CP 418 THE THEORIES OF ECONOMIC AND SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT

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METU Credit (Theoretical-Laboratory hours/week): 3(3-0)
ECTS Credit: 5.0
Department: City and Regional Planning
Language of Instruction: English
Level of Study: Undergraduate
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Offered Semester: Spring Semester

Course Objective
This course is one of the few courses in City and Regional Planning explicitly oriented to the role of theory in planning, research and practice. It is a must course for Urban and Regional Economic Development Module. It aims to introduce the history of ideas, theories as well as practice about space, territory and regions.

Course Content
The course provides a critical-historical analysis of the development of regional planning from its nineteenth century roots to the "New-Regionalism" of today. In the course, we will be concerned with three inter-related levels of analysis and discussion:

- The evolution of regional planning theory and practice, an intellectual and professional history of regional planning
- The associated development of spatial theory and analysis, a history of ideas about space, territory, regions and the role of spatial organization as they affect regional planning -- an introduction to what might be called "Spatial Theory for Planners."
- The development of regional planning thought in "real world" political and economic conditions

Weekly Program

Week 1: The philosophical and political sources of regional doctrine

- Industrial capitalism and 19th century regionalisms
- The rise of the social sciences, scientific socialism, and the regional imagination
- The concept of development and underdevelopment in different schools of economic thought
- The concepts of basic needs, the stages of economic growth, industrialization, big push, cumulative causation
**Week 2: Regional theory/science/doctrine**
- The emergence of scientific human geography
- Spatial systems planning as the new paradigm
- Growth poles, polarization, and regional development
- Exploring the "space economy"

**Week 3: The disintegration of regional planning discourse**
- Peripheral voices: underdevelopment and dependency theory
- The Neo-Marxist critique of regional planning doctrines
- The end of welfare regionalism?

**Week 4: Regions and the reconceptualization of spatiality**
- Structuralism and social theory
- Lefebvre and Foucault: the discovery of "other" spaces
- Foundations for a new regionalism

**Week 5: New regional growth theories and regional development policies**
- Neo-classical growth theory
- Augmented neo-classical theory
- Endogenous growth theory
- Evolutionary growth
- Institutional perspective
- Territorial models

**Week 6: Spatial development theories**
- Agglomeration/Clustering
- Specialisation/Diversification
- Polycentric growth
- Compactness versus sprawl

**Week 7: Regional spatial development policies**
- Urban Form
- ESDP
- Progressive Planning
- Neo-liberal planning policies

**Week 8: Regional policies in the European Union**
- Regional policies and instruments in the European Union
- Cohesion Policy
- Innovation Policy
- Structural funds

**Week 9: The new regionalism: contemporary issues in regional planning theory**
- Restructuring regional planning doctrine
- Regional worlds of production: the new debates
Community-based regionalism

**Week 10-11:** Instutionalisation of spatial and regional planning: national spatial strategies

- How are the planning systems at the national and regional level institutionalised?
- What are the institutions responsible for preparation of National Strategies as well as Regional Development Plans?
- What are the characteristics of new metropolitan and regional reforms in various countries?
- The different types of spatial strategies at the national level. The context of the National Spatial Strategies

**Week 12:** Regional policy guidelines/regional planning perspectives

- What are the decision/planning system at the regional level in different countries?
- The context of the regional planning

**Week 13-14:** Comparing European countries and Turkey

- The regional planning practice of Turkey
- The plans prepared by Regional Development Agencies
- How to prepare regional plans

**Grading**

Students who did not participate less than 30 percent of the classes will be graded NA.

% 30 Mid-term
% 30 Paper
% 40 Final exam

**Learning Outcomes**

This course is introductory course for the students who forms the basis for planning theory and practice. It provides the basic knowledge and a wide spectrum of the theories and practice in the past and today.

**Reference Material**

**Week 1:** The philosophical and political sources of regional doctrine

3. Rostow, W.W., "The take-off into sustained growth" pp.86-114
5. Hirschman A.O., "Unbalanced growth; An espousal" pp.129-141

Week 2: Regional theory/science/doctrine

7. Peter Haggett, Locational Analysis in Human Geography, Methuen (1967).

Week 3: The disintegration of regional planning discourse

1. Weaver, Ch. 7, "Development, Underdevelopment and Uneven Development: A Debate on the Left."

Week 4: Regions and the reconceptualization of spatiality

1. E. Soja, Postmodern Geographies, Chapters. 2 and 4, "Marxist Geography and Critical Social Theory" and "Urban and Regional Debates: the First Round."

Week 5: New regional growth theories and regional development policies

From the book Keating and Loughlin, 1997, The Political economy of regionalism (Frank Cass)

3. Chapter 1: The Political Economy of Regionalism by Micheal Keating 17-41
5. Chapter 3: Regional Policy and European Governance, Richard Balme, pp. 63-76

Week 6-7: Spatial development theories; Regional spatial development policies


Week 8: Regional policies in the European Union

3. Chapter 4: The new regionalism pp.72-111

Week 9: The new regionalism: contemporary issues in regional planning theory

3. Ash Amin, Doreen Massey, and Nigel Thrift, Decentring the Nation: A Radical Approach to Regional Inequality, Catalyst (2003).


11. Rodriguez-Pose and Gill (2003): The definitive, peer-reviewed and edited version of this article is published in Environment and Planning C 2003 vol. 21(3) pp. 333-51

**Week 10-11:** Institutionalisation of spatial and regional planning: national spatial strategies


4. Nota Ruimte, NATIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY SUMMARY: Creating space for development,

**Week 12:** Regional policy guidelines/regional planning perspectives

1. European Commission, Regional Development Studies (2000), The EU compendium of spatial planning systems and policies: Belgium, European Union, Luxembourg

2. European Commission, Regional Development Studies (1999), The EU compendium of spatial planning systems and policies: The Netherlands, European Union, Luxembourg

3. European Commission, Regional Development Studies (1999), The EU compendium of spatial planning systems and policies: Germany, European Union, Luxembourg

4. European Commission, Regional Development Studies (2000), The EU compendium of spatial planning systems and policies: United Kingdom, European Union, Luxembourg

5. European Commission, Regional Development Studies (1997), The EU compendium of spatial planning systems and policies, European Union, Luxembourg

**Week 13-14:** Comparing European countries and Turkey