupils previously enrolled at this primary school

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	Probability to enroll at:		
	CA School	Other Public School	Private School
T^{entry}	-0.026*** (0.009)	0.020*** (0.007)	0.006 (0.006)
R ²	0.110	0.083	0.135
No. obs	152,679	152,679	152,679
No. clusters	236	236	236
T^{exit}	0.027*** (0.010)	-0.019* (0.012)	-0.008 (0.006)
R ²	0.136	0.077	0.150
No. obs	391,673	391,673	391,673
No. clusters	607	607	607
Pupil's characteristics	✓	✓	✓
Time-varying controls	✓	✓	✓
Year FE	✓	✓	✓
School FE	✓	✓	✓
Group-trends (exit)	✓	✓	✓

***p<0.01, **p<0.05, *p<0.10. CA School refers to the Catchment-Area School. Standard errors in parentheses are clustered at the CA-school level. Pupils' characteristics include socioeconomic background, gender, scholarship and citizenship. Time-varying controls include a dummy for the CA school benefiting from a compensatory education program, and the share of private schools in the urban unit hosting the primary school. For the sake of clarity, the constant and the coefficients on these controls are not listed.

MULTINOMIAL ANALYSIS

Multinomial logit model:

$$Y_{idt} = k \text{ if } U_{idt}^k > U_{idt}^l,$$

$$U_{idt}^k = \alpha^k + \beta^k T_{dt} + X_{it}\gamma^k + Z_{dt}\delta^k + \mu_d^k + \mu_t^k + \eta_{idt}^k,$$

U_{idt}^k = pupil i 's utility from choosing school k

$k = \{1, 2, 3\}$ for the catchment-area school, another public school, or a private school

Multinomial logit - "Entry" into policy zoning [back](#)

	Relative risk ratios	
	Middle school choice (ref = CA School)	
	Other Public School	Private School
T^{entry}	1.322*** (0.139)	1.053 (0.061)
SES (ref.=Medium)		
Very High SES	1.114*** (0.045)	1.664*** (0.066)
High SES	0.996 (0.027)	1.155*** (0.040)
Low SES	0.907*** (0.027)	0.370*** (0.018)
Unknown SES	0.990 (0.086)	0.377*** (0.039)
Male	1.052*** (0.011)	1.054*** (0.016)
French	1.120** (0.059)	2.361*** (0.163)
Age	1.100*** (0.022)	0.770*** (0.022)
CA School in comp. educ. prog.	0.965 (0.069)	0.927 (0.079)
No. of Private Schools within 5km	0.594*** (0.048)	0.919 (0.050)
Pseudo R ²	0.165	
No. obs	384,478	
No. clusters	235	
Year FE		✓
School FE		✓

Multinomial logit - "Exit" from policy zoning [back](#)

	Relative risk ratios	
Middle school choice (ref = CA School)	Other Public School	Private School
T^{exit}	0.960 (0.028)	1.056* (0.031)
SES (ref.=Medium)		
Very High SES	1.386*** (0.045)	2.182*** (0.083)
High SES	1.112*** (0.024)	1.270*** (0.034)
Low SES	0.755*** (0.017)	0.300*** (0.009)
Unknown SES	0.873*** (0.040)	0.310*** (0.022)
Male	1.052*** (0.006)	1.038*** (0.011)
French	1.192*** (0.036)	2.441*** (0.103)
Age	1.013 (0.012)	0.617*** (0.012)
CA School in comp. educ. prog.	0.942 (0.035)	0.966 (0.034)
No. of Private Schools within 5km	0.835*** (0.029)	0.899*** (0.031)
Pseudo R ²	0.168	
No. obs	954,666	
No. clusters	616	
Year FE		✓
School FE		✓