

Comparative Urbanization

Government 4293/6293
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For the first time in history, more than half of the world's people reside in cities. Why do people congregate in cities? How do states address urbanization, and how does urbanization affect states? This course investigates cities and their political economy. Particular emphasis will be placed on contemporary urbanization in the developing world, where most of the growth in cities is taking place.

Course Requirements and Grading:

Participation & Attendance - 25% Responses (4) - 20% Research Paper - 55%

Participation & Attendance – The course is a seminar and so your attendance and active participation in the discussion is required, as such and following extensive research: *laptops/phones/tablets will not be used during our discussions*. Starting in week 3, a student will lead the discussion of the week's readings.

Responses – Each student will write 4 responses of ~500 words each during the semester. Responses synthesize the readings of the week.

Research Paper – By the date of the final session, students are expected to turn in a research paper (~6000 words for 4293 students, ~8000 words for 6293 students). On the way, a draft outline must be turned in by the end of Week 7, and a 3000+ word draft similarly electronically submitted by Week 11 and discussed during Week 12.

Integrity and Accommodation:

Each student in this course is expected to abide by the University's Code of Academic Integrity. In compliance with university policy and equal access laws, I am available to discuss appropriate academic accommodations that may be required for student with disabilities.

Schedule of Readings

All of the readings are linked or on Blackboard.

Week 01 [2/2] – Introductions

Week 02 [2/9] – On Writing and Research

- [1] Phil Roeder. 2001. "Research Prospectus."
- [2] Barry Weingast. 1995. "Structuring Your Papers (Caltech Rules)."
- [3] George Packer. 2006. "The Megacity"
- [4] Karen Weise. 2015. "This is How Uber Takes Over a City."
- [5] Lance Freeman. 2005. "Displacement or Succession? Residential Mobility in Gentrifying Neighborhoods." *Urban Affairs Review* 40(4): 463-491.

Week 03 [2/16] – February Break [No Class]

Week 04 [2/23] – Cities: Ideas and Comparisons

- [1] Lewis Mumford. 1937. "What is a City?" *Architectural Record*.
- [2] Jeffrey Sellers. 2005. "Re-Placing the Nation: An Agenda for Comparative Urban Politics." *Urban Affairs Review* 40(4): 419-445.
- [3] Jennifer Robinson. 2011. "Cities in a World of Cities: The Comparative Gesture." *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 35(1): 1-23.
- [4] Abdoumalig Simone. 2010. "On Cityness." in *City Life from Jakarta to Dakar*. London: Routledge. Chapter 1.

Week 05 [3/1] – Histories

- [1] Charles Tilly. 1989. "Cities and States in Europe, 1000-1800." *Theory and Society* 18(5): 563-584.
- [2] Jeffrey Herbst. 2000. *States and Power in Africa: Comparative Lessons in Authority and Control*. Chapter 1, pp. 11-31.
- [3] William Skinner. 1977. "Introduction: Urban Development in Imperial China." in *The City in Late Imperial China*.
- [4] Eric Monkkonen. 1988. "Growth Begins." in *America Becomes Urban: the Development of Cities and Towns, 1780-1980*. Chapter 3.

Week 06 [3/8] – Urban Economics

- [1] Paul Krugman 1991. *Geography and Trade*. (Selections)
- [2] Edward Glaeser. 2011. *Triumph of the City*. (Selections)

Week 07 [3/15] – Official Publications and Statistics

- [1] UN Habitat. 2015. *The State of Asian and Pacific Cities 2015: Urban Transformations—Shifting from Quantity to Quality* (Selections)
- [2] *World Urbanization Prospects 2014: Highlights*.
- [3] Shannon Mattern 2015. "Methodolatry and the Art of Measure (in Urban Data Science)." <http://placesjournal.org/article/methodolatry-and-the-art-of-measure/>

Week 08 [3/22] – Housing and Slums

- [1] Douglas Massey and Nancy Denton. 1993. "The Construction of the Ghetto." in *American Apartheid: Segregation and the Making of the Underclass*. Chapter 2.
- [2] TAO Ran and HUANG Youqin. 2015. "Housing migrants in Chinese cities: current status and policy design." *Environment and Planning* 33(3): 640-660.
- [3] WU Weiping and Emily ROSENBAUM. 2008. "Migration and Housing: Comparing China with the United States." in J. Logan, ed. *Urban China in Transition*.
- [4] Asher Ghertner. 2015. "Why Gentrification Theory Fails in 'Much of the World.'" *City* 19(4): 552-563.

Week 09 [3/29] – Spring Break [No Class]

Week 10 [4/5] – Dangers: Disease, Debris, and Deadly Air

- [1] Charles Bolduan. 1935. "The Conquest of Pestilence." *The Milbank Memorial Fund Quarterly* 13(3): 219-222.
- [2] Robin Nagle. 2013. *Picking Up: On the Streets and Behind the Trucks with the Sanitation Workers of New York City*. (Selections)
- [3] Ragui Assaad. 1996. "Formalizing the Informal? The Transformation of Cairo's Refuse Collection System." *Journal of Planning Education and Research* 16: 115-126.
- [4] Alexis Madrigal. 2013. "Aghast Over Beijing's Air Pollution? This was Pittsburgh Not That Long Ago." *The Atlantic*.
- [5] Ian Johnson. 2015. "Why Pollution is Good for China." *New York Review of Books*.

Week 11 [4/12] – City Governments

- [1] Robert Dahl. 2005 [1961]. *Who Governs?* (Selections)
- [2] William Riordon. 1963. “To Hold Your District.” in *Plunkett of Tammany Hall*.
- [3] Steven Erie. 1990. “Machine Building, Irish-American Style” and “Rainbow’s End” in *Rainbow’s End, Irish-Americans, and the Dilemmas of Urban Machine Politics, 1840-1985*. pp. 191-266.
- [4] Megan Rithmire. 2015. *Land Bargains and Chinese Capitalism: The Politics of Property Rights Under Reform*. (Selections)

Week 12 [4/19] – Discussion of Drafts and Incorporation

- [1] Student Drafts
- [2] Michael Jones-Correa. 1998. *Between Two Nations: The Political Predicament of Latinos in New York City*. (Selections)
- [3] Dorothy Solinger. 1999. *Contesting Citizenship in Urban China: Peasant Migrants, the State, and the Logic of the Market*. (Selections)

Week 13 [4/26] – Urban Politics and Protests

- [1] Eric Hobsbawm. 1973. *Revolutionaries*. (Selections)
- [2] James Scott. 1998. *Seeing Like a State: How Certain Schemes to Improve the Human Condition Have Failed*. (Selections)
- [3] Tarek Masoud. 2011. “The Road to & from Liberation Square.” *Journal of Democracy*. pp. 21-34.
- [4] Jeremy Wallace. 2013. “Cities, Redistribution, and Authoritarian Regime Survival.” *Journal of Politics*.
- [5] TBD

Week 14 [5/3] – China’s Cities

- [1] HSING You-Tien. 2010. *The Great Urban Transformation: Politics of Land and Property in China*. (Selections)
- [2] Christian Sorace and William Hurst. 2015. “China’s Phantom Urbanisation and the Pathology of Ghost Cities.” *Journal of Contemporary Asia*.
- [3] Jeremy Wallace. 2016. *Seeking Truth and Hiding Facts: Authoritarian Rule in China* (book manuscript in progress, selections).

Week 15 [5/10] – Student Presentations