Geography 8502
[officially Seminar in Urban Geography: Urban Systems Analysis]
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Th 5:15-7:05 pm
1116 Derby Hall
Course #: 32284

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Catalog description: Examination of role of cities in development processes and their characteristics, historical evolution, related policies, and other aspects such as migration, innovation diffusion, and labor markets.

The seminar tackles several themes on urbanization and urban places in general and in the context of cities in less-developed countries (also known as the Third World or in emerging economies).

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 September 29, October 20, and November 10.
- 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 9]. 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.

Any updates will be posted on the Carmen website for Geog 8502.

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.
Week 1 (August 25): Definitions

Week 2 (September 1): Global patterns

Week 3 (September 8): World Cities

Weeks 4 & 5 (September 15 & 22): Cities in Developing Countries

Week 6 (September 29): Branding and marketing cities
Harvey, D. (1989) From managerialism to entrepreneurialism: the transformation in urban governance in late
Week 7 (October 6): Cities and suburbs and exurbs


Florida, R., Matheson, Z., Adler, P. and Brydges, T. (2014). The Divided City: And the Shape of the New Metropolis. Toronto, University of Toronto, Martin Prosperity Institute.


Week 8 (October 20): Neoliberalism and its critiques


Weeks 9 & 10 (October 27 & November 3): Creativity


**Week 11 (November 10): Futures**


**Week 12 (November 17): Shrinkage**

**Week 12 (November 17): Chinese Cities**

**Week 13 December 1 – Final presentations**

**Week 14 December 8 – Final presentations**
December 9 (Friday) Review-and-agenda papers due no later than 3:00 pm.