

UPL 516 CONTEMPORARY ISSUES OF METROPOLITAN AREAS

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Schedule: Tuesdays 9.40-12.40

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I - Course Objective

The aim of this course is to develop spatial thinking in line with urban policies. From another angle, this course brings together urban geographical debates into the context of public policy in diverse urban contexts. By the end of the term, students are expected to have possessed a clear understanding of why space matters for reviewing, implementing and/or developing public policy and in return how different policy measures constitute fundamental elements of urban spaces. Each week follows a theoretical debate along the juxtaposition of geography and urban policy literatures. The course, first, establishes the theoretical links between the notions of space and spatial thinking (i.e. space, place, scale landscape, territory...etc.) and public policy (Week 2-3). Next, it examines the concept of urban and urbanization by focusing on different scales of the urban spaces (regions, city-regions and peripheralizations dynamics) (Week 4-9). In order to bring spatial debates into a more concrete form, poverty and issues of exclusion and inclusion are brought forward (Week 10-11). Week 12 will be dedicated to regional peripheralizations of environmental issues in Thrace region of Turkey by focusing on pollution of Ergene River Basin.

The last two weeks are dedicated to presentations and evaluation of your research progress. Students are expected to moderate and present each week and produce short reflection papers on course readings in connection with a supplementary reading. These supplementary readings are assigned together with the student. So, it is crucial for students to contact with the professor to decide on their supplementary reading. Lastly, one end-of-the-term project will be required that will investigate a concrete urban policy problem, by operationalizing space and spatial thinking as a fundamental asset.

II - Teaching Policy

A friendly and positive teaching environment is preferred. I like to promote an atmosphere of mutual trust and vivid intellectual engagement. Cheating is not welcome and in no way accepted. Please try your best to add to the class with your own intellectual capacity. If you need any extra equipment or measure that will facilitate and ease your learning process, please let me know in advance. If you have health problems that will not let you attend the class or any exam, contact me way before the class and exam take place.

III- Student Responsibilities and the Marking Scheme

The course will help you operationalize the above mentioned insights a) by asking you to write four short reflection papers that will concentrate on the course readings and in-class discussions, b) and to prepare a final report, which will blend the theoretical insights from the course with empirical research, as well as a certain amount of extra literature survey pertinent to the policy issue/field you will have chosen; c) And, your active contribution to the classroom discussions, and thus attendance is crucial! Students are expected to come to the class prepared, meaning that you will have read the assigned materials to be able to follow the lectures and discussions. You are encouraged to participate in the class discussions.

And below is the evaluation scheme:

a) Participation - % 20

- Attendance, preparedness to the classroom discussions, the quality of your engagement, meetings with the instructor.

b) Presentation and class moderation (%40)

- Each student is expected to lead at least one week's course session. Instead of summarizing the readings and lecturing about them, students must engage their peers with questions and debates in the literature to moderate the session. At least one of the Supplementary readings must be incorporated into the discussion in class. These supplementary readings are assigned together with the student. So, it is crucial for students to contact with the professor to decide on their supplementary reading.
- At the end of the session, students are expected to 1-2 page long-single space discussion paper which will critically evaluate the course readings of that week, plus the supplementary reading that is chosen by the student.

c) Final Paper - % 40

- Details to be explained in the classroom (18-20 pages, including the bibliography, double spaced)
- You will inform the instructor about the topic chosen, during Week 4.
- Involves the submission of a one-page research project outline (Week 8)
- You will present the first draft of your papers (to discuss your progress – Weeks 13-14)
- Submitted at the final date announced by the president's office

IV - Examination/Presentation Evaluation Policy:

(The average of three evaluation criteria)

a) Knowledge of the Literature: Breadth and Scope of your discussion. Allusion to reading materials, proper citations from the authors.

b) Insight or In Depth Analysis: Awareness of main issues, tensions, concepts, and efficiency in their operationalization.

c) Engagement: Well researched / presented, good examples, innovative thinking and original contributions.

Note: METU marking scale will be used as the term grades are calculated (no curve method).

V- Topics and Readings

Week 1

Introduction: Self-introduction of the class members. Main problematic and the concepts introduced. Course outline to be discussed.

Week 2 "What kind of Geography for What Kind of Public Policy?"

Harvey, David. 1974. "What kind of Geography for What Kind of Public Policy?" *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers* 63:18-24.

Peck, Jamie. 1999. "Grey Geography." *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers* 24 (131-136).

Pollard, Jane, Nick Henry, John Bryson, and Peter Daniels. 2000. "Shades of Grey? Geographers and policy." *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers* 24 (2):131-136.

Jenkins, Bill. 1993. "Policy Analysis: Models and approaches." In *The Policy Process: A Reader*, edited by Michael Hill, 30-41. London and New York: Prentice Hall/Harvester Wheatsheaf.

Enserink, Bert, Joop F.M. Koppenjan, and Igor S. Mayer. 2013. "A Policy Sciences View on Policy Analysis." In *Public Policy Analysis, New Developments*, edited by Wil A.H. Thissen and Warren E. Walker, 11-41. New York and London: Springer.

Supplementary readings:

Fischer, Frank, Gerald J. Miler, and Mara S. Sidney, eds. 2007. *Handbook of Public Policy Analysis, Theory, Politics and Methods*. London and New York: CRC Press.

Week 3 Urban epistemologies and Policy realms 1: Concepts of Space, Place, Territory, Landscape, Scale or possibilities for flat ontology?

Massey, Doreen. 1996. "In what sense a Regional Problem?" In *Human Geography: An essential anthology*, edited by John Agnew, David N. Livingstone and Alisdair

Rogers, 398-414. Oxford and Malden: Blackwell Publishing.

Mitchell, Don. 2003. "Dead Labor and the Political Economy of Landscape- California Living, California Dying." In *Handbook of Cultural Geography*, edited by Kay Anderson, Mona Domosh, Steve Pile and Nigel Thrift, 233-249. London and New Delhi: Sage Publications.

Brenner, Neil. 2009. "A Thousand Leaves: Notes on the Geographies of Uneven Spatial Development." In *Leviathan Undone?: towards a political economy of scale*, edited by Rianne Mahon and Roger Keil, 27-51. Vancouver: UBC Press.

McDowell, Linda, 1983, "Towards an understanding of the gender division of Urban space", *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*, V.1:15-30.

Supplementary readings on place and space:

Tuan, Yi Fu. 1996. "Space and Place: Humanistic Perspective." In *Human Geography: An essential anthology*, edited by John Agnew, David N. Livingstone and Alisdair Rogers, 444-458. Oxford and Malden: Blackwell Publishing.

Malpas, Jeff. 1999. *Place and experience: a philosophical topography*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Casey, Edward S. 1993. *Getting back into place: toward a renewed understanding of the place-world*. Bloomington: Indiana University Press.

Mitchell, Don. 2000. *Cultural geography: a critical introduction*. Malden, Mass: Blackwell Publishers.

Lefebvre, Henri. 1984 [1974]. *The Production of Space*. Oxford: Blackwell (Chapter TBA)

Mcdowell, Linda, and Doreen Massey. 1996. "A Woman's Place?" In *Human Geography: An essential anthology*, edited by John Agnew, David N. Livingstone and Alisdair Rogers, 458-476. Oxford and Malden: Blackwell Publishing.

Week 4 Urban epistemologies and Policy realms 2: Scale, territory and/or flat ontologies?

Miller, Byron. 2009. "Is Scale a Chaotic Concept? Notes on Processes of Scale Production." In *A Thousand Leaves: Notes on the Geographies of Uneven Spatial Development*, edited by Rianne Mahon and Roger Keil, 51-67. Vancouver: UBC Press.

Sack, David (1983) "Human territoriality: A theory", *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, 73 (1), 55-74.

Brenner, Neil. 1999. "Beyond state-centrism? Space, territoriality, and geographical scale in globalization studies." *Theory and Society* 28:39-78.

Supplementary reading on 'the scale debate' in human geography:

- Marston, Sallie A., John Paul Jones III, and Keith Woodward. 2005. "Human geography without scale." *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers* 30:416-432.
- Leitner, Helga, and Byron Miller. 2007. "Scale and the limitations of ontological debate: a commentary on Marston, Jones and Woodward." *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers* 32:116-125.
- Jones III, John Paul, Keith Woodward, and Sallie A. Marston. 2007. "Reply, Situating Flatness." *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers* 32:264-276.
- Jonas, Andrew E.G. 2006. "Pro scale: further reflections on the 'scale debate' in human geography." *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers* 31:399-406.
- Hoelke, Scott William. 2006. "Eliminating scale and killing the goose that laid the golden egg?" *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers* 31:238-243.
- Escobar, Arturo. 2007. "The 'ontological turn' in social theory. A Commentary on 'Human geography without scale' by Sallie Marston, John Paul Jones III and Keith Woodward." *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers* 32:106-111.
- Collinge, Chris. 2006. "Flat ontology and the deconstruction of scale: a response to Marston, Jones and Woodward." *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers* 31:244-251.

Week 5 "What is urban about critical urban theory?"

Brenner, Neil (2013) "Theses on urbanization", *Public Culture*, 25(1): 85-114.

Harvey, David (1985) *The urbanization of capital*. Baltimore, Maryland: The John Hopkins U.P. (chapter TBA)

Smith, Neil (1991) *Uneven development*. Blackwell: Oxford. (Chapter TBA)

Supplementary readings:

Lefebvre, Henri. 2003. "From the City to Urban Society." In *The Urban Revolution*, 1-23. London: University of Minnesota Press.

Kipfer, Stefan. 2009. "Why the Urban Question Still Matters: Reflections on Rescaling and the Promise of the Urban." In *Leviathan Undone?: towards a political economy of scale*, edited by Rianne Mahon and Roger Keil, 67-83. Vancouver: UBC Press.

Castells, Manuel. 1977. *The Urban Question*. London: Edwin Arnold.(Chapter TBA).

Week 6 Urban regional governance and rescaling of the state in Europe

Brenner, Neil. *New State Spaces, Urban Governance and Rescaling of Statehood*. Oxford: University Press. (Chapter 5)

Ritaine, E. (1998) "The political capacity of southern European Regions" in P. LeGales and C. Lequesne (eds) *Regions in Europe*, London and New York: Routledge, 67-88.

Zimmerbauer, Kaj, and Anssi Paasi. 2013. "When old and new regionalism collide: Deinstitutionalization of regions and resistance identity in municipality

amalgamations." *Journal of Rural Studies* 30:31-40.

Bernt, Matthias. 2009. "Partnerships for Demolition: The Governance of Urban Renewal in East Germany's Shrinking Cities." *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 33 (3):754-769.

Supplementary readings

Brenner, Neil. *New State Spaces, Urban Governance and Rescaling of Statehood*. Oxford: University Press. (Chapter 6)

Week 7 Agency of regions?

Genieys, W. (1998) "Autonomous communities and the state in Spain: the role of intermediary elites" in P. LeGales and C. Lequesne (eds) *Regions in Europe*, London and New York: Routledge, 166-180.

Topal, Aylin (2012) "Uneven Access to Local Power: Entrepreneurial Domination in the Design of Local Development in Chihuahua, Mexico", *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 36(6): 1166–1182.

Bayırbağ, Mustafa K. (2011) "Pro-Business Local Governance and (Local) Business Associations: The Case of Gaziantep", *Business and Politics* 13(4), Article 6.

Week 8 Urban in crisis and Regulation, De-regulation, Re-regulation in the City

Smith, Neil. 1996. "From Gentrification to the Revanchist City." In *The New Urban Frontier: Gentrification and the Revanchist City*, 206-228. London: Routledge.

"Neoliberal Kent ve Görünmeyen Kriz: Kriz denetimi stratejilerinin perdesini indirmek" (Mehmet Penpecioglu ile birlikte), *Kentsel ve Bölgesel Araştırmalar Ağı 4. Sempozyumu* (28-30 Kasım 2013, Mersin Üniversitesi), *Bildiri Kitabı*, 131-148.

Kuyucu, Tuna. 2014. "Law, Property and Ambiguity: The Uses and Abuses of Legal Ambiguity in Remaking Istanbul's Informal Settlements." *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 38 (2):609-627.

Week 9 Coping with urban governance: expanding city regions, regional peripheralization, informality and urban decline

Eraydın, Ayda. 2011. "Changing Istanbul City Region Dynamics: Re-regulations to Challenge the Consequences of Uneven Development and Inequality." *European Planning Studies* 19 (5):813-837.

Naumann, Matthias, and Anja Reichert-Schick. "Infrastructure and Peripheralization: Empirical Evidence from North Eastern Germany." In *Peripheralization: The*

Making of Spatial Dependencies and Social Injustice, 145-168. Berlin: Springer.

Müller, Kristine. 2013. "Yet Another Layer of Peripheralization: Dealing with the Consequences of the Schengen Treaty at the Edges of the EU Territory." In *Peripheralization: The Making of Spatial Dependencies and Social Injustice*, edited by Andrea Fischer-Tahir and Matthias Naumann, 187-207. Berlin: Springer.

Roy, Ananya. 2011. "Slumdog Cities: Rethinking Subaltern Urbanism." *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 35 (2):223-238.

Supplementary Reading:

Herrschel, Tassilo, and Peter Newman. 2002. *Governance of Europe's City Regions*. London and New York: Routledge.

Week 10 Chronic urban poverty and social exclusion

Mitlin, D. (2005) Understanding Chronic Poverty in Urban Areas. *International Planning Studies*, 10(1): 3-19.

Pınarcıoğlu, Melih, and Oğuz Işık. 2008. "Not Only Helpless but also Hopeless: Changing Dynamics of Urban Poverty in Turkey, the Case of Sultanbeyli, Istanbul." *European Planning Studies* 16 (10):1353-1370.

Pavlovskaya, M. (2004) Other Transitions: Multiple Economies of Moscow Households in the 1990s. *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, 94(2): 329-351.

Hatiboğlu Eren, Burcu. 2015. "Kent içi yoksul alanların dönüşümüne feminist bakış: Ankara-Aktaş mahallesi örneğinde 'imkansız medeniyet' TOKİ." *Fe Dergi* 7 (1):1-15.

Supplementary:

Bora, Aksu, Kemal Can, Ahmet Çiğdem, Necmi Erdoğan, Ömer Laçiner, Ersan Ocak, and Mustafa Şen, eds. 2011. *Yoksulluk Halleri [States of Poverty]*. 2nd ed. Ankara: İletişim Yayınları.

Elwood, Sarah, Victoria Lawson, and Samuel Nowak. 2015. "Middle-Class Poverty Politics: Making Place, Making People." *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 105 (1):123-143.

Roy, Ananya. 2003. *City requiem, Calcutta: gender and the politics of poverty*. London: University of Minnesota Press. (Chapter TBA)

Young, Iris Marion, 1990, "Five faces of oppression", in *Justice and the Politics of Difference*, Princeton: Princeton University Press: 39-65.

Week 11 Debt, poverty and politics of exclusion as inclusion

Roy, Ananya. 2014. "Slum-free cities of the Asian century: Postcolonial government and the project of inclusive growth." *Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography* 35 (1):136-150. doi: 10.1111/sjtg.12047.

Banana, E., P. Chikoti, C. Harawa, G. McGranahan, D. Mitlin, S. Stephen, N. Schermbrucker, F. Shumba, and A. Walnycki. 2015. "Sharing reflections on inclusive sanitation." *Environment and Urbanization* 27 (1):19-34.

Yörük, Erdem. 2012. "Welfare Provision as Political Containment: Politics of Social Assistance and the Kurdish Conflict in Turkey." *Politics & Society* 40 (4):517-547.

Yılmaz, Zafer. 2013. "AKP ve devlet hayırseverliği." *Toplum ve Bilim* 128:32-70.

Suggested:

Doğan, A. Ekber, 2005, Gökçek'in Ankara'yı neo-liberal rövanşçılıkla yeniden kuruşu, *Planlama Dergisi*, No.4.

Mitlin, Diana. 2011. "Shelter Finance in the Age of Neo-liberalism." *Urban Studies* 48 (6):1217-1233.

Week 12 Rescaling ecology and regional peripheralization of Thrace region

Readings TBA

Week 13-14 Paper presentations