

Global City

Local Spaces

Lecture
WiSe 2021

Cities do not develop as planners want: Since the origins of modern planning the discipline struggles to position itself between the paradigm of control and the more messy reality of application. With the critique of modernist planning, new approaches and role definitions have been formulated which expose planning not as an isolated, hermetic discipline, but as a complex, dynamic, multi-disciplinary, situated and mostly open-ended process involving a multitude of voices and actors. Decision-making in planning is deeply influenced by broader political and societal contexts, while urban managers, politicians and a multitude of private and public actors exert control over many urban processes and sites.

This lecture series will focus on different theoretical and analytical approaches to urban settlements, global urbanisation and transformation as well as on the practice of urban planning. It is structured in three blocks, addressing key questions such as:

- How can one define the urban as a field of inquiry and planning practice in a planetary perspective?
- How is the knowledge base of planning generated by different disciplines and across geographies of expertise and power?
- How can one build an understanding of the co-production of urban space as a toolbox for more inclusionary, sustainable and just planning and design strategies?

The principle of making the co-production and the open borders of urban planning knowledge explicit also informs the set-up of the lecture series. In order to represent the spectrum of approaches to urban design and research at Habitat Unit, the lecture brings together multiple voices by researchers and practitioners in the fields of planning, architecture, urban studies and sociology. Students are encouraged to develop a (self)critical awareness of the broader context and multidisciplinary field in which planners operate. This should facilitate (not limit) his/her creative involvement in forging more beautiful, just, and sustainable urban environments.

3 ECTS

M_Arch, M_Arch_T, UD, SRP

Tuesday 12-2 pm
online

First meeting
Oct 26, 2021

Zoom Link: <https://tu-berlin.zoom.us/j/66104014834?pwd=K2IobW9JR1ZlQk0vYWw1aUk0QlIxQT09>
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Registration

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	Session Topic	Lecturers
Oct 26	Introduction	
BLOCK 1 DEFINING URBAN SPACE IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD		
Nov 2	1. Understanding the Urban as a Global Process	Anke Hagemann
Nov 9	2. Tracing Trans-Local Urban Ecologies Part A Urban Circulations and Metabolisms	Elke Beyer
Nov 16	3. Tracing Trans-Local Urban Ecologies Part B Social Reproduction, Care	Elke Beyer
Nov 23 Nov 26	Reading Week: no lecture (Bauaufnahmewoche) Exam Registration Deadline (List on ISIS)	
BLOCK 2 CO-PRODUCING URBAN (PLANNING) KNOWLEDGES		
Nov 30	4. Analyzing Urban Space in its Manifold Dimensions	Anke Hagemann
Dec 7	5. Beyond Cities: Extended Urbanisation and Integrated Planning at the Urban-Rural Interface	Hannes Langguth
Dec 14	6. Mapping Digital Fragments in the Post-Human City	Moritz Ahlert
Dec 20–31	Holiday Break	
Jan 4	7. Challenging Geographies and Hierarchies of Planning Knowledge	Elke Beyer
BLOCK 3 CO-PRODUCING URBAN SPACES		
Jan 11	8. Spatial Politics of Refuge: Top-Down vs. Makeshift Arrival Infrastructures?	Anna Steigemann
Jan 18	9. Planning, Inclusion, Intersectionality: Safe(r) Spaces for Marginalized and Vulnerable Communities	Christian Haid
Jan 25	10. Planning and Counter-Planning: The relation of the everyday to statutory planning	Nadine Appelhans
Feb 1	11. Thinking Urban Design through Larger Socio- Technical Systems	David Bauer
Feb 8	12. Final Review Session & Essay Questions handed out	Anke Hagemann Elke Beyer
Essay Writing		
Feb 25	Deadline for Essay Submission	

Practicalities

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Lectures are going to be recorded and links for streaming will be posted on ISIS along with core readings and further reading suggestions on a weekly base.

Course marking

Attendance to the lectures and core readings are mandatory.

The final assignment for participants is a short "take-home-essay" (750 words max.) answering one out of two set questions. It will be required to follow academic writing standards (see "Guidelines for Academic Writing" on ISIS) and to refer to at least 2 of the core readings.

Essay questions will be announced in the final lecture on Feb 8, 2022.

Deadline for submission of take-home essay (soft copy) on ISIS: Friday Feb 25, 2022.

Please make sure to include on essay:

- Full name
- Matriculation number and Master Program
- Course name
- Title
- Title image

Soft copy

- Word Format ("doc.")
- 750 words max., answering one out of two set questions
- following academic writing standards
- referring to at least 2 of core readings and case of your choice
- No more than 2MB!
- Start file name with your last name!

Criteria for assessment for essay

- Choice of relevant case or example for discussion
- Structure of argument
- Relation to theory / core reading
- Style (grammar, format, spelling, adherence to academic writing standards)