Syllabus

Capital Cities: Urban Growth in Global and Historical Perspective - 39813

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HU Credits: 4

Degree/Cycle: 2nd degree (Master)

Responsible Department: history

Academic year: 0

Semester: Yearly

Teaching Languages: English

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:
This seminar examines the history and geography of urban growth in both its economic and demographic contexts.

Course/Module aims:

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:
- Develop and improve their ability to engage with—that is, digest, summarize, and evaluate—academic argumentation.
- Become familiar with a variety of qualitative, quantitative, and historical methodologies within the field of urban studies.
- Practice presentation skills within a small group format.
- Practice writing skills by way of several short response and essay assignments throughout the semester.

Attendance requirements(%):

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction:

Course/Module Content:

SEMESTER I

Week 1 (October 18): Engels and the Birth of Urban Political Economy

Week 2 (October 25): Paris and the Modern City

Week 3 (November 1): Paris and the Modern City (continued)

Week 4 (November 8): Paris and the Modern City (continued)

Week 5 (November 15): Paris and the Modern City

Week 6 (November 22): Chicago and the Links between Nature and City

Week 7 (November 29): Chicago and the Links between Nature and City (continued)
Week 8 (December 6): Chicago and the Links between Nature and City (continued)

Week 9 (December 13): Chicago and the Links between Nature and City (continued)

Week 10 (December 20): Mapping and Designing Havana

Week 11 (December 27): Immigration and Neighborhoods in Early Chicago

Week 12 (January 3): Immigration and Neighborhoods in Early Chicago (continued)

Week 13 (January 10): Immigration and Neighborhoods in Early Chicago (continued)

Week 14 (January 17): Turn-of-the-Century Urban Segregation in the U.S. in Global Context

SEMESTER II

Week 1 (February 21): Company Towns in Early Twentieth Century Latin America

Week 2 (February 28): The History of Urban Apartheid in South Africa

Week 3 (March 6): The History of Urban Apartheid in South Africa (continued)

Week 4 (March 13): The History of the Postwar Urban Crisis in the U.S.

Week 5 (March 20): Change over Time in Brazil’s Favelas

Week 6 (March 27): The Globalization of Urban Poverty


Week 8 (May 8): Work and Migration in the New Chinese City

Week 9 (May 15): The Economics of the Global City

Week 10 (May 22): The Economics of the Global City (continued)

Week 11 (May 29): The Origins of Urban Branding in New York

Week 12 (June 5): Jerusalem in the Age of the Tourist City
Week 13 (June 12): Sports Spectacle and "Entrepreneurial" Urban Growth

Required Reading:

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- In-class screening of The Pruitt-Igoe Myth (no reading for this week)

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PURIM VACATION

Week 8 (May 8): Work and Migration in the New Chinese City  

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Week 11 (May 29): The Origins of Urban Branding in New York  

Week 12 (June 5): Jerusalem in the Age of the Tourist City  
- Arie Shachar and Noam Shoval, Tourism in Jerusalem: A Place to Play, in The Tourist City, ed. Dennis Judd and Susan Fainstein (New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 1999), 198-211.

Week 13 (June 12): Sports Spectacle and Entrepreneurial Urban Growth  
- Jay Scherer, Olympic Villages and Large-Scale Urban Development: Crises of Capitalism, Deficits of Democracy? Sociology 45, no. 5, 782-797.

Additional Reading Material:
Course/Module evaluation:
End of year written/oral examination 0 %
Presentation 25 %
Participation in Tutorials 50 %
Project work 0 %
Assignments 0 %
Reports 20 %
Research project 0 %
Quizzes 0 %
Other 5 %
Current Event Selection

Additional information: