Urban Housing

Urban Planning and Public Policy
Rutgers University

Kathe Newman
EJB (Civic Square) 358, Office Hours: Wed 1:00-5:00
knewman@rci.rutgers.edu
http://www.rci.rutgers.edu/~knewman

Overview

Through a combination of literature, discussions, lectures, films, guest speakers, and field trips, we will explore how cities have changed and how housing has been used as a strategy to solve social ills, revitalize cities, build communities, and increase individual wealth. We will set our exploration within the contexts of the changing city from decline and disinvestment to renaissance and gentrification and in the dramatic political and economic transformations of the last fifty years – deindustrialization, globalization, and neoliberalism.
Materials

Course Packet available at Pequod Copy on Somerset Street

Course Requirements and Grading

Attendance & Participation  10%
No matter what your background is, this is an excellent opportunity to engage in debates about urban housing. Even though we are reading the same literature, who we are—our race, gender, ethnicity, class and prior experiences—shape the questions we ask and how we interpret what we read. I anticipate and expect lively class discussions.

Exams
Mid-term  30%
Final  30%

Urban Housing Analysis  30%
September 6. Course Introduction


September 13. Housing Markets


September 20. Segregation and Discrimination


September 27. Urban Decline and Policy


October 4. Housing Policy I


October 11. Housing Policy II


October 18. Midterm

October 25. Housing & Devolution


November 1. Non-Profit, Community Response


NOVEMBER 4th TOUR OF GENTRIFYING HARLEM

Meet at Starbucks at 125th and Lenox Ave

November 8. Gentrification

In class: Yuppies Invade My House at Dinnertime


November 15. Housing as Asset Development


November 22. No Class

November 29. Housing as Economic Development


December 6. Housing and Redevelopment 00s


December 13. Final Exam