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This seminar is designed to introduce graduate students to the field of urban development. By its nature, urban development is an interdisciplinary field that incorporates theories and concepts from a variety of disciplines, including sociology, economics, political science, planning, and geography. Drawing on these different disciplinary approaches, we examine a wide range of issues facing urban areas today, including globalization, poverty and inequality, gentrification, sustainability, and regionalism. I include several different analytical approaches to urban development, but we cannot include all those that may be employed by researchers.

The conceptual focus of this seminar is on the significance of place and the physical environment in the urban development process. We are especially interested in how place continues to be a viable concept in the context of globalization and how it shapes economic and social opportunities for residents. The key objectives of this course are to establish an understanding of the key trends, substantive issues, and emergent developments in the field of urban development.

REQUIRED READINGS

John Logan and Harvey Molotch. 2007. *Urban Fortunes: The Political Economy of Place*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Sassen, Saskia. 2006. *Cities in a World Economy, Third Edition*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge Press.

Douglas Massey and Nancy Denton. 1998. *American Apartheid: Segregation and the Making of the Underclass*. Harvard University Press.

Richard Florida. 2003. *The Rise of the Creative Class*. New York: Basic Books.

Peter Dreier, John Mollenkopf, and Todd Swanstrom. 2005. *Place Matters: Metropolitcs for the Twenty-first Century*. Lawrence: University of Kansas Press.

Philip Kasinitz, John Mollenkopf, Mary Waters and Jennifer Holdaway. 2009. *Inheriting the City*. New York: Russell Sage.

Additional readings are available on Learn@UW.

PREPARATION AND PARTICIPATION

This is a seminar, so I do not plan to lecture during the semester. In some weeks, I will provide a short discussion of the context or issues that relate to the reading. For each class session, a few students will take responsibility for leading the discussion of selected readings. Students should summarize the major arguments of the readings and provide a critical analysis and evaluation. We will use the discussion questions submitting by seminar participants to organize the remainder of the discussion. It is important that seminar participants come prepared to discuss the material each week. Occasionally, I will assign some additional readings to provide a deeper theoretical context for the discussion during that week.

ASSIGNMENTS

#1 - Weekly - For each class session, submit at least two questions that would be suitable for discussion in the seminar. Accompany your questions with brief comments that integrate the readings and the topic (s) for that session demonstrating you have read the weekly assignment. Submit this by e-mail no later than 6:00 the evening before class. The intent is to encourage careful and thoughtful reading that will lead to increased understanding and a more sophisticated evaluation of those readings.

#2 - Term Paper - There are several options for the term paper requirement. One option would be to select a topic situated in the urban development literature. The topic could be one of those covered in the course or another relevant issue (please discuss the topic with me in advance). Review the literature on this topic and develop a research proposal. This proposal could be for a thesis, dissertation, or grant proposal. A second option is to conduct a case study or comparative study of urban development. This option might examine the development activities in a city or the outcomes of these processes. Again, I would like to discuss the case study before you begin working on it. A third option is to work with an existing data set to examine some issue related to urban development. It might be possible to use census data, for example, to examine development issues in major cities in the U.S. or other countries.

These are just suggestions and I am open to other possibilities as well. Our goal is to use this opportunity to develop a thesis/dissertation proposal or a paper that can be presented at a professional meeting. You need to select your topic by February 1 and submit a brief summary of what you are studying, how you will study it, and why you are interested in this issue. A wide variety of approaches are acceptable (e.g., quantitative, qualitative, theoretical). The term paper is due May 3rd.

GRADES

Final grades will be based on: i) weekly assignments and preparation; and ii) term paper. Each will count for about 1/2 of your final grade.

COURSE OUTLINE AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

1. Introductions, Agendas, & Overview (1/18)

Berube, Alan, William H. Frey, Alec Friedhoff, Emily Garr, Emilia Istrate, Elizabeth Kneebone, Robert Puentes, Audrey Singer, Adie Tomer, Howard Wial, and Jill H. Wilson. 2010. *State of Metropolitan America: On the Front Lines of Demographic Transformation*. Washington: Brookings Institution Metropolitan Policy Program. Available: http://www.brookings.edu/~media/Files/Programs/Metro/state_of_metro_america/metro_america_report.pdf.

2. Place and Politics (1/25)

Peter Dreier, John Mollenkopf, and Todd Swanstrom. 2005. *Place Matters: Metropolitics for the Twenty-first Century*. Lawrence: University of Kansas Press.

Don Mitchell. 2003. *The Right to the City: Social Justice and the Fight for Public Space*. New York: Guilford (Chapter 1).

3. Place and Development (2/1)

Timothy Bartik. 1991. *Who Benefits from State and Local Economic Development Policies?* Kalamazoo, MI (Pp. 17-58).

Michael E. Porter. 2000. Location, competition, and economic Development: Local clusters in a global economy. *Economic Development Quarterly* 14: 15-34.

Ann Markusen. 1996. Sticky places in slippery space. *Economic Geography* 72: 293-313.

David Harvey. 1982. *The Limits to Capital*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press (Pp. 373—445).

4. Growth Machines/Regimes (2/8)

John Logan and Harvey Molotch. 2007. *Urban Fortunes: The Political Economy of Place*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Clarence Stone. 1980. Systemic power in community decision making: A restatement of stratification theory. *American Political Science Review*, 74: 978-990.

Paul Peterson. 1981. *City Limits*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press (Pp. 3-65).

5. Globalization & Cities (2/15)

Sassen, Saskia. 2006. *Cities in a World Economy, Third Edition*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge Press.

Maruo Guillen. 2001. Is globalization civilizing, destructive or feeble? A critique of five key debates in the social science literature. *Annual Review of Sociology* 27: 235-260.

6. Urban Poverty & Inequality (2/22)

Douglas Massey and Nancy Denton. 1998. *American Apartheid: Segregation and the Making of the Underclass*. Harvard University Press.

Maurio Small and Katherine Newman. 2001. Urban poverty after The Truly Disadvantaged. *Annual Review of Sociology* 27: 23-45.

Ralph Sampson. 2002. Assessing neighborhood effects. *Annual Review of Sociology* 28: 443-478.

7. Spatial Mismatch (3/1)

John Kain. 1992. The spatial mismatch hypothesis three decades later. In *Housing Policy Debate: Discrimination in the Housing Mortgage Markets*. Fannie Mae. Available at: <http://www.knowledgeplex.org/showdoc.html?id=1362&p=1>

Harry Holzer. 1991. The spatial mismatch hypothesis: What has the evidence shown? *Urban Studies* 28: 105-122.

Roberto Fernandez. 2008. Race, spatial mismatch, and job accessibility: evidence from a plant relocation. *Social Science Research* 37: 953-975.

Steven Raphael & Michael Stoll. 2010. *Job Sprawl and the Suburbanization of Poverty*. Washington, DC: Brookings Institute.

Gary Green, Leann M. Tigges, and Daniel Diaz. 1999. "Racial and ethnic differences in job search strategies in Atlanta, Boston and Los Angeles." *Social Science Quarterly* 80:263-78.

8. Gentrification (3/8)

Sharon Zukin. 2010. *Naked City: The Death and Life of Authentic Urban Places*. New York: Oxford University Press. (pp. 1-31).

Loretta Lees. 2000. A reappraisal of gentrification. *Progress in Human Geography* 24: 389-408.

Neil Smith. 2002. New globalism, new urbanism: Gentrification as global urban strategy, *Antipode* 34: 434-57.

Lance Freeman. 2005. Displacement or succession?: Residential mobility in gentrifying neighborhoods. *Urban Affairs Review* 40: 463-491.

SPRING BREAK (3/15)

9. Creative Cities (3/22)

Richard Florida. 2003. *The Rise of the Creative Class*. New York: Basic Books.

Jamie Peck. 2005. Struggling with the creative class. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 29: 740-770.

Joshua Long. 2009. Sustaining creativity in the creative archetype: The case of Austin, Texas. *Cities* 26: 210-219.

10. Urban Sustainability (3/29)

Luke Cole and Sheila Foster. 2001. *From the Ground Up: Environmental Racism and the Rise of the Environmental Movement*. New York: New York University Press (Pp. 54-79).

Joan Fitzgerald. 2010. *Emerald Cities*. New York: Oxford University Press (Pp. 11-77).

Scott Campbell. 1996. Green cities, growing cities, just cities? Urban planning and the contradictions of sustainable development. *Journal of the American Planning Association* 62: 296-312.

Urban Resilience Alliance. 2007. Research Prospectus:

http://www.resalliance.org/files/1172764197_urbanresilienceresearchprospectusv7feb07.pdf

Luis Bettencourt & Geoffrey West. 2010. A unified theory of urban living. *Nature* 21: 912-913.

11. Regionalism (4/5)

David Rusk. 1995. *Cities Without Suburbs*. Washington, DC: Woodrow Wilson Center Press (Pp. 5-47).

J. Eric Oliver. 2001. *Democracy in Suburbia*. Princeton: Princeton University Press (Pp. 187-213).

Todd Swanstrom and Brian Banks. 2009. Going regional: Community-based regionalism, transportation, and local hiring agreements. *Journal of Planning Education and Research* 28: 355-367.

Jennifer Clark and Susan Christopherson. 2009. Integrating investment and equity: A critical regionalist agenda for progressive regionalism. *Journal of Planning Education and Research* 28: 341-354.

H.V. Savitch & Ronald K. Vogel. 2000. Paths to new regionalism. *State and Local Government Review* 32: 158-68.

12. Immigration (4/12)

Philip Kasinitz, John Mollenkopf, Mary Waters and Jennifer Holdaway. 2009. *Inheriting the City*. New York: Russell Sage.

Robert Putnam. 2007. "E Pluribus Unum." *Scandinavia Political Studies* 30: 137-174.

13. Comparative Urban Development (4/19)

Jennifer Robinson. 2011. Cities in a world of cities: The comparative gesture. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 35: 1-23.

Barney Cohen. 2003. Urban growth in developing countries. *World Development* 32: 23-51.

Wu, F. 2000. The global and local dimensions of place-making: Remaking Shanghai as a world city. *Urban Studies*, 37, 8, 1359-1377.

Gianpaolo Baiocchi, Patrick Heller, Marcelo Kunrath Silva. 2008. Making space for civil society: Institutional reforms and local democracy in Brazil." *Social Forces* 86: 911-936.

Virag Molnar. 2010. The cultural production of locality: reclaiming the 'European City' in Post-Wall Berlin. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 34: 281-309.

14. Class Presentations (4/26)

15. Wrapping Up (5/3)

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