I. COURSE OVERVIEW

This seminar offers an in-depth exploration of key topics in urban politics and governance: urban political development; political participation; political economy, governance, and public policy; and comparative urbanism. Issues addressed include urban power structure and democracy; machine and reform politics; bureaucratic politics and policymaking; minority group politics; fiscal crises and policymaking; economic development; globalization; and comparative urban governance and politics. The course has two broad objectives: to introduce you to important research and theorizing about urban politics and governance and to acquaint you with urban research data and methods, particularly qualitative methodologies.

Students are asked to participate in two ways. First, you are expected to participate actively in seminar discussion of each week’s assigned readings. Second, you are asked to write two papers. The first paper consists of a critical review essay of the recommended readings for a given week (suggested length 10 pages) and presentation to the class. The second consists of a research paper on a topic of your choice (suggested length 25-30 pages). You will present your research progress in the last week of the course. Class discussion represents 25 percent of your course grade; the papers, 75 percent (critical review essay, 20%; research paper, 55%).

II. BOOKS TO BE PURCHASED

Jessica Trounstine, *Political Monopolies in American Cities* (University of Chicago, 2008)
Ester Fuchs, *Mayors and Money* (University of Chicago, 1992)
Paul E. Peterson, *City Limits* (Chicago, 1981)
Clarence Stone, *Regime Politics* (Kansas, 1989)

III. TOPICS AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

March 31 Course Introduction

April 7 A. Urban Political Development (I)
    1. Power Structure and Democracy
    2. Machine and Reform Politics
       Trounstine, *Political Monopolies in American Cities*, all.
### April 14
A. Urban Political Development (II)
   3. Bureaucratic Politics and Policymaking  
   Caro, *The Power Broker*, all.

### April 21
Library Resources/Field Research Methods  
Meet at Geisel Library’s Electronic Classroom (Room 274, left from main entrance). Reference librarians Kelly Smith (Urban Studies), Annelise Sklar (Political Science), and Mike Smith (State and Local Government Documents) will provide overviews of library resources for your research projects. Field research methods also will be discussed.

### April 28
B. Urban Political Participation and Governance  
1. Minority Group Politics  
2. Electoral versus Governing Coalitions  
Sonenshein, *Politics in Black and White*, all.  
Stone, *Regime Politics*, all.

### May 5
C. Urban Political Economy, Governance, and Public Policy (I)  
1. Fiscal Crises and Policymaking  
Fuchs, *Mayors and Money*, all.  
Erie et al, *Paradise Plundered*, all.

### May 12*  
(meet 9-noon)
C. Urban Political Economy, Governance, and Public Policy (II)  
2. Economic Development  
Petersen, *City Limits*, all.  
3. Globalization  
Erie, *Globalizing L.A.*, all.

### May 19
D. Comparative Urban Governance and Politics (I)  
1. Urban Politics in Latin America  
*Latin American Perspectives* 40:2 (March 2013)  
*Guest speaker: Professor Tom Angotti, Department of Urban Affairs and Planning, Hunter College*

### May 26
**Memorial Day: no class**

### June 2
D. Comparative Urban Governance and Politics (II)  
2. Urban Governance in European and American Contexts  
Sellers, *Governing From Below*, all.  
*Guest speaker: Professor Jefferey Sellers, Department of Political Science, University of Southern California*  
Student research project presentations