

# JPG1512H Place, Politics and The Urban

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## COURSE DESCRIPTION AND LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The course examines the relationship between urban geography, planning and politics. In particular, it seeks to interrogate the theoretical importance of place, space and urban form in the production of political and social values, practices, strategies, and discourses, and in turn, analyze the implications of the place-politics nexus for understanding shifts in the direction and form of urban policy, governance, identity and citizenship. The course begins with a broad examination of the theoretical bases for linking place and politics, particularly as this relates to the construction of urban and non-urban places, with literature drawn from a number of sources, including geography, urban studies, political science, and planning theory. The course then examines a number of specific cases, including but limited to: the politics of automobility, gentrification as a political practice, the politics of community and neighbourhood aesthetics, the politics of homelessness and anti-panhandling legislation, the politics of suburbanization, the privatization of public space, the right to the city... topics that inform and challenge our understanding of the relationship between place and political praxis, and the political construction of the city.

## COURSE ORGANIZATION

The course meets online, synchronously at the scheduled class time, once per week in seminar format. Students in the class will be asked to make short presentations on the readings in the seminar, participate in class discussion, prepare a term-paper proposal (of approximately 4 pages), and write a full-length term paper (of approximately 20 pages) on a topic of their choosing.

## TEXT

There is no specific text for this course. Readings are listed below. Most of the readings are accessible online, and digital copies of book chapters will be made available.

## GRADING

Assignment Details	Due Date	Weight
Class participation	Ongoing	15%
Seminar Presentations	Throughout the term	15%
Term Paper Proposal	October 15	10%
Term Paper	Last class	60%

## Late Policies

Late proposals and term papers can be assigned a penalty of 10% per day late. Assignments may not be accepted more than one week after the due date.

## LECTURE TOPICS AND READINGS

### Week 1: Introduction to the course

### Week 2: Placing Politics, Placing Ideology - Phenomenological Approaches

#### Primary Reading:

Cresswell, T. (1996) Chapters 2 and 6, in *In Place/ Out of Place: Geography, Ideology, and Transgression*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press.

Pred, A. (1983) Structuration and place - on the becoming of sense of place and structure of feeling. *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour*. 13 (1). 45 – 68

Chorney, H. (1990) Chapter 10: The Phenomenology of the Urban, in *City of Dreams: Social Theory and The Urban Experience*. Toronto: Nelson. 160 – 189 (particularly 166 - 189).

#### Recommended Reading:

Lefebvre, H. (1991, org. 1958) Chapter 3, in *Critique of everyday life* (English Translation by John Moore). New York: Verso.

Bourdieu, P. (1977) Chapter 2: Structures and the Habitus (especially pages 72-87), and Chapter 4: 'Basis for a Theory of Symbolic Power' (pages 163-171 only), from *Outline of a Theory of Practice*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

Lefebvre, H. (1991, org. 1958). Chapter 3, in *Critique of everyday life* (English Translation by John Moore). New York: Verso.

Pred, A. (1984) Place as historically contingent process: structuration and the time-geography of becoming places. *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*. 74 (2): 279 – 297.

McFarlane, C. (2011) Assemblage and critical urban praxis. *City*. 15(2): 204-224

Brenner, N., Madden, D.J. and Wachsmuth, D. (2011) Assemblage urbanism and the challenges of critical urban theory. *City*. 15(2): 225-240

Farias, I. (2011) The politics of urban assemblages. *City*. 15(2): 365-374

### Week 3: The Urban and Urbanization as a Basis of Politics?

#### Primary Reading:

Cox, K., (2001) Territoriality, politics, and the 'urban'. *Political Geography*. 20 (6). 745 – 762.

Fischer, C. (1995) The subcultural theory of urbanism: A twentieth-year assessment. *American Journal of Sociology*. 101 (3): 543-577

Harvey, D. (1989) Chapter 5: The place of urban politics in the geography of uneven capitalist development. *The Urban Experience*. Baltimore: John's Hopkins University Press. 125 – 165

Brenner, N. (2013) Theses on urbanization. *Public Culture*. 25(1): 85-114

#### Recommended Reading:

Barnett, C. and Bridge, G. (2016) The situations of urban inquiry: Thinking problematically about the city. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*. 40(6): 1186-1204

Angelo, H. and Wachsmuth, D. (2015) Urbanizing urban political ecology: A critique of methodological cityism. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*. 39(1): 16-27

Lefebvre, H. (2003, org. 1970) Chapters 1 (from City to Urban Society) and 6 (Urban Form). *The Urban Revolution*. (Trans. N. Bononno). Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press

Logan, J.R. and Molotch, H.L. (1987). *Urban Fortunes: The Political Economy of Place*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press.

Castells, M. (1977, org. 1972) Chapters 5, 6 and 7. *The Urban Question: A Marxist Approach* (English Translation). London : E. Arnold.

Saunders, P. (1986) *Social Theory and the Urban Question: 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition* (chapters 3 to 5), London: Hutchinson.

#### **Week 4: Politics of Gentrification I**

##### Primary Reading:

Ley, D. (2003). Artists, aestheticisation & the field of gentrification. *Urban Studies*. 40 (12): 2527–2544

Betancur, J.J. (2002). The politics of gentrification – The case of West Town in Chicago. *Urban Affairs Review*. 37 (6): 780-814

Valli, C. (2015) A sense of displacement: Long-time residents' feelings of displacement in gentrifying Bushwick, New York. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*. 39(6): 1181-1208

Chou, W. and Dancygier, R. (2021) Why Parties Displace Their Voters: Gentrification, Coalitional Change, and the Demise of Public Housing. *American Political Science Review*. 115(2): 429-449

##### Recommended Reading:

Marcuse, P. (2015) Gentrification, social justice and personal ethics. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*. 39(6): 1263-1269

Lees, L., Slater, T. and Wyly, E. (2007) *Gentrification*. New York: Routledge.

Smith, N. (1996) *The New Urban Frontier: Gentrification & the Revanchist City*. New York: Routledge

Slater, T. (2009) Missing Marcuse: On gentrification and displacement. *City*. 3(2): 292-311

Newman, K. and Wyly, E.K. (2006) The right to stay put, revisited: Gentrification and resistance to displacement in New York City. *Urban Studies*. 43 (1): 23 - 57

Kipfer, S. and Petrunia, J. (2009) "Recolonization" and Public Housing: A Toronto Case Study. *Studies in Political Economy*. 83: 111-139

Freeman, L. (2005) Displacement or succession? Residential mobility in gentrifying neighbourhoods. *Urban Affairs Review*. 40 (4): 463 – 491

## **Week 5: The City Politic: Urban Community, Citizenship, and the Other**

### Primary Reading:

Isin, E. (2002). Chapter 1 (note: skip pages 8-22), and Chapter 7, in *Being Political: Genealogies of Citizenship*. Minneapolis: University of Minneapolis Press.

Staeheli, L.A. (2008) Citizenship and the problem of community. *Political Geography*. 27 (1): 5-21

Hoffman, L.M. (2014) The urban, politics, and subject formation. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*. 38(5):1576-1588

Hugill, D. (2017) What is a settler-colonial city? *Geography Compass*. 11: 1-11

### Recommended Reading:

Nicholls, W (2009) Place, relations, networks: The geographical foundations of social movements. *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*. 34: 78–93

DeFilippis, J., Fisher, R. and Shragge, E. (2006) Neither romance nor regulation: Re-evaluating community. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*. 30 (3): 673 – 689

Bauman, Z. (2001) *Community: Seeking Safety in an Insecure World*. Cambridge : Polity Press.

Barnett, C. (2014) What do cities have to do with democracy? *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*. 38 (5): 1625-1643

Bonnett, A. (2002). The metropolis and white modernity. *Ethnicities*. 349 – 366.

DeFilippis, J. and North, P. (2004) The Emancipatory Community? Place, Politics & Collective Action in Cities, In *The Emancipatory City? Paradoxes & Possibilities*, edited by L. Lees. 72-88. London: Sage.

Purcell, M. (2006) Urban democracy and the local trap. *Urban Studies*. 31 (11): 1921-1941

Staehili, L. (2005). Machines without operators and genealogies without people: comments on Engin Isin's "Being Political". *Political Geography*. 24. 349 – 353

Tuathail, G.O. (2005). Being geopolitical: comments on Engin Isin's "Being Political: Genealogies of Citizenship". *Political Geography*. 24. 365 – 372

## **Week 6: Politics of Homelessness, Public Space, and the "Right to the City"**

### Common Reading:

Mitchell, D. (2004). Chapter 5: The Annihilation of Space by Law, and Chapter 6: No Right to the City, *The Right to the City: Social Justice and the Fight for Public Space*. New York: Guilford Press.

Munoz, S. (2018) Urban Precarity and Home: There Is No "Right to the City". *Annals of The American Association of Geographers*. 108 (2): 370-379

Shingne, MC. (2020) The more-than-human right to the city: A multispecies reevaluation. *Journal of Urban Affairs*. Early view.

Thorn, H. (2012) In between social engineering and gentrification: Urban restructuring, social movements, and the place politics of open space. *Journal of Urban Affairs*. 34(2): 153-168

Additional Reading:

- Lefebvre, H. (1996, orig 1967). *The Right to the City*. (in) *Writings on Cities*. Oxford: Blackwell.
- Vacchelli, E., Kofman, E. (2018) Towards an inclusive and gendered right to the city (Intro to a special issue on gender and the right to the city). *Cities*. 76 (1): 1-3
- Kaufman, D. (2020) Expulsion: Forced mobility experienced by homeless people in Canada. *Urban Geography*. DOI: 10.1080/02723638.2020.1853919
- Mitchell, D. (2005) The S.U.V. model of citizenship: floating bubbles, buffer zones, and the rise of the “purely atomic” individual. *Political Geography*. 24 (1): 77 – 100.
- Mitchell, D. and Heynen, N. (2009) The geography of survival and the Right To The City: Speculations on surveillance, legal innovation, and the criminalization of intervention. *Urban Geography*. 30 (6): 611-632
- Mitchell, D. (2011) Homelessness, American Style. *Urban Geography*. 32 (7): 933-956
- Marguardt, N. (2016) Counting the countless: Statistics on homelessness and the spatial ontology of political numbers. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*. 34(2): 301-318
- Campbell, E.R.L. (2011) A Critique of the Occupy movement from a Black occupier. *Black Scholar*. 41(4,SI): 42-51
- Schein, R. (2012) Whose occupation? Homelessness and the politics of park encampments. *Social Movement Studies*. 11(3-4): 335-341
- Miller, B. and Nichols, W. (2013) Social Movements in Urban Society: The City as a Space of Politicization. *Urban Geography*. 34 (6) *Note: read especially pages 461-468*
- Masso, D. (2012) Grounding Citizenship: Toward a Political Psychology of Public Space. *Political Psychology*. 33 (1): 123-143
- Purcell, M. (2002) Excavating Lefebvre: The right to the city and its urban politics of the inhabitant. *GeoJournal*. 58 (2/3): 99-108
- Kohn, M. (2004) Chapter 3 - The Public Forum Doctrine, *Brave New Neighbourhoods: The Privatization of Public Space*. New York: Routledge.
- Low, S. and Smith, N. (Eds.) (2006) *The Politics of Public Space*. New York: Routledge.
- Hubbard, P. (2004) Cleansing the metropolis: Sex work and the politics of zero tolerance. *Urban Studies*. 41 (9): 1687-1702
- Purcell, M. (2003). Citizenship and the right to the global city: Reimagining the capitalist world order. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*. 27 (3): 564 – 583
- Law, R. (2003). 'Not in my city': local governments and homelessness policies in the Los Angeles Metropolitan Region. *Environment and Planning C – Government and Policy*. 19 (6): 791-815
- Ranasinghe, P., and Valverde, M. (2006) Governing homelessness through land-use: A sociolegal study of the Toronto shelter zoning by-law. *Canadian Journal of Sociology*. 31 (3): 325-349
- Wright, T. (1997) *Out of Place: Homeless Mobilizations, Subcities, and Contested Landscapes*. New York: State University of New York Press.

## Week 7: The Politics of Gentrification II: The Financialization and Globalization of Gentrification

### Primary Reading:

Slater, T. (2017) Planetary rent gaps. *Antipode*. 49(51): 114-137

Lopez-Morales, E, Ruiz-Tagle, J, Arreortua, LS (2021) State-led gentrification in three Latin American cities. *Journal of Urban Affairs*.

Shin, H-B. (2016). The developmental state, speculative urbanization and the politics of displacement in gentrifying Seoul. *Urban Studies*. 53(3): 540-559

Alexandri, G and Janoschka, M (2020) 'Post-pandemic' transnational gentrifications: A critical outlook *Urban Studies*. 57 (15): 3202-3214

Wachsmuth, D. & Weisler, A. (2018). Airbnb and the rent gap: Gentrification through the sharing economy. *Environment and Planning A*. 50(6): 1147-1170

### Recommended Reading:

Wyly, E. (2019) The Evolving State of Gentrification. *Tijdschrift Voor Economische en Sociale Geografie*. 110(1, SI): 12-25. DOI10.1111/tesg.12333

Walks, A; Hawes, E and Simone, D. (2021) Gentrification in large Canadian cities: tenure, age, and exclusionary displacement 1991-2011. *Urban Geography*.

Cooper, V. and Paton, K. (2019) Accumulation by repossession: the political economy of evictions under austerity. *Urban Geography*.

Sassen, S. (2014) *Expulsions: Brutality and Complexity in the Global Economy*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press

Teresa, BF (2019) New dynamics of rent gap formation in New York City rent-regulated housing: privatization, financialization, and uneven development. *Urban Geography*. 40 (10): 1399-1421

Smith, N. (2002). New globalism, new urbanism: gentrification as global urban strategy. *Antipode*. 34 (3): 452-472.

Slater, T. (2014) Unravelling False Choice Urbanism. *City*. 18 (4-5): 517-524

Slater, T. (2006) The eviction of critical perspectives from gentrification research. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*. 30(4): 737-757

Mazer, K.M., and Rankin, K.N. (2011) The social space of gentrification: the politics of neighbourhood accessibility in Toronto's Downtown West. *Environment & Planning D: Society & Space*. 29 (5): 822-839

Sadowski, J. (2020) Who owns the future city? Phases of technological urbanism and shifts in sovereignty. *Urban Studies*. DOI: 10.1177/0042098020913427

Wiig, A. and Wyly, E. (2016) Thinking through the politics of the Smart City. *Urban Geography*. 37(4): 485-493

Grisdale, S. (2019) Displacement by Disruption: Short-term rentals and the political economy of "belonging anywhere" in Toronto. *Urban Geography*.

Kunzmann, K.R. (2020) Smart Cities After Covid-19: Ten Narratives. *disP - Planning Review*, 56(2): 20-31

## Week 8: Suburbia, Fragmentation, and the Politics of Exclusion

### Primary Reading:

- Duncan, J.S. and Duncan, N. (2004) Chapters 4, 5, and Chapter 8, in *Landscapes of Privilege: The Politics of the Aesthetic in an American Suburb*. New York: Routledge. 59-84, 85-128, 175-218
- Lassiter, M.D. (2004) The suburban origins of “colour-blind” conservatism. *Journal of Urban History*. 549-582
- Peck, J. (2011) Neoliberal Suburbanism: Frontier Space. *Urban Geography*. 32 (6): 884-919
- Cox, K., and A. G. Jonas. (1993) Urban development, collective consumption and the politics of metropolitan fragmentation. *Political Geography*. 12 (1) 8 – 37

### Recommended Reading:

- Wyly, E. (2020) The new planetary suburban frontier. *Urban Geography*. 41(1): 27-35
- Sellers, J., Kubler, D., Walter-Rogg, M., and Walks, A. (2013) *The Political Ecology of the Metropolis*. Colchester, UK: ECPR Press
- McQuarrie, M. (2017) The revolt of the Rust Belt: Place and politics in the age of anger. *The British Journal of Sociology*. 68(S1): S120-S152
- Virdee, S., and McGeever, B. (2018) Racism, crisis, Brexit. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. 41(10,SI): 1802-1819
- Van Gent, W.P.C., Jansen, E.F., and Smits, J.H.F. (2014) Right-wing radical populism in city and suburbs: An electoral geography of the Partij Voor Vrijheid in the Netherlands. *Urban Studies*. 51(9): 1775-1794
- Keating, M. (1995) Size, efficiency and democracy: Consolidation, fragmentation and public choice. In D. Judge, G. Stoker and H. Wolman (Eds.) *Theories of Urban Politics*. London: Sage. 117 - 134
- Nicolaidis, B. (2006) How hell moved from the city to the suburbs, in K.M. Kruse and T.J. Sugrue (Eds.) *The New Suburban History*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. pages 80-98
- Lupi, T. and Musterd, S. (2006) The suburban “community” question. *Urban Studies*. 43 (4): 801-817
- Castells, M. (1978) *City, Class and Power*. London: Macmillan.
- Fischel, W. (2001) *The Homevoter Hypothesis*. Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press
- Dunleavy, P. (1979) The urban basis of political dealignment: Social class, domestic property ownership, & state intervention in consumption processes. *British Journal of Political Science*. 9 (4): 409 – 443
- Huckfeldt, R., Plutzer, E. and Sprague, J. (1993) Alternative contexts of political behaviour: Churches, neighbourhoods, and individuals. *Journal of Politics*. 55 (2). 365 – 381
- Saunders, P. (1991) *A Nation of Homeowners*. London: Unwin Hyman.
- Baumgartner, MP. (1988) *The Moral Order of a Suburb*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- MacAllister I, Johnston RJ, Pattie CJ, et al.. (2001) Class dealignment & the neighbourhood effect: Miller revisited. *British Journal of Political Science*. 31 (1) 41-59.
- Cowen, D. (2005). Suburban citizenship? The rise of targeting and the eclipse of social rights in Toronto. *Social and Cultural Geography*. 6 (3): 335 – 356
- Boudreau, J. A. (2000) *MegaCity Saga: Democracy and Citizenship in this Global Age*. Mtl: Black Rose.

Gainsborough, J.F. (2001). *Fenced Off: The Suburbanization of American Politics*. Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University Press.

Keil, R. (2000) Governance restructuring in Los Angeles and Toronto: Amalgamation or secession? *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*. 24 (4). 758-781.

Walks, A. (2004). Suburbanization, the vote, and changes in federal and provincial political representation and influence between inner cities and suburbs in large Canadian urban regions, 1945 - 1999". *Urban Affairs Review*. 39 (4): 411 – 440.

Walks, A. (2006) The causes of city-suburban political polarization? A Canadian case study. *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*. 96 (2): 390-414

**Seminal Work:**

Danielson, M.D. (1976) *The Politics of Exclusion*. New York: Columbia University Press.

## **Week 9: The Politics of Housing Bubbles**

**Primary Reading:**

Schwartz, H. (2008) Housing, Global Finance, and American Hegemony: Building Conservative Politics One Brick at a Time. *Comparative European Politics*. 6 (3SI): 262-284

Arundel, R. (2017) Equity Inequity: Housing Wealth Inequality, Inter and Intra-generational Divergences, and the Rise of Private Landlordism. *Housing, Theory, & Society*. 34(2): 176-200

Garcia-Lamarca, M. and Kaika, M. (2016) 'Mortgaged lives': The biopolitics of debt and housing financialisation. *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers*. 41(3): 313-327

Felicianantonio, C. (2017) Social movements and alternative housing models: Practicing the 'politics of possibilities' in Spain. *Housing, Theory and Society*. 34(1): 38-56

**Recommended Reading:**

Soederberg, S. (2021) *Urban Displacements: Governing Surplus and Survival in Global Capitalism*. Abingdon, UK: Routledge

Walks, A. (2014) Canada's housing bubble story: Mortgage securitization, the state, and the global financial crisis. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*. 38 (1): 256-284

Walks, A. and Clifford, B. (2015) The Political Economy of Securitization and the Neoliberalization of Housing Policy in Canada. *Environment and Planning A*. 47(8): 1624-1642

Aalbers, M.B., & Christophers, B. (2014) Centring Housing in Political Economy. *Housing, Theory, & Society*. 31 (4): 373-394

Chung, JY and Carpenter, K. (2020) Safe havens: overseas housing speculation and opportunity zones. *Housing Studies*. Early view.

Rogers, D., Lee, C.L. and Yan, D. (2015) The politics of foreign investment in Australian housing: Chinese investors, translocal sales agents and local resistance. *Housing Studies*. 30(5): 730-748

Rogers, D., and Koh, S.Y. (2017) The globalization of real estate: The politics and practice of foreign real estate investment. *International Journal of Housing Policy*. 17(1, SI):1-14 (see also article by Ley p15-34)

- Doling, J. and Ronald, R. (2010) Home ownership and asset-based welfare. *Journal of Housing and the Built Environment*. 25 (2): 165-173
- De Weerd, J. and Garcia, M. (2016) Housing Crisis: The Platform of Mortgage Victims (PAH) Movement in Barcelona & Innovations in Governance. *Journal of Housing & the Built Environment*. 31(3): 471-493
- Niedt, C. and Christophers, B. (2016) Value at risk in the suburbs: Eminent domain and the geographical politics of the US foreclosure crisis. *International Journal of Urban & Regional Research*. 40(6): 1094–1111
- Kwak, N. (2015) *A World of Homeowners: American Power and the Politics of Housing Aid*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press
- McCabe, B. (2016) *No Place Like Home: Wealth, Community and the Politics of Homeownership*. Oxford University Press
- Major, A. (2012) Neoliberalism and the New International Financial Architecture. *Review of International Political Economy*. 19(4): 536-561
- Schwartz, H. (2009) *Subprime Nation: American Power, Global Capital, and the Housing Bubble*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press
- Pawson, I. (2018) Reframing Australia's housing affordability problem: The politics and economics of negative gearing. *Journal of Australian Political Economy*. 81: 121-143
- Aalbers, M.B. and Haila, A. (2018) The Financialization of Housing: A Political Economy Approach. *Urban Studies*. 55(8): 1821-1835
- Wetzstein, S. (2017) The global urban housing affordability crisis. *Urban Studies*. 54(14): 3159-3177
- Johnston, A. and Regan, A. (2017) Global Finance, Labor Politics, and the Political Economy of Housing Prices. *Politics and Society*. 45(3): 327-358
- Murphy, L. (2016) The politics of land supply and affordable housing: Auckland's Housing Accord and Special Housing Areas. *Urban Studies* 53(12): 2530-2547
- Alexander, C., Bruun, M.H., Koch, I. (2018) Political Economy Comes Home: On the Moral Economies of Housing. *Critique of Anthropology*. 38(2,SI): 121-139

## **Week 10: Politics of Social Mix and Social Housing Redevelopment**

### Primary Reading:

- Smith, J. (2013) The end of US public housing as we knew it. *Urban Research & Practice*. 6(3):276-296
- August, M. (2014) Negotiating Social Mix in Toronto's First Public Housing Redevelopment: Power, Space, and Social Control in Don Mount Court. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*. 38 (4): 1160-1180
- Van Gent, W., Hochstenbach, C., and Uitermark, J. (2018) Exclusion as urban policy: The Dutch 'Act on Extraordinary Measures for Urban Problems'. *Urban Studies*. 55(11): 2337-2353
- Kallin, H. and Slater, T. (2014) Activating territorial stigma: Gentrifying marginality on Edinburgh's periphery. *Environment and Planning A*. 46: 1351-1368

### Recommended Reading:

- Soederberg, S. (2018) The rental housing question: Exploitation, eviction & erasures. *Geoforum*. 89:114-123
- Davidson, M. (2010) Love thy neighbour? Social mixing in London's gentrification frontiers. *Environment and Planning A*. 42 (3): 524-544
- Benjamin, T.F. (2016) Managing fictitious capital: The legal geography of investment and political struggle in rental housing in New York City. *Environment and Planning A*. 48(3): 465-484
- James, R. (2004). From 'Slum Clearance' to 'Revitalization': Planning, Expertise, and Moral Regulation in Toronto's Regent Park. *Planning Perspectives*. 25 (1): 69-86.
- August, M. and Walks, A. (2012) From social mix to political marginalization? The redevelopment of Toronto's public housing and the dilution of tenant organizational power, in G. Bridge, T. Butler, and L. Lees (Eds.) *Mixed Communities: Gentrification by Stealth?* London: Policy Press. 273 – 298
- Rose, D. (2004). Discourses and experiences of social mix in gentrifying neighbourhoods: A Montreal case study. *Canadian Journal of Urban Research*. 13 (2): 278 – 316.
- Raveaud, M. and van Zanten, A. (2017) Choosing the local school: Middle class parents' values and social and ethnic mix in London and Paris. *Journal of Education Policy* 22 (1): 107-124
- Davidson, M (2012). The impossibility of gentrification and social mixing, in G. Bridge, T. Butler, and L. Lees (Eds.) *Mixed Communities: Gentrification by Stealth?* London: Policy Press. 233 – 251
- Cole, I. and Goodchild, B. (2001) Social Mix and the 'Balanced Community' in British Housing Policy: A Tale of Two Epochs. *GeoJournal* 51 (3): 351-360
- Musterd, S. (2008) Residents' Views on Social Mix: Social Mix, Social Networks and Stigmatisation in Post-war Housing Estates in Europe. *Urban Studies*. 45, 4: pp. 897-915.

## **Week 11: Condoization, Financialization, and the Privatization of Urban Space**

### Primary Reading:

- Pow, C-P (2007) Securing the 'civilized' enclaves: Gated communities and the moral geographies of exclusion in (post-)socialist Shanghai. *Urban Studies*. 44 (8): 1539-1558
- Stabrowski, F. (2015) Inclusionary Zoning & Exclusionary Development: The Politics of 'Affordable Housing' in North Brooklyn. *International Journal of Urban & Regional Research*. 39(6):1120-1136
- Wijburg, G; Aalbers, MB and Heeg, S. (2018) The Financialisation of Rental Housing 2.0: Releasing Housing into the Privatised Mainstream of Capital Accumulation. *Antipode*. 50(4): 1098-1119
- Kern, L. (2010) Selling the 'scary city': Gendering freedom, fear and condominium development in the neoliberal city. *Social and Cultural Geography*. 11(3): 209-230

### Recommended Reading:

- Rosen, G. and Walks, A. (2013) Rising Cities: Condominium Development and the Private Transformation of the Metropolis. *Geoforum*. 49: 160-172
- Rosen, G. and Walks, A. (2015) Castles in Toronto's Sky: Condoism as Urban Transformation. *Journal of Urban Affairs*. 85(1): 39-66

Scott, A.J. (2019) Land Redevelopment and the Built Environment in Third-Wave Cities: Review and Synthesis. *Journal of Urban Technology*. 26(1): 57-81

August, M. (2020) *The financialization of Canadian multi-family rental housing: From trailer to tower*. *Journal of Urban Affairs*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07352166.2019.1705846>

Christopher, B. (2018) *The New Enclosure: The Appropriation of Public Land in Neoliberal Britain*. London: Verso

Hall, S., Jonas, A.E.G., Shephard, S., and Wadud, Z. (2019) The smart grid as commons: Exploring alternatives to infrastructure financialisation. *Urban Studies*. 56(7): 1386-1403

Sims, JR (2021) Measuring the Effect of Gentrification on Displacement: Multifamily Housing and Eviction in Wisconsin's Madison Urban Region. *Housing Policy Debate*. 31(3-5):736-761

Kelly, S. (2013) The New Normal: The Figure of the Condo Owner in Toronto's Regent Park. *City and Society*. 25 (2): 173-194

Lee, S. and Webster, C. (2006) Enclosure of the urban commons. *GeoJournal*. 66 (1/2): 27-42

Webster C., (2003). The nature of the neighbourhood. *Urban Studies*. 40 (13): 2591-2612

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## **Week 12: The Politics of Automobility and Velomobility**

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## **POLICY WITH RESPECT TO RECORDING LECTURE OR TUTORIAL**

**Recording of the seminar in any way is EXPRESSLY FORBIDDEN. If a student would like to request to record a portion of a given seminar discussion as part of necessary accommodation, they MUST first be registered with AccesAbility, AND they MUST have express written permission from the instructor. Each such request will be considered on a case-by-case basis, and AccessAbility MUST be involved in negotiating the request.**

**Please note that any material shown in class and the class structure itself (including the syllabus) is the sole intellectual property of the instructor. Furthermore, recording of any discussion involving other students without each student's prior and written consent will constitute a violation of their privacy, and be prosecuted as an academic offense.**

## **POLICIES**

The department's full [Graduate Course Policies](#) apply to all courses offered.

### **Accessibility Services**

The University of Toronto is committed to accessibility. If you require accommodations because you are disabled, or have any accessibility concerns about the course, the classroom or course materials, please contact Accessibility Services as soon as possible.

Where there is an accommodation recommended by [Accessibility Services](#), the department and/or instructors will be provided with an accommodation letter.

### **Academic Integrity**

Academic misconduct by graduate students is taken very seriously. The University's policy on academic misconduct is found in the [Code of Behaviour on Academic Matters](#) (the Code). Students in graduate studies are expected to commit to the highest standards of integrity and to understand the importance of protecting and acknowledging intellectual property. For example, it is assumed that they bring to their graduate studies a clear understanding of how to cite references appropriately, thereby avoiding plagiarism.

Regarding plagiarism, the Code includes the following statements:

B.i.1. It shall be an offence for a student knowingly:

(d) to represent as one's own idea or expression of an idea or work of another in any academic examination or term test or in connection with any other form of academic work, i.e., to commit plagiarism.

Wherever in the Code an offence is described as depending on "knowing," the offence shall likewise be deemed to have been committed if the person ought reasonably to have known.

Other academic offences include the possession and/or use of unauthorized aids in examinations, submitting the same paper for different courses without the knowledge of the instructors, forgery (whether of academic records or other documents), concocting facts or references to sources, personating someone, and other forms of cheating and academic dishonesty. Please refer to sections B.i.1. and B.i.3. in the Code for detailed descriptions of offences applicable to students.

The [SGS Academic Integrity Resources webpage](#) outlines the policy on academic misconduct and the process for handling an allegation of academic misconduct.

### **Religious Accommodations**

Students must alert instructors in a timely fashion to any upcoming religious observances and anticipated absences. Instructors will make every reasonable effort to avoid scheduling tests, exams or other compulsory activities at these times. In the case of an unavoidable conflict with a compulsory activity, every reasonable effort is made to give students the opportunity to make up missed work.

### **Copyright in Instructional Settings**

If a student wishes to record (tape, video, photograph, etc.) any lecture presentations or other similar materials provided by the instructor; the instructor's written consent must be obtained beforehand. Otherwise, all such reproduction is infringement of copyright and prohibited. In the case of private use by students with disabilities, the instructor's consent shall not be unreasonably withheld.

### **Extension Requests**

The authority to grant an extension to submit coursework beyond the sessional grade deadline is with the department and not the instructor of the course. To request a formal extension beyond a grade deadline,

students must submit a Coursework Extension Form, completed by both the student and course instructor, to the relevant graduate department prior to the final grade deadline.

In order to ensure fairness in granting extensions, the department must be reasonably certain that:

- The reasons for delay are serious and substantiated.
- The student is not granted unfair advantage over other students in the course.
- The student has a reasonable chance of completing the outstanding work within the time allotted.
- The normal and satisfactory completion of any new coursework is not in jeopardy.

Extension requests for medical reasons (e.g. short-term illness) must be accompanied by a medical note. Extension requests for students with accommodations due to disability must be supported by documentation from Accessibility Services. Extension requests for other reasons must be detailed in the form or a note to the department.

## **MENTAL HEALTH STATEMENT**

As a student at U of T, you may experience circumstances and challenges that can affect your academic performance and/or reduce your ability to participate fully in daily activities. An important part of the University experience is learning how and when to ask for help. There is no wrong time to reach out, which is why there are resources available for every situation and every level of stress.

Please take the time to inform yourself of available resources, including:

- [Geography & Planning Mental Health Support Website](#)
- [Graduate Wellness Services](#)
- [Student Mental Health Resources](#)
- [Emergency support if you're feeling distressed](#)

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## **OTHER STUDENT SERVICES AND SUPPORT RESOURCES**

- [Links to Additional Student Services and Support Resources](#) (general services and support for students, international student support, Health & Wellness, financial aid and professional development)