Urban Planning and Policy Development
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Overview
We will explore how cities are governed and how political economy shapes the production and reproduction of the city. Readings and discussions will focus on untangling the complex and often invisible political economic structures, processes, and relationships that shape the city. We will unpack the often-heard phrase, “the way things work.” In this class we'll consider the social, political, and economic infrastructure, how it has changed over time, and how the various actors, institutions, and relationships form, change, and are shaped by actors at multiple scales and in turn re-shape those scales.

Requirements
This is a seminar with an intensive reading list. Read the texts carefully and completely before coming to class. Write 4, 4-5 page reflection papers. Think about and reflect on the course readings and engage with the literature. Submit your reflections to the class Sakai website and read the contributions from your colleagues. You can discuss the issues online, in person, and in class. The class will conclude with a take home final exam.

Grading
Participation 30%
Reflection Papers 30%
Exam 40%
Schedule

January 19. Introduction

Part I. From Above

January 26. The Urban

Recommended


February 2. The Capitalist City

Recommended


February 9. Globalization
Recommended


**February 16. Financialization**


Recommended


**Part II. From Below**

**February 23. Urban Revolution**

Recommended

**March 2. Uneven Development**

Recommended


**March 9. (moved from earlier in term due to pub date)**

**March 16. Spring Break**

**March 23. Economic Rupture and the Urban**
Recommended


March 30. Urban Restructuring in the New Economy


Recommended


**Part III. Urban Governance and Community Response**

**April 6. Theories of Urban Politics**


*Recommended*


Swanstrom, Todd. *The Crisis of Growth Politics: Cleveland, Kucinich and the Challenge of Urban Populism*.


**April 13. The Growth Machine**


*Recommended*


**April 20. Neoliberalism and Response**


*Recommended*

*Antipode* Volume 11

**April 27. Critical Urbanism**


**Recommended**


The Right to the City. The Entitled and the Excluded. [http://www.urbanreinventors.net/](http://www.urbanreinventors.net/)