CRP 488 INSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS OF CITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING

Course Code: 1210488
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
Course Coordinator: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Serap KAYASÜ
Offered Semester: Fall Semesters

Course Objective
The objective of this course is to enable students to develop an understanding of the main concepts and an analytical framework for analysis with respect to the institutional aspects of city and regional planning. A twofold developmental framework, one regarding to urban development issues the other one regarding economic development issues constitute the theoretical background of the course. Taking this background as the basis of analysis, students are expected to get acquainted with the evolution of institutional aspects embedded in urban and economic development processes.

Course Content
The general area of interest in this course is the ways in which socio-space evolves along with socio-economic circumstances with a strong reference to the evolution of institutions with a particular interest to that of planning as an institution. Adopting a socio-historical perspective is necessary in addition to developing an institutionalist approach in the context of this course. The object of the course is to enable an in-depth understanding of the evolution of socio-space and corresponding planning approaches as both of them being context-specific and path-dependent processes.

Weekly Program
Week 1: Introduction
Week 2: Institutional Approaches in Urban Development
Week 3: The late 19th Century and the Rise of Modern Cities
Week 4: World Wars and the European Search for Stability
Week 5: Postwar Economic Recovery and the Welfare State
Week 6: Economic Restructuring and the Rise of Neoliberal Policies
Week 7: New Global Challenges and Sustainable Future(s)
Week 8: Midterm Exam

Weeks 9-14: Presentations of Term Papers on Institutional Aspects of Urban Development

Grading
Attendance: 10%
Midterm Exam: 30%
Presentation(s): 30%
Final Paper: 30%

Learning Outcomes
Acquiring an understanding towards the main concepts of institutionalist approaches.

Developing an analytical framework for analysis with respect to the institutional aspects of city and regional planning.

Getting acquainted with the evolution of institutional aspects embedded in economic and urban development processes.

Reference Material

1. GLOBALIZATION AND THE NEW ECONOMY


2. INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE AND GOVERNANCE


