Urban Studies II, PhD course 7.5 credits, Autumn term 2019
Malmö University, Department of Urban studies

Critical Perspectives on Pro-Growth Urbanism
On the governing and shaping of cities in the context of global capitalism

Global capitalism constitutes a fundamental context within which cities are governed and built today. The impacts of the heightened mobility of capital and the hegemony of neoliberal growth policy on how cities are governed, and how urban built environments and urban culture are shaped and commodified, constitutes a widely researched area in the field of urban studies. This course takes a broad approach and covers both long-standing and recent key research debates in this area of research.

The course is led by assistant professor Lina Olsson and associate professor Hoai Anh Tran, Malmö University, Department of Urban Studies. Other participating scholars are:
Carina Listerborn, professor, Malmö University, Department of Urban Studies
David Gogishvili, post-doctoral research fellow, Malmö University, Department of Urban Studies
Guy Baeten, professor, Malmö University, Department of Urban Studies
Maja de Neergaard, researcher, Aalborg University Copenhagen
Yvonne Rydin, professor, University College London, The Bartlett School of Planning

Syllabus, work format and formats of assessment
Course syllabus is accessible through this link:

Formats for assessing participants’ performances are:
- active participation in seminars, 4.5 credits
- a minor paper corresponding to 3 credits including response to another course participant’s text

The course is structured in sessions, covering topics as defined below. Each seminar begins with a talk given by the seminar organizer/-s, followed by discussions to which all participants are expected to contribute actively. The papers will be discussed in an essay seminar where course participants are asked to briefly present their respective papers, and to comment on another participant’s paper.
Deadline for submission of papers is 27 November 2019. Submission via email to lina.olsson@mau.se.

**Participation and contact information**
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To register to the course, please email [lina.olsson@mau.se](mailto:lina.olsson@mau.se). Maximum 20 participants will be accepted.

**Location and venue**
Malmö University, Niagara Building, Nordenskiöldsgatan 1. Information on venue will be circulated via email before the course start.

Map and direction: [https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1WUz8d4b0sqQU_k1xLAXTXgYNND1bvUyb&ll=55.60907449937771%2C12.994494694536229&z=16](https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1WUz8d4b0sqQU_k1xLAXTXgYNND1bvUyb&ll=55.60907449937771%2C12.994494694536229&z=16)

**Seminar schedule**
21 Oct, 13.15 – 16.00, Seminar 1 – Urban Entrepreneurialism and Neoliberal urbanisms: definitions and variations, Lina Olsson and Hoai Anh Tran
22 Oct, 9.15 – 12.00, Seminar 2 – Property-led economic growth and the financialisation of urban space, Lina Olsson
22 Oct, 13.15 – 16.00, Seminar 3 – Smart Cities, Carina Listerborn, Guy Baeten and Maja de Neergaard
4 Nov, 13.15 – 16.00, Seminar 4 – Planning and Growth: coping with dependence and absence, Yvonne Rydin
5 Nov, 9.15 – 12.00, Seminar 5 – Beyond mega-event venues: creeping commodification of urban space, David Gogishvili
5 Nov, 13.15 – 16.00, Seminar 6 – Aesthetisation of urban space, Hoai Anh Tran
4 Dec, 9.15 – 12.00, 13.15 – 16.00, Essay Seminar, Lina Olsson and Hoai Anh Tran
Course literature

Seminar 1 – Urban entrepreneurialism and neoliberalism urbanism: definitions and variations
Parnell, S & Robinson, J. (2012) (Re)theorizing Cities from the Global South: Looking Beyond Neoliberalism, Urban Geography, 33:4, 593-617, DOI:10.2747/0272-3638.33.4.593

Suggested complementary readings

Seminar 2 – Property-led economic growth and the financialisation of urban space


**Suggested complementary readings**


**Seminar 3 - Smart Cities**

Seminar organizers: Carina Listerborn, Guy Baeten and Maja de Neergaard


Conversation with Emily Chang on her book *Brotopia. Breaking Up the Boys’ Club of Silicon Valley*, 2018, [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lKaHRj3waX8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lKaHRj3waX8)

**Seminar 4 - Planning and Growth: coping with dependence and absence**


**Seminar 5 – Beyond mega-event venues: creeping commodification of urban space**


**Suggested complementary readings**


Seminar 6 - The aesthetization of urban spaces and the suppression of diversity


Suggested complementary readings

