

## Twitter Thread by Noah Smith



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**Krugman is, of course, right about this. BUT, note that universities can do a lot to revitalize declining and rural regions.**

One thing I've been noticing about responses to today's column is that many people still don't get how strong the forces behind regional divergence are, and how hard to reverse 1/ <https://t.co/Ft2aH1NcQt>

— Paul Krugman (@paulkrugman) November 20, 2018

See this thing that [@lymanstoneky](https://t.co/2xqpKdMZUs) wrote: <https://t.co/2xqpKdMZUs>

And see this thing that I wrote: <https://t.co/2GduLv9SL5>

And see this book that [@JamesFallows](https://t.co/sXGIQHirxn) wrote: <https://t.co/sXGIQHirxn>

And see this other thing that I wrote: <https://t.co/uxUcLHzmON>

And see this book that Enrico Moretti wrote: <https://t.co/GO3WXIPv25>

And see yet another thing that I wrote: <https://t.co/zud8wNQDTh>

And see this thing that [@John\\_C\\_Austin](https://t.co/9NOOliewx9) wrote: <https://t.co/9NOOliewx9>

Universities are the closest thing we have to a "magic bullet" for reviving America's declining, forgotten, rural, and left-behind regions.

Everyone needs to know this. Help me get the word out.

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