

## Dr. Paul M. Ong

Professor Paul Ong is an economist and urban planner, a quantitative researcher focusing on spatial, income and racial inequalities, and Director of the UCLA Center for Neighborhood Knowledge. He is currently analyzing the direct and indirect impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on employment, housing, health and education. (<https://knowledge.luskin.ucla.edu/news/>)

Dr. Ong also works with California's Air Resource Board on Sustainable Community Strategies and transportation disparities. He has served on national advisory committees such as: Census Race and Ethnic Advisory Committee, Census Monitoring Board, Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics Program, National Research Council, Department of Justice, and Small Business Administration. Professor Ong has also worked with state agencies to study displaced workers, employment impacts of welfare reform, and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing. Professor Ong has provided expert consulting for civil rights advocates and attorneys, including *U.S. Department of Justice v. Maricopa* and *Fisher v. University of Texas*.

He has over a hundred academic and professional publications on inequality and racial minorities, including: *Impacts of Affirmative Action: Policies and Consequences in California*; *The New Asian Immigration in Los Angeles and Global Restructuring*; *Jobs and Economic Development in Minority Communities*; and *Uneven Urbanscape: Spatial Structures and Ethnoracial Inequality*.

Dr. Ong received a Master's in Urban Planning from the University of Washington, and a Ph.D. in Economics, University of California, Berkeley. Along with his quantitative research, his professional practice includes teaching and applying visual forms of communication.