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**Spring 2007**  
**PSC620: Urban Development Policy**

**Course Description**

Cities grow, or decline. Many forces, within and without the cities, are involved in the process: the conditions of economy, demography, culture, technology, government and so on. Politics emerge from and interacts with these conditions to identify “problems” at local and supra-local levels. This process results in policy and importantly determines urban development patterns. Sprawl, inner-city decline, racially segregated housing, downtown revitalization, gentrification, and the edge city – these are some of the examples of urban development typically found in American metropolises and the consequences of such politics of urban policy.

With this understanding, we examine in this course the political processes and elements of urban policy decisions so that we can better govern competing claims and guide the development patterns of our cities. We study, among other topics, regional planning, policy and politics as subject matters to this end. Methodologically, we will be adopting comparative analysis and interpretive methods to deconstruct the politics of urban development and policy.

The concepts and topics we will be covering throughout the semester include:

- Different scales of government and political economy
- Intergovernmental relations
- Globalization
- Urban politics and regime
- Comparative urban development
- Political discourse and deliberative policy making

**Course Goals:**

The goals of this course include:

- Understand the relationship between urban politics, policy and urban development patterns
- Acquire comparative research capability for policy analysis
- Critically analyze the values and social meanings of urban development policy and motives behind the politics
- Investigate the nature of globalization, its opportunities for regional governance and implications to urban development
- Use discursive analysis methods to improve policy argumentation

**Course Expectations:**

Student participation is the core part of this course. Your active participation and interactions are highly expected. Thus, keeping up with reading materials is essential.

Specifically, you are expected to:

- Attend class regularly
- Read the assigned course materials by the date we will be discussing in class
- Submit papers by due dates and make presentations

- Be punctual and respectful to others (no disruptive behaviors, no cell phone and other telecommunication device uses), and stay for the entire class

**Course Requirements:**

- Two research papers: 70% (35% + 35%)
- Research paper presentations: 10%
- Class participation: 20% of final grades

**Research:**

You will produce two research papers: one for comparative urban study and another for interpretive policy analysis. Each paper requires research outline paper to submit in addition to the final paper. More detailed instructions will be given to you on later dates.

**Special Note:**

- Submit all papers via e-mail to the above address. No late papers will be accepted.
- Cite your papers properly (e.g. the APA, MLA), including for Internet sources.
- Avoid plagiarism. Plagiarism includes unidentified quotes, paraphrases, or summaries. Whether intentional or not, plagiarism is a form of cheating. Plagiarism will result in an “F” on the assignment and in the course.
- If you have special needs because of a learning disability, please feel free to discuss this with me.
- Blackboard is used as the main source of telecommunication. I will use your email addresses recorded there. Please be aware.
- No extra-credit work is offered.

**Grading Policy:**

Final grades are determined according to the following schedule:

A	93-100	B+	87-89	C+	77-79	D+	67-69
A-	90-92	B	83-86	C	73-76	D	60-66
		B-	80-82	C-	70-72	F =	Below 60

**Required Books: The following books should be available at the school bookstore**

- *Governing from Below: Urban Regions and the Global Economy* by Jefferey M. Sellers, Cambridge University Press
- *Governance of Europe's City Regions: Planning, Policy and Politics* by Tasillo Herrschel, Peter Newman, Routledge
- *Reframing Public Policy: Discursive Politics and Deliberative Practices* by Frank Fischer, Oxford University Press

**Other Reading Materials:**

- E-reserves available on Blackboard
- Journal articles through the library e-journals and databases
- Other materials as considered appropriate may be added to the list on later dates

▪ **Schedule:**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Topic and Reading</b>
1	1/09 Course introduction and overview
2	1/16 Politics, Policy and Urban Development Sellers: Ch. 1 & 2 “Comparative Urban Governance” Pierre, Jon. <i>Urban Affairs Review</i> Vol. 40(4)
3	1/23 Urban Development in the Nested-Scale Government Sellers: Ch. 3 Richard Child Hill: “Cities and nested hierarchies” <i>International Social Science Journal</i> 181
4	1/30 New Localism in the Nested-Scale Sellers: Ch. 4 (178-238) Clarke and Gail: “Local Politics in a Global Era” <i>The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science</i> 551
5	2/06 New Localism and Urban Development Sellers: Ch. 4 (238-289) Haynes and Stough: “The Federal Urban Policy Agenda” <i>The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science</i> 551
6	2/13 Urban Regime and Politics of Scale Seller Ch. 5 Kevin Cox: “Spaces of dependence, spaces of engagement and the politics of scale” <i>Political Geography</i> , Vol. 17, No. I
7	2/20 Urban Governance, Policy and Discourse Sellers Ch. 6; Fischer Ch. 1 & 2
8	2/27 Urban Development Policy and Discourse Fischer Ch. 3 & 4 <i>The Creative Class and Downtown Entertainment</i> , on BB
9	3/06 <b>Spring Break</b>
10	3/13 Presentation and Discussion: Research Paper 1
11	3/20 Globalization and City-Regions Fischer Ch. 7; Herrschel: Ch.1&2 <i>Citistates</i> , on BB
12	3/27 Comparative Regionalism and Urban Development Fischer Ch. 8; Herrschel: Ch. 4 <i>Smart Growth</i> , on BB
13	4/03 Regional Planning and Discourse

	Fisher Ch. 9; Herrschel: Ch.5 <i>Place Matters</i> , on BB
14	4/10 Regional Planning and Politics Fisher Ch. 10; Herrschel: Ch.6 <i>Metropolitan Planning</i> , on BB
15	4/17 Fieldwork Day <i>The Meaning of Regionalism</i> , on BB
16	4/24 Urban Development and Local Policy Choice Fisher Ch. 11; Herrschel: Ch. 7, 8
17	5/01 Presentation and Discussion Research Paper 2 Due

Changes might have to be made to the above schedule to accommodate unexpected events and other conditions