Syllabus

Geographies of change: space society and ecology in contemporary China - 40339

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Geography

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:
The course will chart the main social, spatial, and ecological challenges that China faces, focusing on their intersection in China’s unprecedented urbanization. This epic process re-shape Chinese society and geography, while having important global ecological and economic impact.

Course/Module aims:
To chart the changes in the political, economic, and ecological environments in contemporary China and how these changes influence policy formulations
To analyze the political, economic, and social components of China’s rapid urbanization process and its ecological implications
To assess the changing urban-rural relationship and its impact on China
To examine how the state and society cope with large-scale, environment changing, man-made and natural events

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:
Chart the influence of political and economic changes taking place in China since 1949 and their influence on social and ecological policy formulation
Analyze the various components of China’s urbanization process, the political, economic, and social forces involved, and its ecological implications
Recognize the changing urban-rural relationship in contemporary China and its environmental influence
Assess the different approaches of the state and society in dealing with major, environment changing events, and discuss the implications of these modes of engagement for future social and ecological questions.

Attendance requirements(%):
100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: lecture

Course/Module Content:
Historical and political background
Development, control and ecology under Mao
From village to city – Migration
Urbanization, urban space, and social change
Urbanization and the environment – air pollution, food safety, and recycling
Back to the village
Post-Olympic urbanization
Post-Earthquake reconstruction
Eco-cities in China

Required Reading:
Abramson, Daniel, and Yu Qi. "Urban-Rural Integration in the Earthquake Zone: Sichuan's Post-Disaster Reconstruction and the Expansion of the Chengdu
Additional Reading Material:

Course/Module evaluation:
End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 0 %
Participation in Tutorials 0 %
Project work 100 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 0 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 0 %

Additional information:
For the most updated information on the course topics and list of reading items, please refer to course site on the Moodle system.