

Geography 8501

[officially Seminar in Urban Geography: Spatial Organization of the City]

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This seminar deals with theories, empirical realities, and policies related to urban areas today by examining the state-of-the-art literature on cities in the global capitalist economy at the research frontier of several sets of topics that concern cities throughout the world including:

- Cities and non-cities: the future of urban structure: Cities, suburbs, exurbs across the globe
- Big data and smart cities: How is big data changing urban theory and policy
- Local development policies for “sticky” places? Attracting talent, investment, tourists, and entrepreneurs
- Competitiveness, marketing, and branding? Job creation, local development, tourism, heritage, arts & culture
- Creativity, arts and culture: Cities and their creative spaces
- Gentrification and neoliberalism
- How does urbanization in developing countries challenge established ideas in urban studies?

Readings:

The course is structured as a seminar, with discussion each week centered on readings and research issues. We will have readings in common from online sources such as OSU’s electronic journals. Each participant will also read and review articles or chapters of interest to him/her. In general, each seminar participant can expect to read at least one article or chapter each week in addition to the 3-5 readings (60-100 pp) discussed in class each week.

Course requirements include:

- Written and oral participation in seminar discussions.
- Your constructive evaluations of other students’ oral and written work.
- Three 2-3 page (1.5 spacing, 1-inch margin) reviews of articles or book chapters (**other than** the required readings). A review includes a 1-page summary and a 1-2 page critique; the critique situates the article or chapter within the literature on the paper’s topic. Journals from which articles can be reviewed include any in which references on the course reading lists are published or where your own reading takes you. Reviews are due October 5, October 19, and November 9.
- Periodic progress reports on your review-and-agenda project.
- A review paper (15-25 pages, double-spaced, minimum 20 references) outlining the state-of-the-art and a research agenda in a particular area [*due Friday, December 8*]. Your seminar paper is an opportunity to review the literature on a focused urban topic and to assess what we know and what we don’t know about the topic. This sort of review paper can, with revision, be published in the same journals from which we read articles. Several papers from previous seminars have been published – and in the best journals. Others have been the core of research proposals that have been funded.
- A presentation of 15 minutes, outlining the “review-and-agenda” paper, on November 30.

Any updates will be posted on the Carmen website for Geog 8501.

Disability Accommodations: The University strives to make all learning experiences as accessible as possible. If you anticipate or experience academic barriers based on your disability (including mental health, chronic or temporary medical conditions), please let me know immediately so that we can privately discuss options. You are also welcome to register with Student Life Disability Services to establish reasonable accommodations. After registration, make arrangements with me as soon as possible to discuss your accommodations so that they may be implemented in a timely fashion. **SLDS contact information:** slds@osu.edu; 614-292-3307; slds.osu.edu; 098 Baker Hall, 113 W. 12th Avenue.

Weekly schedule – Geog 8501 – AU 2017

Week 1 – August 24: Introduction, definitions, and global patterns

- Flora, Paul R. (2015) Regions defined and dissected. *Business Review, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia* 94 (4): 5-11.
- Chan, Kam Wing (2007) Misconceptions and complexities in the study of China's cities: definitions, statistics, and implications. *Eurasian Geography and Economics* 48 (4): 383-412.
- World Bank (2009) *World Development Report 2009: Reshaping Economic Geography*. Washington, DC: World Bank.
- United Nations, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (2015) *World Urbanization Prospects, the 2014 Revision: Final Report*. New York: United Nations; see also *World Urbanization Prospects: the 2014 Revision, Highlights*.
- UN-Habitat (2016) *World Cities Report 2016: Urbanization and Development – Emerging Futures*. Nairobi: UN-Habitat, <http://wcr.unhabitat.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/16/2016/05/WCR-%20Full-Report-2016.pdf>
- Globalization and World Cities [GaWC] <http://www.lboro.ac.uk/gawc/> and <http://www.lboro.ac.uk/gawc/world2016t.html>

Week 2 – August 31: Global patterns and global cities

- Georg, Isabel, Blaschke, Thomas and Taubenböck, Hannes (2016) New spatial dimensions of global cityscapes: From reviewing existing concepts to a conceptual spatial approach. *Journal of Geographical Sciences* 26 (3): 355-380.
- McHale, M.R., Pickett, S.T.A., Barbosa, O., Bunn, D.N., Cadenasso, M.L., Childers, D.L., Gartin, M., Hess, G.R., Iwaniec, D.M., McPhearson, T., Peterson, M.N., Poole, A.K., Rivers, L., Shutters, S.T. and Zhou, W. (2015) The new global urban realm: complex, connected, diffuse, and diverse social-ecological systems. *Sustainability* 7 (5): 5211-5240.
- Wu, Fulong (2016) Emerging Chinese cities: implications for global urban studies. *The Professional Geographer* 68 (2): 338-348.
- Sassen, Saskia (2016) The global city: enabling economic intermediation and bearing its costs. *City and Community* 15 (2): 97-108.
- OECD (2015) *The Metropolitan Century: Understanding Urbanisation and its Consequences*. Paris: OECD.
- Leal Trujillo, Jesus and Parilla, Joseph (2016) *Redefining Global Cities*. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution.

Week 3 – September 7: The future of urban theory (1)

- Batty, Michael (2014) City 1.0, City 2.0, City n.0, ..., City t. *Environment and Planning B: Planning and Design* 41 (1): 1-2.
- Boarnet, Marlon G. (2011) A broader context for land use and travel behavior, and a research agenda. *Journal of the American Planning Association* 77 (3): 197-213.
- Roy, Ananya (2009) The 21st-century metropolis: new geographies of theory. *Regional Studies* 43 (6): 819-830.
- Balbo, Marcello (2014) Beyond the city of developing countries. The new urban order of the 'emerging city'. *Planning Theory* 13 (3): 269-287.
- Schindler, Seth (2017) Towards a paradigm of Southern urbanism. *City* 21 (1): 47-64.

Week 4 – September 14: The future of urban theory (2)

- Scott, Allen J. and Storper, Michael (2015) The nature of cities: the scope and limits of urban theory. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 39 (1): 1-15.
- Mould, Oli (2016) A limitless urban theory? A response to Scott and Storper's 'The nature of cities: the scope and limits of urban theory'. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 40 (1): 157-163.
- Walker, Richard A. (2016) Why cities? A response. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 40 (1): 164-180.
- Rickards, L., Gleeson, B., Boyle, M. and O'Callaghan, C. (2016) Urban studies after the age of the city. *Urban Studies* 53 (8): 1523-1541.
- Storper, Michael and Scott, Allen J. (2016) Current debates in urban theory: A critical assessment. *Urban Studies* 53 (6): 1114-1136.

Week 5 – September 21: Non-cities? Suburbs and slums

- Filion, P. (2015) Suburban inertia: the entrenchment of dispersed suburbanism. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 39 (3): 633-640.
- Forsyth, Ann (2014) Global suburbia and the transition century: Physical suburbs in the long term. *Urban Design International* 19 (4): 259-273.
- McFarlane, Colin (2016) The geographies of urban density: Topology, politics and the city. *Progress in Human Geography* 40 (5): 629-648.

- Roy, Ananya (2009) Why India cannot plan its cities: informality, insurgence and the idiom of urbanization. *Planning Theory* 8 (1): 76-87.
- Walker, Richard and Schafran, Alex (2015) The strange case of the Bay Area. *Environment and Planning A* 47 (1): 10-29.

Week 6 – September 28: City branding and city marketing

- Harvey, D. (1989) From managerialism to entrepreneurialism: the transformation in urban governance in late capitalism. *Geografiska Annaler, Series B, Human Geography* 71 (1): 3-17.
- Anttiroiko, Ari-Veikko (2015) City branding as a response to global intercity competition. *Growth and Change* 46 (2): 233-252.
- Dupont, Veronique D.N. (2011) The dream of Delhi as a global city. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 35 (3): 533-554.
- Beaverstock, J.V., Taylor, P.J. and Smith, R.G. (1999) A roster of world cities. *Cities* 16 (6): 445-458.
- Doel, Marcus and Hubbard, Phil (2002) Taking world cities literally: marketing the city in a global space of flows. *City* 6 (3): 351-368
- Rekers, Jacqueline V. (2012) We're number two! Beta cities and the cultural economy. *Environment and Planning A* 44 (8): 1912-1929.
- Leon, Joshua K. (2017) Global cities at any cost: Resisting municipal mercantilism, *City* 21 (1): 6-24.

Week 7- October 5: Creativity, arts, and culture (1)

- Batty, Michael (2002) Thinking about cities as spatial events. *Environment and Planning B: Planning and Design* 29 (1): 1-2.
- Florida, Richard (2014) The creative class and economic development. *Economic Development Quarterly* 28 (3): 196-205.
- Goldberg-Miller, Shoshana B.D. and Heimlich, Joe E. (2017) Creatives' expectations: The role of supercreatives in cultural district development. *Cities* 62: 120-130.
- Markusen, Ann and Gadwa, Anne (2010) Arts and culture in urban or regional planning: a review and research agenda. *Journal of Planning Education and Research* 29 (3): 379-391.
- Peck, J. (2005) Struggling with the creative class. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 29 (4): 740-770.

October 12 – No class (Autumn break)

Week 8 – October 19: Creativity, arts, and culture (2)

- Sacco, Pierluigi, Ferilli, Guido and Blessi, Giorgio Tavano (2014) Understanding culture-led local development: A critique of alternative theoretical explanations. *Urban Studies* 51 (13): 2806-2821.
- Grodach, Carl, Currid-Halkett, Elizabeth, Foster, Nicole and Murdoch, James (2014) The location patterns of artistic clusters: A metro- and neighborhood-level analysis. *Urban Studies* 51 (13): 2822-2843.
- Burger, Martijn J., Meijers, Evert J., Hoogerbrugge, Marloes M. and Tresserra, Jaume Masip (2016) Borrowed size, agglomeration shadows and cultural amenities in north-west Europe. *European Planning Studies* 23 (6): 1090-1109.
- Currid, Elizabeth (2007) How art and culture happen in New York: implications for urban economic development. *Journal of the American Planning Association* 73 (4): 454-467.

Week 9 – October 26: Gentrification

- Zukin, S. (2016) Gentrification in three paradoxes. *City and Community* 15 (3): 202-207.
- Brown-Saracino, Japonica (2016) An agenda for the next decade of gentrification scholarship. *City and Community* 15 (3): 221-225.
- Litman, T. (2017) Gentrification, for better and worse. *Planetizen* May 18, <https://www.planetizen.com/node/92831/gentrification-better-and-worse>
- Moos, Markus (2016) From gentrification to youthification? The increasing importance of young age in delineating high-density living. *Urban Studies* 53 (14): 2903-2920.
- Waley, Paul (2016) Speaking gentrification in the languages of the Global East. *Urban Studies* 50 (3): 615-625.

Week 10 – November 2: Neoliberalism

Krätke, Stefan (2014) Cities in contemporary capitalism. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 38 (5): 1660-1677.

Storper, Michael (2015) The neo-liberal city as idea and reality. *Territory, Politics, Governance* 4 (2): 241-263.

Pinson, Gilles and Morel Journel, Christelle (2016) The neoliberal city – theory, evidence, debates. *Territory, Politics, Governance* 4 (2): 137-153.

Sigler, Thomas J. (2016) After the ‘world city’ has globalised: four agendas towards a more nuanced framework for global urban research. *Geography Compass* 10 (9): 389-398.

Week 11 – November 9: Cities in developing countries

Balbo, M. (2014) Beyond the city of developing countries. The new urban order of the ‘emerging city’. *Planning Theory* 13 (3) 269-287.

McCann, Eugene, Roy, Ananya and Ward, Kevin (2013) Assembling/worlding cities. *Urban Geography* 34 (5): 581-589.

Schindler, Seth (2017) Towards a paradigm of Southern urbanism. *City* 21 (1): 47-64.

Week 12 – November 16: Big data and smart cities

Kitchin, Rob (2016) The ethics of smart cities and urban science. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society A* 374: 20160115.

Shelton, Taylor (2017) The urban geographical imagination in the age of Big Data. *Big Data & Society* 4 (1): 1-14.

Rabari, Chirag and Storper, Michael (2015) The digital skin of cities: urban theory and research in the age of the sensed and metered city, ubiquitous computing and big data. *Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society* 8 (1): 27-42.

Extra: Growth/decline

Kodrzycki, Yolanda K. and Muñoz, Ana Patricia (2014) Economic distress and resurgence in U.S. central cities: concepts, causes, and policy levers. *Economic Development Quarterly* 29 (2): 113-134.

Nov 23 – No class: Thanksgiving holiday

Nov 30 - Presentations

Dec 8 – review & agenda papers due