COURSE CONTENT

Course Coordinator : Felicity Chan
Course Code / Title : HU2002 Urban Life and Urban Planning
Pre-requisites : NIL
No. of AUs. : 3
Contact Hours : 39 (2-hours of lecture and 1-hour tutorial per week)

Course Aims
This course introduces you to the foundations of the development of cities and the role that urban planning plays in shaping the life of cities. In this course, we will read and discuss classical scholarship pieces on these topics in the context of how urban life relates to urban planning. A secondary dimension of the course is learning about the comparative lens in urban research, particularly as it pertains to comparing the experience of urban development in Western cities and the cities in Asia. Lastly, the course seeks to introduce you to the theory-practice nexus of urban planning as a discipline by interleaving discussions of theory with guest lectures about the professional practice of planning.

Intended Learning Outcomes (ILO)
By the end of the course, you should be able to:

1. Identify the core concepts of urban change and development through history
2. Explain the key development patterns of cities and how they relate to the emergence of modern urban planning theories
3. Evaluate the applicability of the Western urban experience in the contexts of cities in Asia
4. Outline the interconnections between planning theory and practice

Course Content
- Evolution of cities
- Urban Sociology
- Urban politics and governance
- History of planning
- Urban planning theory
- Practice of Planning
- Urban design
Course Assessment

CA1 : 10%
CA2 : 30%
CA3 : 10%
CA4 : 20%
CA4 : 30%
Total -------- 100%

Reading and References

The course will draw majority of the reading materials from:


Selected Chapters:
The Urban Revolution (Childe)
The Great Towns (Engels)
The Global City network (Taylor)
20th Century Land Use Planning (Kaiser and Godschalk)
Urbanism as a way of Life (Wirth)
The Code of the Street (Anderson)
The Creative Class (Florida)
The Los Angeles School of Urbanism: An Intellectual History (Dear)
Fortress LA (Davis)
Beyond Suburbia (Fishman)
The Neighborhood Unit (Perry)
Planning in the Face of Conflict (Forester)
Advocacy and Pluralism in Planning (Davidoff)
The City as a Growth machine (Molotch)
Hybrid Planning Cultures (Sanyal)
What is Place-making? (Project for Public Spaces)
The City Image and its Elements (Lynch)
The Design of Spaces (Whyte)
Three types of outdoor spaces (Gehl)

Other proposed readings include:

Week 1

Week 3

Week 5

Week 6

Week 7

Week 8

Week 10

Course Instructor

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Planned Weekly Schedule

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<td>Introduction: Forming connections of Urban Life and Urban Planning</td>
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<td>Concepts and Categories of the City (Weber)</td>
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<td>The Historical Evolution of Cities</td>
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<td>Emergence of Modern Urban Planning</td>
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<td>Urban Planning (Hutter Chp 5), 20th C Land Use Planning (Kaiser and Godschalk), Guest Lecture: Practice of Planning in Singapore Part 1</td>
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<td>Urbanism: Space, Race and Class</td>
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<td>Urban Schools of Thought: Chicago School and LA School</td>
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<td>Chicago School: Urbanism and Urban Ecology (Hutter Chp 4), The Los Angeles School of Urbanism: An Intellectual History (Dear), Fortress LA (Davis) Quiz</td>
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<td>Planning Scales: Metropolitan, Suburbia, Neighborhood</td>
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<td>Planning Metropolitan Regions (Hack-Urban and Regional Planning, Beyond Suburbia (Fishman), The Neighborhood Unit (Perry)</td>
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<td>Planning as process and agency</td>
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<td>Experience of Urbanism in Asia</td>
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<td>From Corporate Globopolis to Progressive Cities in Asia (Douglass-Urban Asias), Claiming ordinary space in the Cosmopolitan Grid: the case of Singapore (Chan-Companion to Urban Design) In-class Group Project: Comparing Asian Cities Short Reflection Essay 1 due</td>
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<td>Planning cities in Asia</td>
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<td>Hybrid Planning Cultures (Sanyal) Risks, Resilience and Planning in Asian Cities (Hamnett and Forbes) In-class Group Presentation: Comparing Asian cities</td>
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<td>Doing Planning and Design 1: Looking at and Reading the landscape</td>
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<td>What is Place-making? (Project for Public Spaces) Place-making: representations of Social life and the built environment in Tiong Bahru (Yeoh and Kong) Fieldwork: Visiting the site</td>
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<td>Urban Planning and Design 2: Analyzing the site</td>
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<td>The City Image and its Elements (Lynch) The Design of Spaces (Whyte) Three types of outdoor spaces (Gehl)</td>
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<td>Urban Planning and Design 3: Design interventions</td>
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<td>Group Work: Compiling data and discussing design interventions</td>
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