JGI 216H1S: Globalization and Urban Change

COURSE SYLLABUS
Winter 2016

Lectures: Thursdays 4-6pm, Innis Town Hall (INI112)

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About the Course:
This course is focused on the impacts that global flows of ideas, culture, people, goods, and capital have on cities throughout the globe. I have organized the course around 5 central types of cities – Colonial Cities, World Class Cities, Multicultural Cities, Cities of the Under Developed World, and Securitized Cities. These are not meant to be mutually exclusive typologies, but rather a (hopefully) useful way of thinking through the various linkages between globalization and urban change – both historical and contemporary. Some of the questions we will delve into this year include: What is globalization and how has it impacted urbanization? How have the processes of globalization shaped cities in various parts of the world? What are some of the factors that differentiate the experiences of urbanization and global change in cities at different moments in history and in various geographic locations?

Course Goals:
Students of JGI216 will:
1. Develop an understanding of the complexity of globalization as a component of urban change
2. Learn key concepts used in the discipline of geography by examining them in the context of global cities
3. Acquire and practice the ability to link theory to everyday/vernacular experience
4. Develop a critical voice in the communication of information
5. Build a personal vision of the challenges and opportunities facing the global city

Learning Format:
In this class, you will be asked to participate in all of the following activities and exercises:
• Listen to lectures
• Participate in small group discussions
• Watch videos
• Participate in class-wide discussion and debates
• Ask questions
Evaluation

Global City Profile (please submit in class – see assignment guide):

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Requirements
Please see the ‘Assignment Guidelines’ handout for information on the Global City Profile, late policy, turnitin.com and University of Toronto resources.

Participation
Participation is an important part of engaging in this course. The class is designed for students to express their views and to discuss multifaceted issues related to urbanization and globalization. Mutual respect and academic honesty is expected. There will also be a participation grade of 5 percent, administered over five class sessions, at random throughout the term. In order to earn the participation grade, students will be asked to submit written responses to specific questions during regular class time. For each response, students will receive a grade of one percent towards their final grade. There will be five opportunities throughout the term to earn participation grades.

Accessibility Services:
The University of Toronto is committed to accessibility. If you require accommodations for a disability, or have any accessibility concerns about the course, the classroom or course materials, please contact Accessibility Services as soon as possible:
disability.services@utoronto.ca or http://studentlife.utoronto.ca/accessibility.

Remark Requests
All remark requests must be submitted, in writing, to the professor within two weeks of an assignment being returned. You must make an academic argument as to why you believe you earned a better mark than you received. I reserve the right to raise or lower your mark.

Required Readings
All course readings are available electronically via the University of Toronto Library electronic reserve.
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