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## Advanced Urban Studies (UPA 680-01)

This course provides a framework for understanding, relationally, the diverse and variegated literature in urban studies. We will study the field's various and (often) competing: epistemological and ontological foundations, empirical/explanatory claims/content, as well as its normative/practical political vision for building the "good society."

**COURSE READINGS** \*Various (See Below). **REQUIREMENTS:** This course will be run as a graduate PhD seminar. Students are expected to attend class regularly and participate actively in the seminar discussions. The written work for the class will consist four (cumulative) papers, approximately 2,000-3,000 words in length. These papers will synthesize, analyze, and critique the various seminar readings. More information regarding these papers will be provided in the seminar.

### GRADING (All Due Dates Tentative)

*Paper #1 (Due January 31).....	20%
*Paper #2 (Due March 6).....	30%
*Paper #3 (Due April 3).....	20%
*Paper #4 (Due April 24).....	20%
*Seminar Participation.....	10%

### COURSE OUTLINE AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

#### I. Epistemological and Ontological Foundations

- \*Mjoset, "Theory: Conceptions in the Social Sciences," pp. 15641-15647
- \*Rosenberg, "What is Philosophy of Social Science?" pp. 1-27
- \*Bobrow and Dryzek, pp. 122-125; 128-134; 136-7; 142-145; 170-172; 174-179
- \*Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, "Thomas Kuhn," Selections
- \*Harding and Blokland, pp. 12-18
- \*Marsh et al., "A Skin not a Sweater," pp. 177-198
- \*Caterino and Schram, "Introduction," pp. 1-13
- \*Sidney, "Critical Perspectives on the City," pp. 23-39
- \*Wyly, "City/[square root]," pp. 23-39
- \*Stone, "Helter Shelter," pp. 29-34
- \*Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, "Paul Feyerabend," Selections

\*\*\*\*\*Paper #1 Due: January 31\*\*\*\*\*

#### II. Four Traditions of Empirical Urban Inquiry

##### A. Individualistic/Behavioral/Market

- \*Hobbes, selections from *Leviathan*, pp. 52-66
- \*Alford and Friedland, *Powers of Theory*, pp. 35-47
- \*Kleinberg, "The Ecological Perspective," pp. 8-21
- \*Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, "Methodological Individualism"
- \*Hajnal and Trounstein, "What Underlies Urban Politics?," pp. 63-87
- \*Keating, "Public Choice," pp. 123-128
- \*Olson, "Collection Action: The Logic," pp. 211-216; 219-222

##### B. Institutional/Managerial/Weberian

- \*Parson's, "[Weber on] Institutionalization of Authority," pp. 56-77
- \*Wendt, "The Agent-Structure Problem ...," 335-340; 350-361 (only)
- \*Harding and Blokland, pp. 47-49
- \*Gross, "Why Do the Democrats Keep Saying 'Structural'?", pp. 1-4
- \*Alford and Friedland, *Powers of Theory*, pp. 161-174
- \*Kleinberg, "The Inter-organizational/Policy Perspective," pp. 54-60; 78-80
- \*Greer, "The Political Economy of the Local State," pp. 513-534
- \*Lowndes, "New Institutionalism and Urban Politics," pp. 91-103

##### C. Marxian/Class

- \*Ball and Dagger, "The Socialism of Karl Marx," pp. 122-137
- \*Hunt, "Marx's Social and Economic Theory," pp. 85-96
- \*Harding and Blokland, pp. 38-43
- \*Alford and Friedland, *Powers of Theory*, pp. 271-87
- \*Tabb and Sawers, "Introduction [to Marxism and the Metropolis]," pp. 3-19
- \*Kleinberg, "The Marxist Perspective," pp. 38-48
- \*Geddes, "Marxism and Urban Politics," pp. 55-70
- \*Harvey, "The Urban Process under Capitalism," pp. 101-130

D. Postmodern/Poststructural

- \*Philp, "On Michel Foucault," pp. 65-80
- \*Wenman, "Poststructuralism," pp. 125-141
- \*Harding and Blokland, pp. 174-177
- \*Soja, "Postmodernism in Geography," 11860-11864
- \*Dear, "Los Angeles and the Chicago School," pp. 5-28
- \*Rose et al., "Governmentality," pp. 83-101
- \*Heynen, "Urban Political Ecology I," pp. 1-7
- \*Edsall, "Is President Trump a Stealth Postmodernist...?"

E. Summing Up and Tying Together

- \*Jezierski, "Class and Inequality in the City," pp. 92-100

\*\*\*\*\*Paper #2 Due: March 6\*\*\*\*\*

III. An Application [of the four traditions]: Urban Political Power

- \*Gavanta, "Power and Participation," pp. 1-20
- \*Digeser, "The Fourth Face of Power," 977-1005
- \*Harding, "The History of Community Power," pp. 27-38
- \*Logan and Molotch, *Urban Fortunes*, Selections, 464-473
- \*Stone, "Urban Regimes," 20-33
- \*Stone, "A Social Production Model of Power," pp. 226-229
- \*Davies, "Back to the Future: Marxism and Urban Politics," pp. 73-88

IV. Some Debates [among the four traditions]

- \*Sui, "Postmodern Urbanism Disrobed," pp. 403-409
- \*Stone, "Who is Governed?," pp. 257-271
- \*Erie and MacKenzie, "From the Chicago to LA School," pp. 104-129
- \*Brenner et al., "Assemblages, Actor-Networks ...," pp. 117-134
- \*Sinha and Varma, "Marxism and Postcolonial Theory ... Debate?" pp. 545-558
- \*Chibber, "How Does the Subaltern Speak?" pp. 1-10
- \*Derickson, "Masters of the Universe," 556-560
- \*Storper and Scott, "Current Debates in Urban Theory," pp. 1114-1136

\*\*\*\*\*Paper #3 Due: April 3\*\*\*\*\*

V. Normative/Practical [Political] Visions [of the Four Traditions]

A. Individualistic/Behavioral/Market

- \*Dahl, *Who Governs*, Selections, pp. 276-281; 305; 311-312;
- \*Cunningham, "Classic Pluralism," pp. 73-82
- \*MacPherson, "Equilibrium Democracy," pp. 77-92
- \*Barber, *Strong Democracy*, Selections, pp. 113-119
- \*Glaeser, "The GOP and the City," all
- \*Stephens and Wikstrom, "Public Choice," pp. 105-121
- \*Shenk [on Chait], "Dead Center," pp. 1-4
- \*Clinton and Kaine, *Stronger Together*, Selections, pp. 12-21; 29-32; 63-70; 73-88
- \*Dreier et al., *Place Matters*, selections, pp. 216-225; 251-275

B. Institutional/Managerial/Weberian

- \*Marshall, "Citizenship and Social Class," Selections, pp. 148-154
- \*Cohen, "On T.H. Marshall's Citizenship and Social Class," pp. 1-5
- \*Iber and Konczal, "Karl Polanyi for President," pp. 1-6
- \*Berman, "Understanding Social Democracy," 2-20; 33-38 [only]
- \*Kenworthy, *Social Democratic America*, pp. 1-15
- \*Judis, "The Socialism America Needs Now," pp. 1-5
- \*Weaver, "A City of Citizens," pp. 84-102
- \*Rattner, "Why 'Medicare for All' Will Sink Democrats," pp. 1-2

C. Marxian/Class

- \*Held, "The End of Politics," pp. 121-131
- \*Ackerman, "The Red and Black," Selections, pp. 1-2
- \*Schwartz and Sunkara, "Social Democracy is Good. But Not Good Enough," pp. 1-3
- \*Alperovitz, *American Beyond Capitalism*, Selections, pp. 14-27; 50-62
- \*Imbroscio, "From Redistribution to Ownership," pp. 787-820
- \*Despain [on Wolff], "Review of *Democracy at Work*," pp. 1-3
- \*Rubin, "A Realistic Radicalism," pp. 1-5
- \*Bruenig, "Social Wealth Fund for America," pp. 1-58
- \*Konczal, "I Do Not Understand ..," pp. 1-2
- \*Chait, "Reminder: Liberalism is Working, and Marxism Has Always Failed," pp. 1-3

D. Postmodern/Poststructural

- \*Cunningham, "Radical Pluralism," pp. 184-197
- \*Mouffe, "Deliberative Democracy or Agonistic Pluralism," pp. 1-17
- \*Wenman, "Poststructuralism," pp. 130-3; 139-140 (re-read)
- \*Adams, "Postanarchism in a Nutshell," pp. 1-4
- \*May [Marshall], "The Poststructural Anarchist," pp. 1-7
- \*Purcell, "For Democracy: Planning and Publics w/o the State," pp. 386-401
- \*Day, *Gramsci is Dead*, Selections, pp. 1-18
- \*Shaw, "The Intelligent Woman's Guide to the Urban Question," pp. 795-798
- \*Davies, "Just Do it Differently?," pp. 497-510
- \*Sunkara, "The Anarcho-Liberal," pp. 1-3
- \*Glaser, "We Went too far...," pp. 1-2

\*\*\*\*\*Paper #4 Due: April 24\*\*\*\*\*