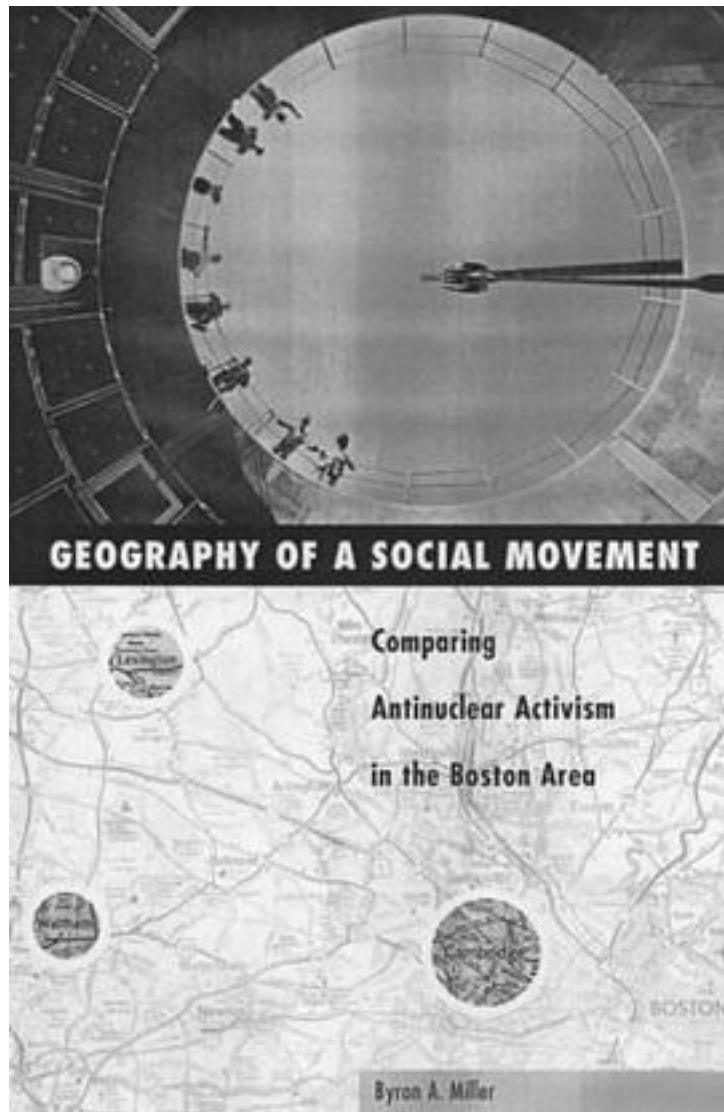


# Geography and Social Movements



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A comparative analysis of the implications of space, place, and scale in political mobilization.

Context matters, as students of social movements increasingly agree, and yet very little attention has been paid to the role geography plays in activism. Geography and Social Movements corrects this oversight, bringing a geographical perspective to the study of social movements. Byron A. Miller directly addresses the implications of space, place, and scale in social movement mobilization, and then demonstrates their significance in a detailed comparative analysis of peace movements in three municipalities around Boston.

In focusing on the Boston area—an old northeastern region, heavily industrialized with many companies working on military contracts, and also a center of education—Miller is able to explore how campaigns aimed at curbing nuclear arms operate within the cultural, political, social, and economic confines of particular places and spaces. He shows how the decisions and actions of local peace movement organizations played a central role in the movement’s successes and failures, and how local organizations had to respond to the differing class, race, and gender characteristics of different locales. Miller’s empirical analysis clearly demonstrates that geographic strategies for social movement organizations have direct consequences for the successes and failures of specific campaigns.

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## 评论

最近要改的一篇文章涉及一个geographical scale的机制，于是找了过来。

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当社会运动的文献开始关注语境问题时，为什么只有历史语境被纳入讨论之中，空间在哪里？难道社会运动是发生在针尖上的吗？这就是这本书想要解答（和攻击）的核心问题。全书的理论框架是通过“沟通”哈贝马斯的系统—生活世界与列斐伏尔的抽象空间—生活空间这两个框架建立起来的。因为社会运动首先必须在地，其次与尺度问题相关联，同时其中所蕴含的身份问题、策略问题在相当程度上也是空间问题，所以作者呼吁社会运动研究者跟随社会科学界嚷了很久的“地理转向”，构造一个新的社会空间本体论。总体看理论叙述很扎实，尤其是第一章 (with Deborah Martin) 相当精彩；案例部分 (波士顿地区的反核运动) 相对不那么吸引人。

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