BME Faculty of Architecture				Department of Urban Design and Planning	
Name of the course:	Cities of the World Contemporary Urbanisms			Code: BME EP UI 0893	
Grading:	semester mark	Credits:	2	Location in the curriculum:	-
Lecturer:	SOÓKI-TÓTH Gábor		Person in charge SZABÓ Árj at the department:	SZABÓ Árpád DLA	

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Requirements of signing up for the subject:	Registered in the NEPTUN system.				
Type of classes:	lecture & seminar/groupwork				
Requirements of appearance:	According to university regulations class appearance has to exceed 70%! The lecturers reserve the right to make attendance-sheets on any of the classes.				
Controls during class period:	1 home assignment				
Tasks with deadline :	See timetable below!				
Requirements for signature:	Appearance has to exceed 70%.				
Evaluation at the end of the semester:	The semester grade is based on the handed in assignment				

The elective course on current challenges of global urbanization with special focus on the phenomenon of 'airport cities' – the development of airports and their immediate and wider regions.

Topics discussed:

- how theoretical thinking on urban development is transformed in the context of rapid global urbanization,
- how de-industrialization is reflected in the changing urban development dynamics,
- what are the impact of political and market forces on city development,
- the impact of issues like sustainability and resilience on urban planning,
- possible ways to enhance urban life (learning from good and bad practices)

Airport regions are affected by urban sprawl, whereas the crisis of the inner city, that triggered the revitalization of urban areas through implementing place-making and local economic development policies together with the emphasis on creating sustainable systems (e.g. energy, mobility, production & consumption, etc.) impacts the development of the peripheries of cities. We shall look at the concept and criticism of airport-led urban development and do research on good and bad practices from all over the world with the aim to apply some of these findings to the Budapest Airport Region.

Classes will be divided between lectures and seminars, the latter involving interactive group-work sessions that require the active participation of students.

2014/2015 autumn

	SCHEDULE OF THE SEMESTER					
1	09.15.	Global cities and contemporary urbanisms: from airport to airport city/region – an introduction to the course	Lecture, Q&A			
2	09.29.	Politics and markets shaping the form of the global city. The development of an airport corridor.	Short lecture followed by groupwork & consultations			
3	10.06.	DOCONF2017 http://www.urbanisztika.bme.hu/en/doconf2017/	Mandatory participation at the conference (whole day activity)			
4	11.10.	Urban sprawl, the regeneration of the inner city and implications for the revival of suburbia – can transport infrastructure make a difference?	Short lecture followed by groupwork & consultations			
5	11.17.	Sustainable urban futures and the quality of life – placemaking as a strategic tool to create a polycentric urban region				
6	12.01.	Drawing conclusions – 'best practices' of governance, planning and design related to airport urbanism <i>Groupwork showcase</i>	Short lecture followed by student presentations of groupwork results & tutor feedback			
		Handing in the final assignment: deadline: 10 th December				

- the order of the topics discussed at the lectures and seminars may be a subject to change -

REQUIREMENTS OF THE SEMESTER:

- Attending lectures
- Preparing the semester assignment as discussed with students during the first lecture.

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