

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	20%	Responses (4)	20%
Data Analysis	20%	Research Paper	40%

Participation & Attendance: The course is a seminar and so your attendance and active participation in the discussion is required. As part of this, and following extensive research, *unless approved by the instructor, laptops/phones/tablets will not be used during our discussions.* Starting with session three, discussions will be student-led.

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

Data Assignment – Write a short analysis (1500 words for 4293 students / 2000 words for 6293 students), incorporating quantitative or qualitative data. Due on 10/18.

Research Paper – By the date of the final session (12/04/2019), students are expected to turn in a research paper (~4000 words for 4293 students, ~6000 words for 6293 students). On the way, a draft outline must be turned in by 10/2, and a 2500+ word partial draft similarly electronically submitted by 11/2 and discussed during Session 10 (11/6).

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 Canvas.

Session 01 [9/4] — Introductions

[1] Karen Weise. 2015. "This is How Uber Takes Over a City."

Session 02 [9/11] — On Writing and Research

[1] Andrew Little. 2016. "Three Templates for Introductions to Political Science Articles."

[2] Barry Weingast. 1995. "Structuring Your Papers (Caltech Rules)."

[3] George Packer. 2006. "The Megacity"

[4] Lance Freeman. 2005. "Displacement or Succession? Residential Mobility in Gentrifying Neighborhoods." *Urban Affairs Review* 40(4): 463-491.

Session 03 [9/18] — 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): 1-5.

[4] Abdoumalig Simone. 2010. "On Cityness." in *City Life from Jakarta to Dakar*. London: Routledge. Chapter 1.

Session 04 [9/25] — 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 Monkkenen. 1988. "Growth Begins." in *America Becomes Urban: the Development of Cities and Towns, 1780-1980*. Chapter 3.

Session 05 [10/2] — Urban Economics

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

Draft Paper Outline Due

Session 06 [10/9] — 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 2018: Highlights*.
- [3] Shannon Mattern. 2013. "Methodolatry and the Art of Measure (in Urban Data Science)." *Places Journal*.

Session 07 [10/16] — 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.

Data Assignment Due 10/18

Session 08 [10/23] — 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*.

Session 09 [10/30] — 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)

Partial Paper Draft Due (11/2)

Session 10 [11/6] — 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)

Session 11 [11/13] — 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. 2014. *Cities and Stability: Urbanization, Redistribution, and Regime Survival in China*. (Selections)

Session 12 [11/20] — China's Cities

- [1] HSING You-Tien. 2010. *The Great Urban Transformation: Politics of Land and Property in China*. (Selections)
- [2] Max Woodworth and Jeremy Wallace. 2017. "Seeing Ghosts: Parsing China's 'Ghost City' Controversy." *Urban Geography*. Pp. 1270-1281.
- [3] TBD.

Session 13 [12/04] — Student Presentations and Final Paper Due