**Honors Seminar: Development and Politics in Global Cities**

Course #: 50:790:495:01

Room: SOC-B05

Fall 2017

Wednesdays 12:30 pm – 3:20 pm

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**Course Description**

This course offers a broad overview of comparative urban politics and development with special emphasis on cities in the developing world. We will consider issues related to urbanization, development, governance, and the policy process. In particular, we will explore issues related to illegal settlements, community development, and the impact of globalization on cities. Themes will also include migration, environmental sustainability and economic growth. As an honors seminar, in this course we will read a number of seminal texts and discuss the readings during class. Students will be expected to complete an original research paper on a topic of their choosing.

**Readings**

All books are available for purchase at the Rutgers-Camden bookstore.

Doug Saunders, *Arrival City: How the Largest Migration in History is Reshaping Our World*

Robert Neuwirth, *Stealth of Nations: The Global Rise of the Informal Economy* (Anchor Books, 2012)

Javier Auyero and Maria Fernanda Berti, *In Harms Way: The Dynamics of Urban Violence* (Princeton University Press, 2015).

David Harvey, *Rebel Cities: From the Right to the City to the Urban Revolution*. (Verso Press, 2012).

Additionally, please sign up to receive email updates from the following sites:

* City Lab
* City Scope

**Course work and Grades**

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| **Requirement** | **Due date** | **Percentage of Final Grade** |
| Participation in class discussions | On-going | 20% |
| Debate Presentation | Sign-up on second day of class | 25% |
| Research Paper   * Proposal * Part 1 * Presentation * Final Paper | October 11th  November 8th  December 13th  December 13th | 5%  15%  10%  25% |

**Participation**

Participation grades will be based on student involvement in class discussions. Because the class size is small, students are required to come prepared and participate in class discussions every week.

**Class Debate Leader**

Each student will select a date to lead a debate among students on the topic for the day. Students should prepare a slideshow presentation including arguments in support of and against the proposed statement for the day, evidence regarding both sides, and further discussion questions for the class. Students are expected to go beyond course readings to find support for all sides of the issue at hand.

**Research Paper**

Each student will write a 15-20 page research paper on a topic of his or her choosing. All papers, however, should identify one policy problem within a chosen city or across cities and propose solutions to the policy problem given local political constraints.

Students should plan to meet individually with Dr. Donaghy prior to the proposal deadline in order to discuss possible topics of interest. Paper proposals are due by **October 11th at noon (via the Sakai assignments folder).** Proposals should include a brief statement of the issue you intend to research and a list of 5 potential sources with annotation (brief summary of the source). Students should also bring a draft of their proposals to class on the 11th. We will then discuss the proposals and review examples of policy papers to guide writing of the final paper.

The first part of the paper is due on **November 8th at noon (via the Sakai assignments folder)**. This part of the paper should provide background information on the chosen city and document the policy problem within the city.

The final paper, which includes a revision of Part 1 following grading by the professor, will then provide directives to local government leaders, federal or state governments, or international donors to address the problem. Final papers are due on the last day of class, **December 13th at 6pm (via the Sakai assignments folder)**. Excessive graphics will not be counted towards page length.

The suggested outline for the policy paper is as follows:

Background on the city and the issue at hand

Reasons why the issue is at a critical juncture for policy makers to address

Current measures to address the issue and the reasons why these measures are not sufficient

Your recommendations to relevant actors

Conclusion summarizing your argument

**Schedule and Readings**

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| **Date** | **Topic** | **Readings** (To be completed BEFORE class) |
| Week 1 Sept. 6 | Course Introduction  Film, The Future of Cities (20 min)  <https://vimeo.com/195304295> | Overview of syllabus and class themes |
| Week 2 Sept. 13 | **Urbanization** | Saunders, *Arrival City*, Chapters 1-3, 7 and 9 |
| Week 3 Sept. 20 | **Slums/squatter settlements in the Developing World**  Watch Robert Neuwirth Ted Talk, “The Hidden World of Shadow Cities” | *Shadow Cities*, Neuwirth: Prologue through Chapter 4 (SAKAI)  Paller “The Contentious Politics of African Urbanization” (SAKAI) |
| Week 4 Sept. 27 | **Employment in Cities: The Informal Sector** | Neuwirth, Robert. 2012. *Stealth of Nations*  Pgs. 1-85; 213-258 |
| Week 5 Oct. 4 | **Cities in a Global World** | Barber*, If Mayors Ruled the World,* Selected Chapters *(*SAKAI) |
| Week 6 Oct. 11 | **Decentralization**  **Research Paper Proposal Due** | Bardham, Pranab. 2002. “Decentralization and Local Governance.” (SAKAI)  Keefer, Philip, Ambar Narayan, and Tara Vishwanath (2006). "Decentralization in Pakistan: Are Local Governments Likely to be More Accountable than Central Governments?"  From Bardhan, Pranab and Dilip Mookherjee, ed. (2006).  *Decentralization and Local Governance in Developing Countries*.  Cambridge: MIT Press.  [Chapter 9]. (SAKAI) |
| Week 7 Oct. 18 | **Political Parties and Clientelism** | Auyero, Javier (2000).  *Poor People's Politics*.  Durham: Duke University Press. [Chapter 3]. (SAKAI)  Stokes, Susan (2005). “Perverse Accountability:  A Formal Model of Machine Politics with Evidence from Argentina.”  *American Political Science Review* 99(3): 315-325 (August 2005). (SAKAI)  Nichter, Simeon (2008). “Vote Buying or Turnout Buying?  Machine Politics and the Secret Ballot*.” American Political Science Review.*  102(1): 19- 31. (SAKAI)  Van de Walle, Nicolas (2007). “Meet the New Boss, Same as the Old Boss? The Evolution of Clientelism in Africa.” From Wilkinson, Steven I., and Herbert Kitschelt (2007) ed. *Patrons, Clients, and Policies:  Patterns of Democratic Accountability and Political Competition.* Cambridge, UK:  Cambridge University Press*.* [Chapter 2]. |
| Week 8 Oct. 25 | **Economic Growth and the Power of the Private Sector in Urban Politics** | Excerpts from *Regime Politics*, Clarence Stone  Excerpts from *City Limits*, Paul Peterson  Pierre, Jon. 2014. “Can Urban Regimes Travel in Time and Space? Urban Regime Theory, Urban Governance Theory, and Comparative Urban Politics.” *Urban Affairs Review*, Vol. 50(6): 864-889. |
| Week 9 Nov. 1 | **Economic Growth and the Power of the Private Sector in Urban Politics Continued** | Clarence Stone, “Reflections on Regime Politics: From Governing Coalition to Urban Political Order.” Urban Affairs Review, Vol. 51, 1: 101-137. (Sakai)  Jones-Correa, Michael and Diane Wong. 2015. “Whose Politics? Reflections on Clarence Stone’s Regime Politics.” Urban Affairs Review, Vol. 51. 1: 161-170. (Sakai)  Wu, Fulong. “State Dominance in Urban Redevelopment: Beyond Gentrification in Urban China.” *Urban Affairs Review*, Vol. 52(5): 631-658. (Sakai)  Maloutas, Thomas. 2017. “Travelling Concepts and Universal Particularisms: A reappraisal of gentrification’s global reach.” European Urban and Regional Studies. (Sakai) |
| Week 10 Nov. 8 | **The Right to the City and Grassroots Change**  **Research Paper Part 1 Due** | *Rebel Cities*, Harvey: Chapters 1-4 (Sakai) |
| Week 11 Nov. 15 | **Provision of Services** | Article: Auberach, Adam. 2016. “Clients and Communities: The Political Economy of Party Network Organization and Development in India’s Urban Slums.” *World Politics*, Vol. 68, 1: 111-148. (Sakai)  Devas, Nick (2003). “Can City Governments in the South Deliver for the Poor?” *International Development and Planning Review.* 25(1): 37-60. (Sakai)  Tsai, Lily (2007). “Solidary Groups, Informal Accountability, and Local Public Goods Provision in China.” *American Political* *Science Review*.  101(2):355–72. (May 2007). (Sakai)  Wampler, Brain (2008).  "When Does Participatory Democracy Deepen the Quality of Democracy?"  *Comparative Politics.*  41(1): 61-82.(Sakai) |
| Week 12 Nov. 29 | **Policing and Violence** | Auyero and Berti, *In Harms Way*, Introduction, Chapters 1 and 2 |
| Week 13 Dec. 6 | **Policing and Violence** | Auyero and Berti, *In Harms Way, Chapters 3, 4, and Conclusion* |
| Week 14  Dec. 13 | **Paper Presentations**  **Final Papers Due** |  |