

Syllabus for mega-urban projects and comparison (2022)

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Theme I: mega-urban project

Week 1

- Introduction of the course
- Financial centre as a mega-urban project (I)

Week 2

- Financial centre as a mega-urban project (II)

Week 3

- Guest lecture on mega-urban project
- In-situ marginalisation: social impacts of Chinese mega-urban project

Week 4

- **Critical debate** on mega-urban projects
- Comparisons of New York, Amsterdam, Rotterdam and Glasgow

Reading list:

- 1) Fainstein, S.S., 2008. Mega-projects in New York, London and Amsterdam. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 32(4), pp.768-785.***
- 2) Doucet, B., 2013. Variations of the Entrepreneurial City: Goals, roles and visions in Rotterdam's K op van Zuid and the Glasgow Harbour Megaprojects. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 37(6), pp.2035-2051.***
- 3) Orueta, F.D. and Fainstein, S.S., 2008. The new mega-projects: Genesis and impacts. *International journal of urban and regional research*, 32(4), pp.759-767.***
- 4) Haila, A., 2008. From Annankatu to Antinkatu: Contracts, development rights and partnerships in Kamppi, Helsinki. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 32(4), pp.804-814.
- 5) Lehrer, U. and Laidley, J., 2008. Old mega-projects newly packaged? Waterfront redevelopment in Toronto. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 32(4), pp.786-803.
- 6) Wang, Z. and Wu, F., 2019. In-Situ Marginalisation: Social Impact of Chinese Mega-Projects. *Antipode*, 51(5), pp.1640-1663.

Theme II: Suburbanisation

Week 5

- Theoretical perspectives on suburbanisation and new towns
- Comparison of new towns in UK and US

Week 6

- China's new town projects

- Comparison of residential new town eco new town

Week 7

- Low-carbon new town and technoburbs
- A multi-level perspective

Week 8

- **Critical debate** on suburban projects and politics

Reading list:

- 1) Phelps, N.A., Wood, A.M. and Valler, D.C., 2010. A postsuburban world? An outline of a research agenda. *Environment and Planning A*, 42(2), pp.366-383.***
- 2) Peck, J., 2011. Neoliberal suburbanism: Frontier space. *Urban Geography*, 32(6), pp.884-919.***
- 3) Miao, J.T. and Phelps, N.A., 2021. Urban sprawl as policy sprawl: Distinguishing Chinese capitalism's suburban spatial fix. *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*, 10.1080/24694452.2021.1959294***
- 4) Molotch, H., 1976. The city as a growth machine: toward a political economy of place. *American Journal of Sociology*, 82(2), pp.309–332.
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- 6) Zhu, J., 1999. Local growth coalition: the context and implications of China's gradualist urban land reforms. *International journal of urban and regional research*, 23(3), pp.534-548.
- 7) Wu, Q. and Waley, P., 2018. Configuring growth coalitions among the projects of urban aggrandizement in Kunming, Southwest China. *Urban Geography*, 39(2), pp.282-298.
- 8) Wu, F., Zhang, F. and Liu, Y., 2022. Beyond growth machine politics: Understanding state politics and national political mandates in China's urban redevelopment. *Antipode*, 54(2), pp.608-628.

Theme III: Urban Regeneration

Week 9

- Theoretical perspectives on urban regeneration
- Comparison of gentrification in UK and US

Week 10

- Urban village redevelopment in China

Week 11

- Property-led urban redevelopment in China

Week 12

- **Critical debate** on urban regeneration

Reading list:

- 1) Lees, L., 2008. Gentrification and social mixing: towards an inclusive urban renaissance?. *Urban studies*, 45(12), pp.2449-2470.
- 2) Smith, D., 2008. The Politics of Studentification and (Un)balanced 'Urban Populations: Lessons for Gentrification and Sustainable Communities?. *Urban Studies*, 45(12), pp.2541-2564.***
- 3) Shin, H.B. and Kim, S.H., 2016. The developmental state, speculative urbanisation and the politics of displacement in gentrifying Seoul. *Urban Studies*, 53(3), pp.540-559.***
- 4) Smith, D.P. and Holt, L., 2007. Studentification and 'apprentice'gentrifiers within Britain's provincial towns and cities: Extending the meaning of gentrification. *Environment and Planning A*, 39(1), pp.142-161.
- 5) Slater, T., 2006. The eviction of critical perspectives from gentrification research. *International journal of urban and regional research*, 30(4), pp.737-757.
- 6) Ley, D., 2003. Artists, aestheticisation and the field of gentrification. *Urban studies*, 40(12), pp.2527-2544.
- 7) López-Morales, E., Ruiz-Tagle, J., Santos Junior, O.A., Blanco, J. and Salinas Arreortua, L., 2021. State-led gentrification in three Latin American cities. *Journal of Urban Affairs*, pp.1-21.
- 8) Carpenter, J. and Lees, L., 1995. Gentrification in New York, London and Paris: an international comparison. *International Journal of Urban and regional research*, 19(2), pp.286-303.

Theme IV: Land and housing development in China

Week 13

- Urban planning and land development in China
- The rising socio-spatial differentiation in China

Week 14

- Guest lecture on urban governance in China

Week 15

- Housing projects in China

Week 16

- **Individual presentation** on mega-urban projects and comparison

Reading list:

- 1) Yeh, A.G.O. and Wu, F., 1999. The transformation of the urban planning system in China from a centrally-planned to transitional economy. *Progress in planning*, 51(3), pp.167-252.***
- 2) Wu, F., 2018. Planning centrality, market instruments: Governing Chinese urban transformation under state entrepreneurialism. *Urban studies*, 55(7), pp.1383-1399.***

- 3) Li, Z. and Wu, F., 2008. Tenure-based residential segregation in post-reform Chinese cities: a case study of Shanghai. *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*, 33(3), pp.404-419.
- 4) Pow, C.P., 2007. Securing the 'civilised' enclaves: Gated communities and the moral geographies of exclusion in (post-) socialist shanghai. *Urban studies*, 44(8), pp.1539-1558.
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- 7) Shieh, L. and Friedmann, J., 2008. Restructuring urban governance: Community construction in contemporary China. *City*, 12(2), pp.183-195.
- 8) Tomba, L., 2008. Making neighbourhoods. The government of social change in China's cities. *China Perspectives*, 2008(2008/4), pp.48-61.

Course assessment:

- 1) critical debate 30%
- 2) individual presentation 30%
- 3) final essay 30%
- 4) attendance 10%