CP 704 TRANSPORT POLICY

Course Code: 8530704
METU Credit (Theoretical-Laboratory hours/week): 3(3-0)
ECTS Credit: 8.0
Department: City Planning
Language of Instruction: English
Level of Study: Master’s
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Offered Semester: Fall Semesters

Course Objective
The course aims to provide urban planning students with a comprehensive knowledge of contemporary transport policy. Its main objective is to increase the students’ awareness regarding the changing context of transport policy and planning in the world, and show them the dramatic change in transport planning practices by making use of good-practice cases, both international and national. The course also aims to equip students with knowledge and skills to design possible political and legal frameworks for urban transport, as well as formulate sound transport policy for urban areas.

Course Content
The course addresses themes, such as the evolution of transport policy; contemporary transport policy framework with a special emphasis on the principles of sustainable transport; international policy documents and their implications for transport planning; European Union Transport White Papers, UK Legal Framework for ensuring sustainable urban transport; transport issues in developing countries; transport policy in Turkey; contemporary urban transport policy and practices in the world; best-practice examples; and awareness raising campaigns.

Weekly Program
Week 1- Introduction
Week 2- Development and Environment: Evolution of Transport Policy
Week 3- Sustainable Transport
Week 4- Transport in Different Contexts: Industrial Vs Developing World
Week 5- Contemporary Transport Policy: International and Supranational Policy Documents
Week 6- Transport and Spatial Development
Week 7- Setting a Legal Framework for Transport Policy: The UK Case
Week 8- Transport Policy in Turkey
Week 9- Urban Transport Policy and Planning in Turkey: Experiences from Ankara, Istanbul, Izmir
Week 10- Urban Transport Policy and Best-Practice Cases I: Infrastructure Projects
Week 11- Urban Transport Policy and Best-Practice Cases II: Management Schemes
Week 12- Urban Transport Policy and Best-Practice Cases III: Awareness Raising Campaigns
Learning Outcomes

Students who complete the course will have acquired an understanding of contemporary transport policy and principles of sustainable transport; as well as comprehensive knowledge on current practices in various world cities and a critical approach to present policies and projects in Turkish cities. They will also be equipped with the skills to design policy documents and legal frameworks for sustainable urban transport, at national, urban and local neighbourhood levels.

Reference Material