

## Understanding Urbanization

Tied to the lecture course 'Global City Local Spaces', this primarily reading- and discussion-based seminar aims to familiarize students with some of the core issues of contemporary urban studies in today's 'urban age'. In particular, it will broaden and deepen students' understanding concerning

- 1) the key urban challenges facing the world in the twenty-first century;
- 2) the major processes shaping urbanization and urban change across the globe;
- 3) the major debates concerning the state and development of cities today;
- 4) the implications of these challenges, processes and debates for the built environment disciplines.

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## WS 14

Supporting the lecture series 'Global City Local Spaces', this seminar aims to familiarize students with some of the core issues of temporary urban studies to deepen the understanding of the major processes shaping urbanisation across the globe.

In particular, it will focus on the changing roles of policies, processes and actors organisation in urban developments in the current context of neo-liberalization as to study

>> the major debates concerning the changing actors constellations and the context of urban conflicts,

>> cases showing challenges and pitfalls of local urban governance structures and (self-organised) civil society organisations.

Students will be encouraged to discuss and present their main findings obtained from literature review.

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3 or 6 ECTS

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MA SRP: 8. SP IV, WP, W

Teaching day  
Tuesday, 10 am - 2 pm, A606

First meeting  
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Application  
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A core tenet of the course is to develop an environment in which students can learn from each other and feel encouraged to enhance their critical thinking, as well as their analytical and discussion skills. To this end, the course will utilize a variety of different means of learning, incl. reading-based discussions, team presentations, response papers and group exercises.

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