

University of Toronto - Department of Geography and Program in Planning
JGI 216H1S Globalization and Urban Change Summer 2014
Monday and Wednesday 6-8pm, Room

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Description:

This course provides a broad introduction to the globalization processes and their historical and contemporary impacts on urban change of cities around the globe. Some of the questions we will delve into include: What is “globalization” and how old is this phenomenon? How has it impacted cities in various parts of the world throughout history? What are the social, cultural, political and economic manifestations associated with the emergence of World Class cities? What are some of the tension that emerges between greater global integration and the increasing local, regional and global disparities that have accompanied globalization?

The course is organized around five central types of cities: Colonial Cities, World Class Cities, Multicultural Cities, Cities of the Under Developed World, and Securitized Cities. These are not meant to be mutually exclusive typologies, but rather a useful way of thinking through the various linkages between globalization and urban change – both historical and contemporary.

Required Readings

The readings for the course are mostly assigned journal articles. All course readings can be accessed online through the University of Toronto Library website, through the links provided or through the ‘Readings’ tab on Blackboard.

Course Evaluation (tentative):

Midterm (1 hour)	25%
Research Proposal	20%
Research Paper	25%
Final Exam (two hours)	30%

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