CRP 105 - ORIGINS OF URBANISM AND THE PROCESS OF URBANIZATION

Course Objective
This course for the first year Urban and Regional Planning students aims to explore the main dynamics that played an important role in the development of cities in the course of the history of urbanization. By focusing on the diverse economic dynamics and periods of production that lead to diverse spatial dynamics and urbanization processes, development of cities in general, and urban spatial development in particular is going to be tackled in this course. Comparative cases will be provided to display how similar and different dynamics of urbanization have been triggered by similar forces and processes throughout the history in diverse periods namely prehistory, pre-industrial era, modernity and industrial capitalism, Fordism and post-Fordist era and period of neoliberal globalization.

Course Content
The main questions this course aims to tackle are: Why are cities established in specific locations? What are the common dynamics and processes that triggered the location and growth dynamics of cities? How and why their urban development patterns have changed in time? What are the factors that play a role in the changing processes of urbanization? What are the main events in the history (economic, social, political, cultural etc) that lead to these changes? How and why their spatial growth dynamics changed in time? What are the factors that played a specific role in these changes?

Weekly Program
Week 1- Introduction and overview

Part 1: Dynamics of pre-industrial urban development
Week 2- Changing urbanization processes and spatial dynamics from hunter communities to first cities: First urban revolution
- New cultural and political dynamics and changing urbanization processes in Greek and Roman periods

Week 3- Second urban revolution: Development dynamics of the medieval city as a trade center
- Changing development dynamics of medieval city due to invasions and battles
- Colonialism and searching for new trade routes: Age of discovery and explorations and the urbanization dynamics of the new world cities

Part 2: Logic of industrial capitalism and urban change
Week 4- Third urban revolution: Fordist industrial production and changing urban dynamics
**Week 5**- Post-war urbanism and social structure: Socialist urbanization dynamics and changing urban form in the Central Europe

**Week 6**- Urban decline and spatial problems of industrial city

**Part 3: Spatial dynamics of post-fordist production and new urbanism**

**Week 7**- The crisis of Fordizm and the dimensions of a post-Fordist urban structure

**Week 8**- Changing locational and spatial dynamics of urban development in the post-Fordist era

**Week 9**- Changing urbanization dynamics of post-Socialist cities with political and economic decline

**Part 4: Globalization and development dynamics of globalizing cities**

**Week 10**- Neoliberal urbanization processes and dynamics of fragmented urban development

**Week 11**- Commercial property development and property-led urban development dynamics

**Part 5: Urbanization in the developing world and Turkey**

**Week 12**- Urbanization in Turkey

**Week 13**- Problems of urbanization in Turkey and developing countries

**Week 14**- Contemporary urbanization, urban transformation and socio-spatial issues

**Grading**

- Mid-term exam 30 points
- Research study 30 points
- Final exam 40 points

**Learning Outcomes**

By the end of the course students will:

- develop an understanding of the reciprocal relations between the spatial organization of urban development and locational, economic, and political dynamics and processes;
- learn the major historical antecedents of urban development and urbanization and learn the key concepts;
- develop a curiosity to establish the relationship between the current urban form and processes of urbanization that may lead to it;
- develop a curiosity to analyze urbanization issues in Turkey;
- develop skills to: analyze the development and urbanization dynamics of cities; collect data in relation to a given problem and search for relevant literature; link the knowledge accumulated by reading the literature to the everyday experiences and observations in urban space.
Reference Material

14. Mumford, L. (1961) *The City in History: A Powerfully Incisive and Influential Look at the Development of the Urban Form throughout the ages*