Course Objective
The course is designed to explain the changes that have been taking place in the last two decades on space and to identify new spaces of growth. Why these areas became the new attraction points and why they are important at the globalization process will be the questions to be emphasized in the course.

Course Content
Recent issues on geography of production, new spaces of growth, and changing spatial organization of the world system. General discussion on dynamics of the changes in spatial organization of production. The theoretical explanations on the emergence of new nodes of growth. Industrial districts, learning regions, global cities, urban areas as nodes of networks, technology/science parks, new cultural spaces, city centres the core of the new economy.

Weekly Program

Part 1: Neoliberal Urban Agenda

Week 1: Globalisation debate: economic transformation, socio-political change and territorial aspects
- Competitiveness and changes in economic structure and in the production systems
- Changes in the technologies of communication systems
- Changes in the regulation mechanisms and governance systems
- Increasing importance of real estate markets
- Increasing income disparities, poverty, segmentation and exclusion of certain groups

Week 2: Transforming Urban Economy and its spatial implications
- Increasing collaboration and networking, new economic activities, increasing quality of life in the older periphery
- Emergence of the new economy
- Regeneration policies for the old industrial centres
Part 2: New State Spaces

The transformation of statehood under contemporary globalizing capitalism. Strategic subnational spaces, such as cities and city-regions that represent essential arenas in which states are being reorganized.

Week 3: City Regions

- The newly emerging spatial configurations
- Network of cities
- Competitiveness due to complementary and cooperative networks

Week 4: Global Cities

- The definition of global cities
- The impact on deregulation global cities
- The restless urban landscape

Part 3: Places and Competitiveness

Week 5: New Urban Projects

- Waterfronts
- Cultural facilities
- Gated communities

Week 6. Consumption Spaces

- From production to consumption
- Changing character of consumption spaces

Part 4: Places important for Urban and Regional Development

Week 7. Brownfield Development and Gentrification Projects

- The impact of structural change in urban areas
- Redevelopment of the old industrial areas
- Redevelopment and gentrification in inner cities
- Gentrification projects

Week 8: Transforming Urban Macroform

- The changing urban form
- Urban sprawl- compact urban form
- Polynuclear development
- Urban shrinkage
- Urban Regeneration
- Urban Renewal
Week 9: Industrial Districts

- From less developed regions to centres of growth: the analysis of the different growth trajectories
- Different types of industrial districts
  o High tech industrial districts
  o LDC industrial districts

Week 10: New High Technology Spaces

- National Policies towards high tech
- Industrial and technology policy in the Third World
- Regions of high tech development
- Other policies for creating high tech regions
- Science parks

Week 11: Learning Regions in The Knowledge Economy

- Learning regions
- Tacit versus codified knowledge
- Embeddedness
- Social capital
- Human capital
- Learning networks

Week 12: Resilient Regions

- Regions in the volatile economic conditions
- The factors important in resilience building

Week 13: New Trends, New Concepts

- What are the issues in the current urban agenda?

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

% 30 mid-term exam
% 40 Final exam
% 30 Term-paper-presentation

Learning Outcomes

This course is designed as an introductory course for the students that are interested on current spatial issues, as well as a course to give backward theoretical base on spatial organization and different experiences that took place in the world in last two decades.
Reference Material
(All are given to students in digital form)

Week 1: Globalisation debate: economic transformation, socio-political change and territorial aspects

Week 2: Transforming Urban Economy and its spatial implications

New State Spaces

Week 3: City Regions

Week 4: Global Cities
BRENNER, N., 2006, Locational policy, state rescaling and the new metropolitan governance in Western Europe, paper presented COST A26 Meeting, Turku-Finland
Week 5: New Urban Projects


Week 6. Consumption Spaces


Week 7. Brownfield Development and Gentrification Projects


Week 8: Transforming Urban Macroform

PALLAGST, K et al. (2009) The Future of Shrinking Cities: Problems, Patterns and Strategies of Urban Transformation in a Global Context, Berkeley IURD Institute of Urban and Regional Development

Week 9: Industrial Districts

RACO, M. (1999) Competition, collaboration and the industrial districts: examining the institutional turn in the local economic development, Urban Studies, 36, 5-6, 951-968
STORPER, M., 1993. “Regional worlds of production: Learning and innovation in the technology districts of France, Italy and USA” Regional Studies, 27, 433-455

Week 10: New High Technology Spaces

Week 11: Learning Regions in The Knowledge Economy

FLORIDA, R., 1995, Toward Learning Region, Futures, 27,5, 527-536

Week 12: Resilient Regions


Week 13: New Trends, New Concepts