

### Laws in Geography lecture by Michael GOODCHILD

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The principle that nearby things are more related than distant things has been advanced as a *First Law of Geography*. It is a disarmingly simple statement that has abundant and important practical ramifications, and is formalized as the foundation of geostatistics. Are there other principles that might qualify as laws about the geographic world, and might some of these laws apply to places rather than spaces?

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