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**Advanced Planning Theory**  
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In this course we collaboratively map the territory of planning theory, exploring and describing those areas of the theoretical landscape that resonate with your research and practice. We draw on interdisciplinary literatures and philosophies, grounded in case studies. The role of the planning academic and our responsibility to urban issues are discussed. Themes of transformation, policy and power, representation and culture, displacement and inequity, public space and urban form, mobility and movement are woven throughout. The course is divided into four areas of inquiry, and each of these areas is paired with influential ideas that underpin planning:

Experiencing the City • *Habermas' communicative rationality*  
Design Theory • *Foucault on power and space*  
Instruments of Planning • *Liberalism; Planning as praxis; Utilitarianism*  
Infrastructures • *Lefebvre & others on the right to the city*

#### YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS

##### **Seminar leadership: 10%**

Each person will introduce one of the underpinning philosophies as it relates to planning. You will write a 2-3 page summary of the arguments and critiques of the theory, and your interpretation of how this relates to planning. This will be circulated in advance to the seminar group. You will present this idea and open a discussion on this theory and its implications for planning. Meet with me ahead of time to discuss your approach and get a list of reference books.

##### **Discussion contribution: 20%**

Your verbal engagement with your colleagues' seminars and the weekly course topics will form an integral part of the course experience. Discussions will be based on the readings. There is a diverse reading list, including journalism, research and theory. The readings have been selected with balance in mind; please read or skim (readings in grey) the readings ahead of each seminar.

##### **Written reflections: 30%**

Short reflection on each of the four areas of the course as it relates to your research interests:

Experiencing the city	Friday, October 7
Design theory	Friday, October 21
Instruments of planning	Friday, November 18
Infrastructures	Friday, December 9

##### **Theory paper: 40%**

This paper situates your research interests within a theoretical landscape, drawing from interdisciplinary literatures, our discussions and your reflections. This anticipates the PhD comprehensive exam.

Outline & bibliography	November 11
Paper	December 19

## Themes and readings

### INTRODUCTION

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September 13 – What is planning theory? What is our role as planning academics? What responsibilities do we have and how can research be applied?

Roy, A. Urbanisms, worlding practices and the theory of planning. *Planning Theory* 10:1, pp 6-15

Siemiatycki, M. The role of the planning scholar: Research, conflict, and social change. *Journal of Planning Education and Research*, 32:2, pp 147-159

### EXPERIENCING THE CITY

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The phenomenology of the city is explored. We discuss the personal, embodied, narrative experience of the city from different perspectives. Identities and intersectionalities – age, race, gender, sexuality, culture – influence experiences of the city. Issues of access, surveillance, barriers, class and place, inequity and displacement, and violence are covered. We place ourselves in the context of the multicultural, post-colonial, post-fordist, anthropocene, globalized city. In this context, how can planning facilitate an intersubjective mutual understanding?

September 20 – diversity, multiculturalism and the ‘creative city’

Viswantathan, L. (2009) ‘Postcolonial planning’ and ethno-racial diversity in Toronto: Locating equity in a contemporary planning context. *Canadian Journal of urban Research*, 18:1, pp 162-182

Goonewardena, K. & Kipfer, S. (2005) Spaces of difference: Reflections from Toronto on multiculturalism, bourgeois urbanism and the possibility of radical urban politics. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 29:3, pp 670-678

Anderson, E. (2004) The cosmopolitan canopy. *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences*, 595:1, pp 14-31

Leslie, D. & Catungal, J.P. (2012) Social justice and the creative city: Class, gender and racial inequalities. *Geography Compass* 6:3, pp 111-122

September 27 – gender, sexuality, safety and violence

Doan, P. (2007) Queers in the American city: Transgendered perceptions of urban space. *Gender, Place and Culture*, 14:1, pp 57-74

Cowen, D. & Siciliano, A. Surplus masculinities and security. *Antipode*, 43:5, pp 1516-1541

Matsuoka, R. & Kaplan, R. (2008) People needs in the urban landscape: Analysis of Landscape and Urban Planning contributions. *Landscape and Urban Planning* 84, pp 7-19.

Foran, C. (2013) How to design a city for women: A fascinating experiment in “gender mainstreaming”. *CityLab*, September 16, 2013.

<http://www.citylab.com/commute/2013/09/how-design-city-women/6739/>

Datta, A. (2016) The intimate city: violence, gender and ordinary life in Delhi slums. *Urban Geography*, 37:3, pp 323-342

#### October 4 – Seminar 1: Habermas' communicative rationality

Healy, P. (1993) *The communicative turn in planning theory*. Source unknown (on blackboard) pp233-253

Sandercock, L. (2003) Out of the closet: The importance of stories and storytelling in planning practice. *Planning Theory and Practice*, 4:1, pp 11-28

Whittemore, A. (2014) Phenomenology and city planning. *Journal of Planning Education and Research*, 34:3, pp 301-308

#### DESIGN THEORY

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Planning started out as a design project. The history of urban plans manifest in cities around the world are reviewed, from Haussman's Paris to Cerda's Extension to Manhattan's grid. We explore the designs that have influenced urban form and their intended and unintended consequences. We review the current retreat from design in planning theory and practice, and also the new designers (landscape architects, engineers, big data analysts and coders) who are applying designs to urban crises today. What are the strengths and weaknesses of 'design thinking' in planning? Is there an ethics of design?

#### October 11 – History of planning as design, and Seminar 2 – Foucault's ideas on power & space

Fishman, R. (1989) Introduction. In *Urban Utopias of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century: Ebenezer Howard, Frank Lloyd Wright, Le Corbusier*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, pp 3-20

Capps, K. The architecture of displacement: MOMA will host a new show on the global refugee crisis. *CityLab*, May 6, 2016. <http://www.citylab.com/work/2016/05/moma-the-museum-of-modern-art-is-opening-an-architecture-show-on-the-global-refugee-and-displacement-crisis/481491/>

#### October 18 – Design, landscape and climate change: a case study

Kolbert, E. (2015) The siege of Miami: As temperatures climb, so, to will sea levels. *The New Yorker*, December 21&28 Issue. <http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2015/12/21/the-siege-of-miami>

Kaika, M. (2004) Interrogating the geographies of the familiar: Domesticating nature and constructing the autonomy of the modern home. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 28:2, pp 265-286

Bliss, L. (2016) When climate adaptation plans hurt the urban poor. *CityLab*, July 28, 2016. <http://www.citylab.com/design/2016/07/when-climate-adaptation-hurts-the-urban-poor/492263/>

Belanger, P. (2009) Landscape as infrastructure. *Landscape Journal*, 28:1, pp 79-95

Lange, A. (2016) Play ground: How a Dutch landscape architect is reinventing the park. *The New Yorker*, May 16, 2016. <http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2016/05/16/adriaan-geuzes-governors-island>

## INSTRUMENTS OF PLANNING

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Planning negotiates between public and private interests. The instruments of planning are parsed – from zoning to policy to subsidies and fees – to see how power is exercised in the production and mediation of space. Is planning always normative? How have the instruments of planning been used to codify existing power imbalances and increase exclusion and inequality? How has it been used to break these down? What are the rights of owners of private property and what are the rights of the dispossessed and the public good? How effective have planning instruments been in delivering planning goals, and what are the unintended consequences of planning instruments? How does a planner deal with structural inequities and address power imbalances? The paradox of bureaucracies and the perception of planner as neutral vs activist are discussed. Is it possible to address urban problems through planning? How does path dependency influence outcomes? Who are we planning for? How do politics and methods of delivery influence the urban project?

### October 25 – Zoning, and **Seminar 3: Liberalism and its critiques**

Dyble, L. (2010) Review essay: The continuing sage of zoning in America. *Journal of Planning History*, 9:2, pp 140-146

Chakraborty, A; Knaap, G-J; Nguyen, D. & Shin, J H. The effects of high-density zoning on multifamily housing construction in the suburbs of six metropolitan areas. *Urban Studies* 47:2, pp 437-451

Levine, J. & Inam, A. (2004) The market for transportation-land use integration: Do developers want smarter growth than regulations allow? *Transportation* 31, pp 409-427

### November 1 – Path dependency and regulation

Sorensen, A. (2015) Taking path dependence seriously: an historical institutionalist research agenda in planning history. *Planning Perspectives*, 30:1, 17-38

Hess, P. (2009) Avenues or arterials: The struggle to change street building practices in Toronto, Canada. *Journal of Urban Design*, 14:1, pp 1-28

Hess, P., & Sorenson, A. (2015) Compact, concurrent, and contiguous: smart growth and 50 years of residential planning in the Toronto region. *Urban Geography*, 36:1, pp 127-151

Burchfield, M., & Kramer, A. (2015) *Growing Pains: Understanding the new reality of population and dwelling patterns in the Toronto and Vancouver regions*. Toronto: The Neptis Foundation.

Blais, P. (2010) 'Preface' and 'Driving Sprawl: Pricing and policy mis-incentives', in *Perverse Cities: Hidden subsidies, wonky policy, and urban sprawl*. Vancouver: UBC Press. pp ix-xii, 149-158

Talen, E. (2012) Planning and diversity in historical perspective. *Journal of Planning History*, 11:4, pp 330-347

Filion, P. (2015) Suburban inertia: The entrenchment of dispersed suburbanism. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, pp 633-640

November 8 – Housing affordability and planning policy, case study in journalism **and Seminar 4: Planning as Praxis**

Dougherty, C. (2016) In cramped and costly Bay area, cities to Build, Baby, Build. *New York Times*, April 16, 2016. [http://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/17/business/economy/san-francisco-housing-tech-boom-sf-barf.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/17/business/economy/san-francisco-housing-tech-boom-sf-barf.html?_r=0)

Flint, A. (2015) When it comes to housing affordability, are cities like Seattle doomed? CityLab, April 22, 2015. <http://www.citylab.com/housing/2015/04/how-urban-planners-see-americas-growing-housing-affordability-crisis/391167/>

Kimmelman, M. (2016) In Gowanus, a people's housing plan to challenge the mayor's. *The New York Times*, August 1, 2016. [http://www.nytimes.com/2016/08/02/arts/design/in-gowanus-a-peoples-housing-plan-to-challenge-the-mayors.html?\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/08/02/arts/design/in-gowanus-a-peoples-housing-plan-to-challenge-the-mayors.html?_r=1)

Badger, E. (2016) The next big fight over housing could happen, literally, in your back yard. Wonkblog, *The Washington Post*, August 7, 2016. (on Blackboard)

Dudley, D. (2016) A Palo Alto planning commissioner leaves town – and starts a furor. *CityLab*, August 1, 2016. <http://www.citylab.com/housing/2016/08/a-palo-alto-planning-commissioner-leaves-town-and-starts-a-furor/495983/>

Hertz, D. (2014) There's basically no way not to be a gentrifier. CityLab, April 23, 2014. [http://www.citylab.com/housing/2014/04/theres-basically-no-way-not-be-gentrifier/8877/?utm\\_source=SFFB](http://www.citylab.com/housing/2014/04/theres-basically-no-way-not-be-gentrifier/8877/?utm_source=SFFB)

Gimein, M. (2016) Why the high cost of big-city living is bad for everyone. *The New Yorker*, August 25, 2016. <http://www.newyorker.com/business/currency/why-the-high-cost-of-big-city-living-is-bad-for-everyone>

November 15 – Segregation, race and planning, and **Seminar 5: Utilitarianism and its minority problem**

Fischer, E. (2011). *Race and ethnicity in 2010* (maps of Census Bureau data). Retrieved from Flickr: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/walkingsf/sets/72157626354149574/detail/>

Coates, T-N. (2014) The case for reparations (section on redlining and housing policy). *The Atlantic*, June 2014. <http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2014/06/the-case-for-reparations/361631/>

Shabazz, R. Why geography matters in the struggle for racial justice. MPR news, Feb. 9, 2016. Listen here: [http://www.mprnews.org/story/2016/02/09/mpr\\_news\\_presents](http://www.mprnews.org/story/2016/02/09/mpr_news_presents)

Sanneh, K. (2016) Is gentrification really a problem? What the American ghetto reveals about the ethics and economics of changing neighbourhoods. *The New Yorker*, July 11&18 Issue. <http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2016/07/11/is-gentrification-really-a-problem>

Hannah-Jones, N. (2016) Choosing a school for my daughter in a segregated city: How one school became a battleground over which children benefit from a separate and unequal system. *New York Times Magazine*, June 9, 2016.

[http://www.nytimes.com/2016/06/12/magazine/choosing-a-school-for-my-daughter-in-a-segregated-city.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/06/12/magazine/choosing-a-school-for-my-daughter-in-a-segregated-city.html?_r=0)

Papke, D. (2009) Keeping the underclass in its place: Zoning, the poor, and residential segregation. *The Urban Lawyer*, 41:4, pp 787-806

Smith, H. & Ley, D. (2008) Even in Canada? The multiscalar construction and experience of concentrated immigrant poverty in gateway cities. *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, 98:3, pp 686-713

## INFRASTRUCTURES

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The interdependencies between infrastructure, urban form, and movement are described, together with the role of economics in influencing the structure of the city, its 'spatial fix' of capital flows. Ideas of access and right to the city are considered in relation to the physical infrastructures that underpin and transcribe the city.

November 22 – Transportation, representation, mobility and movement

Badger, E. (2016) Why highways have become the center of civil rights protest. Wonkblog, *The Washington Post*, July 13, 2016. (available on Blackboard)

Levin, D. (2016) Dozens of women vanish on Canada's Highway of Tears, and most cases are unsolved. *The New York Times*, May 24, 2016.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/05/25/world/americas/canada-indigenous-women-highway-16.html?smprod=nytcore-iphone&smid=nytcore-iphone-share>

Mock, B. (2016) West Baltimore will get a \$700 million makeover – just not the one it needs. *CityLab*, January 11, 2016. <http://www.citylab.com/commute/2016/01/west-baltimore-will-get-a-700-million-makeover-just-not-the-one-it-needs/423156/>

Freund, P. & Martin, G. (2009) The social and material culture of hyperautomobility: "Hyperauto". *Bulletin of Science, Technology & Society* 29:6, pp 476-482

Sheller, M. & Urry, J. The city and the car. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 24:4, pp 737-757

November 29 – **Seminar 6: Right to the city**

Soja, E. (2010) *Prologue*, in *Seeking Spatial Justice*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, pp vii - xviii

Purcell, M. (2002) Excavating Lefebvre: The right to the city and its urban politics of the inhabitant. *Geojournal*, 58, pp 99-108.

## December 6 – Access to infrastructures

Saunders, D. (2010) Istanbul. In *Arrival City: The final migration and our next world*. Toronto: Alfred A. Knopf, pp 161-196

Hernandez-Garcia, J. (2013) Slum tourism, city branding and social urbanism: the case of Medellin, Columbia. *Journal of Place Management and Development*, 6:1, pp 43-51

Graham, S. & Marvin, S. (2001) The collapse of the integrated ideal, in *Splintering Urbanism*. London and New York, Routledge, pp 90-136

Burchardt, M., & Hohne, S. (2015) The infrastructures of diversity: Materiality and culture in urban space – an introduction. *New Diversities*, 17:2, pp 1-14

Roy, A. (2011) Slumdog cities: Rethinking subaltern urbanism. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 35:2, pp 223-238

Roy, A. (2009) Why India cannot plan its cities: Informality, insurgency and the idiom of urbanization. *Planning Theory* 8:1, pp 76-87