

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

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Requirements of signing up for the subject:	Registered in the NEPTUN system.
Type of classes:	lectures & seminar/groupwork sessions
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 small scale & network interventions in cities and suburban areas.

Topics discussed:

- how theoretical thinking on urban development is transformed in the context of 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 sustainability and resilience on urban planning,
- possible ways to enhance the overall quality of urban life

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

Students shall form groups of 3 (preferably from 3 different countries), will select a topic for study, do individual exploration and present 10 slides with text & graphics of the result of their research (preferably with some resulting own ideas and proposals) at the end of the course.

SCHEDULE OF THE SEMESTER			
1	09.14.	'Contemporary urbanisms' an introduction to the course	<i>Lecture, Q&A</i>
2	09.28.	Politics and markets shaping the form of the global city	<i>Short lecture followed by groupwork & consultations</i>
3	10.12.	Urban sprawl, the regeneration of the inner city and implications for the revival of suburbia	<i>Short lecture followed by groupwork & consultations</i>
4	10.26.	Sustainable urban futures and the quality of life	<i>Short lecture followed by groupwork & consultations</i>
5	11.10.	Drawing conclusions – 'best practices' of governance, planning and design	<i>Short lecture followed by groupwork & consultations</i>
6	11.23	Groupwork showcase	<i>Student presentations of groupwork results & tutor feedback</i>
		Handing in the final assignment: deadline: 7 th December 12:00 PM	

All classes on the above dates start from 12:15 PM until 15:00 PM (with a short break) in Room 210

- 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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