

COURSE NAME: SEMINAR IN SELECTED URBAN POLITICAL ISSUES

Course Code:	1210499
METU Credit (Theoretical-Laboratory hours/week):	8(4-8)
ECTS Credit:	9.0
Department:	City And Regional Planning
Language of Instruction:	English
Level of Study:	Undergraduate
Course Coordinator:	Assoc.Prof.Dr.H.Çağatay Keskinok
Offered Semester:	Spring semesters

COURSE OBJECTIVE

Seminar course around the contemporary topics in urban political context. Aim of the course is to concentrate student's previous knowledge on different urban issues, to re-examine and evaluate the current urban problems of our cities by using the frameworks developed by urban political theories and to test the relevance and the validity of different paradigms in this context. Students are supposed to define and problematize the urban issues from policy and politics point of view.

COURSE CONTENT

Major topics of the course are politics of urban spatial *structuration*, urban service provision, land ownership, urban social movements and urban planning issues, etc

The content of the course is structured around lectures, seminar preparation and presentations on selected urban political and book reviews (books selected from the reading list)

PART A:

LECTURES on following issues:

- I. Defining the context of urban politics: debate on the state's activity on/in space and state intervention into spatialization of capital accumulation, labor processes, production of space, political processes related to spatial organization.
- II. State's activity on urban space *through* i) urban planning and legal framework, land policy, ii) state-provision of urban services (state expenditures, collective consumption, public services and privatization policies), iii) taxation and other financial instruments.
- III. Political processes around urban space: Urban Social Movements. Theories of social movement in general, Class struggle and other forms struggle around the land and the built environment

PART B:

BOOK REVIEWS and **SEMINAR PREPARATION** and **PRESENTATION** on selected urban political issues by the students

WEEKLY PROGRAM

Weeks	PART A	PART B
Week 1 Week 2 Week 3	The context of urban politics	
Week 4 Week 5 Week 6		Book Reviews 1 and discussions on the selected seminar topics; problematization
Week 4 Week 5 Week 6	State's activity on urban space	
Week 7 Week 8 Week 9		Book Reviews 2 and discussions on the selected seminar topics; problematization
Week 10 Week 11 Week 12	Political processes around the production of urban space	
Week 13 Week 14		Seminar Presentation

GRADING

Book Review 1: % 10,
 Book Review 2: % 10,
 Participation into class discussions: % 10.
 Seminar presentation: % 10,
 Term Paper: % 60

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

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of the course, the students will have ability to problematize the concrete urban issues around built environment from both policy and politics point of view. And ability to apply their previous knowledge on different urban issues, to re-examine and evaluate the current urban problems by using the frameworks developed by urban political theories.

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