

Sociology 190 (Fall 2014). Space and Power: A Global Sociology of Urban Planning

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Urban sociologists have explored social conditions in cities quite extensively, from the changing function of cities to the persistence of inequality, employing methods ranging from political economic analysis to ethnography. Far less attention, however, has been paid to the forces that produce these social conditions in the first place. Where do cities come from? How do urban planners carve up space, and how does this shape the prevailing social relations in these cities? Social scientists have been writing about urban planning in relation to the changing social landscape for decades, and yet these scattered writings have rarely been treated as a coherent body of literature. In this course, we will explore the relation between human intervention in urban space and power relations through an extensive survey of writings on the sociology of urban planning. We will focus in particular on cities beyond Europe and North America, places all too often omitted from urban sociology syllabi. Rather than exporting concepts we derive from our own cities to cities in Asia, Africa, and Latin America, we will attempt to derive a sociology of urban planning from cities abroad and then apply them to contemporary planning issues in American cities. How should we understand urban restructuring and planned gentrification in light of the global sociology of urban planning?

Required texts: All course materials will be available as downloadable PDFs on bCourses (bcourses.berkeley.edu).

Grading: Participation (40 percent) + research paper (60 percent). In addition to discussing the readings on this syllabus, each student will be expected to produce a 12-15 page research paper on space and power in the city of her choice. We will be working on these over the course of the semester; this is not a project that can be pulled off during R&R week. Everyone is required to submit a research proposal by the end of the fourth week of classes (5 percent), an abstract by the end of the sixth week (5 percent), a literature review by the end of the ninth week (10 percent), and a detailed outline by the end of the twelfth week (10 percent). Papers will be due on December 4 (25 percent). In addition, the final two meetings will be entirely devoted to students presenting their research to the class (5 percent).

Your participation grade will be determined by general participation in the seminar (30 percent) + reading presentations over the course of the semester (10 percent: 5 percent X 2). Each student will be required to present twice: once as a proponent of a reading, and once as a critic. As a proponent, you should work to extract a central thesis from the text. What is the author arguing? All too often, writers will bury their arguments, either leaving them implicit, or else not presenting them systematically. It is your task to excavate the key thesis of the text, presenting it succinctly and forcefully. After doing so, lay out the evidence the author provides to substantiate her argument. Provide as much textual evidence as you can to support your reading, but please don't simply read out a series of block quotes. This should be *your* reading of the text. Your presentation as a proponent should be 5-8 minutes.

As a critic, you should preemptively figure out what the author's central thesis is and systematically work to refute it. This could include pointing to a disjuncture between the argument and the evidence the author uses to support it; insufficient evidence; logical flaws; limitations of the argument in the context of existing scholarship; misuse of concepts; or something else entirely. Please be as thorough as possible. Critical presentations should be roughly 5 minutes.

Week 1 (August 28): Introduction: Human Intervention in Space

Scott, James. 1998. "Cities, People, and Language." Pp. 53-83 in *Seeing Like a State: How Certain Schemes to Improve the Human Condition Have Failed*. New Haven: Yale.

Hirst, Paul. 2005. "Cities, Globalization and Governance." Pp. 7-25 in *Space and Power: Politics, War and Architecture*. Cambridge: Polity.

Engels, Friedrich. n.d. [1872]. "How the Bourgeoisie Solves the Housing Question." Pp. 43-77 in *The Housing Question*. New York: International.

Boyer, M. Christine. 1983. "The Rise of the Planning Mentality." Pp. 59-82 in *Dreaming the Rational City: The Myth of American City Planning*. Cambridge: MIT Press.

Week 2 (September 4): What is City Planning?

Gans, Herbert J. 1968. "City Planning in America: A Sociological Analysis." Pp. 57-77 in *People and Plans: Essays on Urban Problems and Solutions*. New York: Basic.

Krueckeberg, Donald A. 1983. "The Culture of Planning." Pp. 1-12 in *Introduction to Planning History in the United States*, edited by Donald A. Krueckeberg. New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press.

Lefebvre, Henri. 1996 [1967]. Pp. 65-85, 97-9 in *Writings on Cities*, translated and edited by Eleonore Kofman and Elizabeth Lebas. Malden: Blackwell.

Lefebvre, Henri. 1991 [1974]. Pp. 8-9 in *The Production of Space*, translated by Donald Nicholson-Smith. Malden: Blackwell.

Lefebvre, Henri. 2003 [1970]. "Urban Myths and Ideologies." Pp. 103-14 in *The Urban Revolution*, translated by Robert Bononno. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

Week 3 (September 11): Restructuring the European Capital I

Harvey, David. 2003. Pp. 93-152 in *Paris, Capital of Modernity*. London: Routledge.

Clark, T.J. 1999 [1982]. "The View from Notre-Dame." Pp. 23-78 in *The Painting of Modern Life: Paris in the Art of Manet and His Followers*. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

Week 4 (September 18): Restructuring the European Capital II

RESEARCH PROPOSALS DUE!

Jones, Gareth Stedman. 1984 [1971]. "The Transformation of Central London." Pp. 159-230 in *Outcast London: A Study in the Relationship between Classes in Victorian Society*. New York: Pantheon.

Porter, Roy. 1994. "'The Contagion of Numbers': The Building of the Victorian Capital 1820-1890." Pp. 205-38 in *London: A Social History*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.

Week 5 (September 25): Space and Colonialism

King, Anthony D. 1976. Pp. 2-40 in *Colonial Urban Development: Culture Social Power and Environment*. London: Routledge & Kegan Paul.

McGee, T. G. 1967. "The Emergence of the Colonial City." Pp. 53-75 in *The Southeast Asian City: A Social Geography of the Primate Cities of Southeast Asia*. New York: Praeger.

Freund, Bill. 2007. "Colonialism and Urbanization." Pp. 65-101 in *The African City: A History*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Week 6 (October 2): Making the Colonial Metropolis I

ABSTRACTS DUE!

Wright, Gwendolyn. 1991. Pp. 1-83 in *The Politics of Design in French Colonial Urbanism*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Rabinow, Paul. 1989. "Modern French Urbanism." Pp. 211-50 in *French Modern: Norms and Forms of the Social Environment*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press.

Week 7 (October 9): Making the Colonial Metropolis II

Çelik, Zeynep. 1997. Pp. 1-86 in *Urban Forms and Colonial Confrontations: Algiers Under French Rule*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Abu-Lughod, Janet. 1965. "Tale of Two Cities: The Origins of Modern Cairo." *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 7(4): 429-57.

Optional: Mitchell, Timothy. 1988. "The Philosophy of the Thing." Pp. 161-79 in *Colonising Egypt*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Optional: Glover, William J. 2008. Pp. xi-xxviii, 27-58 in *Making Lahore Modern: Constructing and Imagining a Colonial City*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

Optional: Legg, Stephen. 2007. "Biopolitics and the Urban Environment." Pp. 149-209 in

Spaces of Colonialism: Delhi's Urban Governmentalities. Malden, MA: Blackwell.

Week 8 (October 16): Constructing Urban Apartheid

Western, John. 1996. Pp. 59-134 in *Outcast Cape Town*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Abu-Lughod, Janet. 1981. *Rabat: Urban Apartheid in Morocco*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. *Selections*.

Yiftachel, Oren. 2009. "Theoretical Notes on 'Gray Cities': The Coming of Urban Apartheid?" *Planning Theory* 8(1): 88-100.

Optional: Massey, Douglas S. and Nancy A. Denton. "The Construction of the Ghetto." Pp. 17-59 in *American Apartheid: Segregation and the Making of the Underclass*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press.

Week 9 (October 23): After Colonialism

LITERATURE REVIEWS DUE!

Murray, Martin J. 2008. Pp. 90-153 in *Taming the Disorderly City: The Spatial Landscape of Johannesburg after Apartheid*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.

Meyers, Garth. 2011. "What If the Postmetropolis is Lusaka?" Pp. 21-42 in *African Cities: Alternative Visions of Urban Theory and Practice*. London: Zed.

Hull, Matthew S. 2012. "The Expropriation of Land and the Misappropriation of Lists." Pp. 162-209 in *Government of Paper: The Materiality of Bureaucracy in Urban Pakistan*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Optional: Caldeira, Teresa P. R. 2000. "Fortified Enclaves: Building Up Walls and Creating a New Private Order." Pp. 256-96 in *City of Walls: Crime, Segregation, and Citizenship in São Paulo*. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Week 10 (October 30): The *De Novo* City

DETAILED OUTLINES DUE!

Holston, James. 1989. Pp. 1-98 in *The Modernist City: An Anthropological Critique of Brasilia*. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press.

Davis, Mike. 2006. "Fear and Money in Dubai." *New Left Review* 41: 47-68.

"Built to Order: Myanmar's New Capital Isolates and Insulates Junta." 2008. *New York Times*. <http://www.nytimes.com/2008/06/24/world/asia/24myanmar-sub.html>

Murray, Senan. 2007. "Life of Poverty in Abuja's Wealth." *BBC News*.
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/6355269.stm>

Week 11 (November 6): Chinese Urbanization

Hsing, You-Tien. 2010. Pp. 1-26, 94-115 in *The Great Urban Transformation: Politics of Land and Property in China*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Ren, Xuefei. 2013. Pp. 1-85 in *Urban China*. Cambridge: Polity.

Shen, Jianfa. 2005. "Space, Scale and the State: Reorganising Urban Space in China." Pp. 34-51 in *Restructuring the Chinese City: Changing Society, Economy and Place*, edited by Laurence J. C. Ma and Fulong Wu. London: Routledge.

Optional: Miller, Tom. 2012. Pp. 1-30, 174-9 in *China's Urban Billion: The Story Behind the Biggest Migration in Human History*. London: Zed.

Week 12 (November 13): Planning for the Unplannable

Huchzermeyer, Marie. 2011. Pp. 23-84 in *Cities with 'Slums': From Informal Settlement Eradication to a Right to the City in Africa*. Cape Town: University of Cape Town Press.

Perlman, Janice. 2010. "Deep Roots in Shallow Soil." Pp. 24-40 in *Favela: Four Decades of Living on the Edge in Rio de Janeiro*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Roy, Ananya. 2005. "Urban Informality: Toward an Epistemology of Planning." *Journal of the American Planning Association* 71(2): 147-58.

Week 13 (November 20): Provincializing America

Hackworth, Jason. 2006. Pp. 77-149 in *The Neoliberal City: Governance, Ideology, and Development in American Urbanism*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.

Smith, Neil. 1996. Pp. 186-226 *The New Urban Frontier: Gentrification and the Revanchist City*. London: Routledge.

Weber, Rachel. 2002. "Extracting Value from the City: Neoliberalism and Urban Redevelopment." *Antipode* 34(3): 519-40.

No class November 27: Thanksgiving holiday

Week 14 (December 4): Presentations I

PAPERS DUE!

Week 15 (December 11): Presentations II