



Key issues in contemporary urbanism

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The main goal of the course is to provide students with understanding of the contemporary urban design and planning theory and practice, with special focus on principles of sustainable urban development. Therefore, the issues of sustaining urban structures, regenerating distressed areas as well as transformation of the suburban areas will be discussed. The problems discussed within the course will include both the metropolitan, city-wide as well as site scales. Also, both the transformation of various types of areas as well as creation and redevelopment of the public spaces will be discussed. The special attention will be given to the comprehensiveness of the planning and implementation process. Therefore, the lectures will include discussion on both key contemporary urban design and planning paradigms as well as on implementation of the urban projects of various scales.

Specific topics covered in subsequent lectures (45 mins each) will include:

1. The specifics of the contemporary city – its evolution, key types and scales, major problems associated with their development and transformation
2. Planning the contemporary city
3. Contemporary planning for urban transformation
4. Suburbanization and de-urbanization – main sources of problems for the contemporary cities
5. Sustainable urban development – in search of the new planning paradigm
6. The concept of the compact city and its consequences for planning and development processes of contemporary urban structures
7. Urban regeneration as the key strategy for sustaining urban development and making cities compact



8. Key types of urban degradation and areas undergoing regeneration processes
9. Examples of key successful examples of regeneration and transformation of urban areas
10. Planning for urban transformation and regeneration – key principles and methods
11. Issues in comprehensive planning for urban regeneration
12. Public participation – contemporary challenge for urban regeneration processes
13. Key implementation strategies for transformation and regeneration projects
14. “Urban heritage” and “shared heritage” – special issues in urban regeneration
15. Further challenges for transformation of urban spaces

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