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This seminar introduces graduate students to the interdisciplinary field of urban development. Urban development 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, segregation, gentrification, sustainability, and regionalism.

The conceptual focus of this seminar is on the continuing 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 shapes economic and social opportunities in urban areas. One of the critical issues in this literature is how place is contested in urban areas.

The key objectives of this course are to establish an understanding of the key trends and substantive issues in the field of urban development. Although much of the material in the course focuses on urban areas in the U.S., most of the concepts and theoretical material apply to other contexts.

REQUIRED READINGS

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

Saskia Sassen. 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.

J. Eric Oliver. 2001. *Democracy in Suburbia*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Don Mitchell. 2003. *The Right to the City*. New York: Guilford Press.

William Julius Wilson. 1996. *When Work Disappears*. New York: Knopf.

Additional readings are available on Learn@UW.

PREPARATION AND PARTICIPATION

This is a seminar, so I do not plan to lecture. In most 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 submitted 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 or background 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 to the entire class no later than 6:00 the evening before class. All students will be expected to read the comments and be prepared to respond to them in class the following day. 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). Ideally, you would 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. A second option is to conduct a case study of urban development. This option might examine the development activities in a city or region. These are just suggestions and I am open to other possibilities as well. Our goal is to use this opportunity to develop 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

Week 1. Introductions, Agendas, & Overview

David Imbroscio. 2011. Beyond mobility: the limits of liberal urban policy. *Journal of Urban Affairs* 34: 1-20.

Thomas F. Gieryn. 2000. A space for place in sociology. *Annual Review of Sociology* 26: 463-96.

Week 2. Place and Politics

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

James DeFilippis, Robert Fisher, and Eric Shragge. 2006. Neither romance nor regulation: Re-evaluating community. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 30: 673-89.

Week 3. Place and Economic Development

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

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).

Kevin Cox and Andrew Mair. 1988. Locality and community in the politics of local economic development. *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 78: 307-25.

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

Week 4. Growth Machines/Regimes

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).

Week 5. Globalization & Cities

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.

Neil Brenner. 1998. Global cities, glocal states: Global city formation and state territorial restructuring in contemporary Europe. *Review of International Political Economy* 5: 1-37.

Week 6. Urban Poverty

William Julius Wilson. 1996. *When Work Disappears*. New York: Knopf.

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

Week 7. Residential Segregation

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

Camille Zubrinsky Charles. 2003. "The dynamics of racial residential segregation." *Annual Review of Sociology* 29: 167-207.

Mary Pattillo. 2005. "Black middle-class neighborhoods." *Annual Review of Sociology* 31: 305-29.

Week 8. Spatial Mismatch

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.

Week 9. Gentrification

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.

Monica Boyd. 2008. Defensive development: The role of racial conflict in gentrification. *Urban Affairs Review* 43: 751-776.

Andrew Papachristos et al. 2011. More coffee, less crime. *City and Community* 10: 215-240.

Week 10. Creative Cities

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.

Allen J. Scott. 2006. Creative cities: conceptual issues and policy questions. *Journal of Urban Affairs* 28: 1-17.

Week 11. Urban Sustainability

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.

Karen O'Neill et al. 2011. Why environmentally constrained towns choose growth controls. *City and Community* 10: 111-130.

Don Grant, Mary Nell Trautner, Liam Downey and Lisa Thiebaud. 2010. Bringing the polluters back in: environmental inequality and the organization of chemical production. *American Sociological Review* 75: 479-504.

Week 12. Regionalism

J. Eric Oliver. 2001. *Democracy in Suburbia*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

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

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.

Week 13. Comparative Urban Development

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: 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.

Week 14. Class Presentations

Week 15. Wrapping Up