**The Role of Residential Context and Public Policies in the Production**

**of Urban Inequalities**

ABSTRACT: The aim of this chapter is to analyse the interface among spatial concentration of disadvantage in residential contexts and public policies in the production of urban inequality, taking into account research findings that, in different areas, have addressed the issue. To this end, we have dived into the debates around the role of urban space and public policies in the production of inequalities. In particular, we focus on two central discussions: on the one hand, those that occur around the geographies of opportunities and, on the other, those that have to do with the neighbourhood effects. Also, we focus on the mechanisms through which they operate and on the role that residential context have in the definition of public policies.