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## RIOTS AND POLICY RESPONSE

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# Riots and Policy Response

## Objectives

Through this short course, we will introduce students to the urban turmoil of the 1960s and 1970s, consider the context for urban riots and explore the public policy and planning response. Readings about urban movements and the civil disturbances of the 1960s will provide a jumping off point to our case study of Newark. Instead of viewing Newark from afar, we will tour Newark with community leaders and community development staff engaged in rebuilding the city. We will visit the exhibition about the movement at the New Jersey Historical Society and discuss the future of the city with a panel of experts.



Downtown



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## Requirements

- Attend all classes
- Participate enthusiastically in class discussions and on field trips.
- Write two three-page reflection papers. Papers are due the weeks after field trips.
- Read assigned material and view online resources before class

## **January 25. Urban Mobilization (EJB)**

Introduction to the course, Newark, and the turmoil of the 1960s

*View in class: Blackside Inc. 1995. America's War on Poverty: City of Promise. PBS Video. Episode 3 (56 minutes)*

Castells, Manuel. 1983. *The City and the Grassroots*. Berkeley: University of California Press, pp 49-72.

National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders. 1968. *Report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders*. New York: Bantam Books.

View: Max Herman. Riots 1967 <http://www.67riots.rutgers.edu/>

## **February 1. Newark: Then and Now (Newark)**

Trip to Newark

Discussion with Monsignor Bill Linder, founder of New Community Corporation  
(<http://www.newcommunity.org>),

Lunch at The Priory

Tour of Newark

Newark 1967. The Star Ledger <http://www.nj.com/newark1967/>

Newark 1967. Blog. "An online resource center for everything having to do with the 40th commemoration of the 1967 riots" <http://blog.nj.com/ledgernewark/>

## **February 8. Looking Back Forty Years: the Newark Disturbances and the Lilley Commission Recommendations (EJB)**

Afternoon discussion (1:10-3)

Robert Curvin, Distinguished Fellow, Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy. Dr. Curvin was asked by Governor Richard Hughes to play a role in mediating the 1968 conflict in Newark (confirmed)

Sanford Jaffe, Co-Director of The Center for Negotiation and Conflict Resolution, Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy and the former executive director of the Governor's Select Commission on Civil Disorder 1967-1968 (confirmed)

Brad Parks, Staff Reporter, *Star Ledger*. Completed four-part series on the Newark riots to mark the 40th Anniversary. (confirmed)

Governor's Select Commission on Civil Disorders. 1968. *Report for Action: An Investigation Into the Causes and Events of the 1967 Newark Race Riots*. New York: Lemma Publishing Corporation (known as the *Lilley Commission Report*).

NPR. Explaining the Newark Riots 40 Years Later. A discussion with Junius Williams, director of The Abbot Leadership Institute and Max Herman, Associate Professor of Sociology at Rutgers University Newark  
<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=11918120>

### **February 15. Newark and the Legacy of the 1960s (Newark)**

Trip to Newark

View the New Jersey Historical Society's exhibition: "What's Going On?" about urban mobilization and the 1960s in Newark

Clement Price, Professor, Rutgers History (Invited)

### **February 22. Panel Discussion: Newark: Future (Newark)**

Invited

Gerard Joab, Local Initiatives Support Corporation

Ellen Brown, New Jersey Institute for Social Justice (Invited)

Ray Ocasia, La Casa de Don Pedro

Toni Griffin, City of Newark Planning Director (Invited)

Richard Roper, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

Junius Williams, Director, Abbott Leadership Institute, Joseph C. Cornwall Center. In 1968, Mr. Williams was a young civil rights attorney helping a variety of neighborhood organizations advocate for better access to public resources and jobs for disenfranchised communities.