

## HITO 180: GLOBAL HOUSING/HOUSING IN THE DEVELOPMENT WORLD

Friday 10am-12:50pm, HSS 6008

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### BRIEF INTRO:

The goal of this class is to introduce you to some of the major issues when considering the long history of housing in the Global South. We will examine the relationship between current-day problems and the past. We will compare local, regional, and national experiences, and discuss more effective ways to write policy. Our point of view will change from week to week: sometimes we will look at urban problems from the perspective of government officials, planners, and architects; other weeks, we will consider the different ways in which the ostensibly disenfranchised poor have actually been able to shape their own material and social circumstances. This class is necessarily interdisciplinary in approach, but historical methods will be emphasized.

### BOOKS

All readings are available on ares (library reserves) or tritoned.

### REQUIREMENTS:

The reading load is heavy for this class. You are expected to participate actively in class, write two short argument papers (4-5 pages, 12 pt. font, Times New Roman or Garamond, double-spaced), and take an individual oral exam at the end of the class where you are expected to demonstrate comprehension of all readings and themes for the course.

### GRADES:

30% - Participation – Attend, talk! Demonstrate that you fully digested readings. (Don't just make a lot of random comments). Of course participation necessarily means you have to be physically present for the class! You are given one freebie. Please save it in case of emergencies, as you will not be given any extra days barring extreme cases. Participation grade includes leading at least one discussion.  
30% - Two short papers, each 4-5 pages. Take one question from weeks 1-5 for the first, weeks 6-10 for second.  
40% - Oral exam

### ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:

Academic honesty is expected at all times. Any instance of plagiarism or dishonesty will be dealt with according to university and history department policies. All papers must be submitted to turnitin.com for credit.

### SCHEDULE:

**4/6 | Week 1: "Planet of slums" versus a global housing problem**

**4/13 | Week 2: Is housing in the Global South distinct from that of the Global North?**

- Please read these before class:
- Jyoti Hosagrahar, *Indigenous Modernities* (Routledge, 2005) **intro.** (tritoned)
- Jennifer Robinson, *Ordinary Cities* (Routledge, 2006) intro (up to p. 12).  
Robert Home, "Shaping Cities of the Global South," from Susan Parnell and Sophie Oldfield, eds., *Routledge Handbook of Cities of the Global South* (Routledge, 2014).

**4/20 | Week 3: What creates and sustains housing informality? How does housing informality help or hurt the urban poor?**

- Brodwyn Fischer et al., eds., *Cities From Scratch: Poverty and Informality in Urban Latin America* (Duke UP, 2014) **ALL. Available in full through roger.**

**4/27 | Week 4: Why do aided self-help housing programs work or not work?**

- Hernando de Soto, *Mystery of Capital* (New York: Basic Books, 2003) **excerpt.** (tritoned)
- (continued -- flip page)

- Peter Marcuse, “Why Conventional Self-Help Projects Won’t Work” in K. Mathey, ed., *Beyond self-help housing* (London: Profil Verlag, 1992). (triton)
- Please bring print-outs of two articles on specific aided self-help housing projects. Make sure you’ve read your own articles.

#### 5/4 | Week 5: Are house workers “global women”?

Workshop papers. Bring copies for every member of class.

- Barbara Ehrenreich and Arlie Russell Hochschild, eds., *Global Woman: Nannies, Maids, and Sex Workers in the New Economy*; Nicole Constable, “Filipino Workers in Hong Kong Homes,” Pei-Chia Lan, “Among Women: Migrant Domestic Workers and their Taiwanese Employers across Generations,” Saskia Sassen, “Global Cities and Survival Circuits,” *Maps*, pp. 276-280. (triton)

#### 5/11 | Week 6: Slum clearance. First paper due.

- Thomas Campanella, *Concrete Dragon* – chs. 1-3. **Available in full through roger**
- “Kenya begins huge slum clearance,” BBC, September 16, 2009. Available at: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/8258417.stm>. Please make sure to look at “In pictures: Slum Clearance” also.
- Nancy Kwak, “Slum Clearance as a Transnational Process in Globalizing Manila,” in Andrew Sandoval-Strausz and Kwak, *Making Cities Global* (UPenn Press, 2017). (ares)

#### 5/18 | Week 7: What makes a house safe?

- Teresa Caldeira, *City of Walls: Crime, Segregation, and Citizenship in Sao Paulo* (UC Press, 2000) pp. 105-207. (ares)
- Watch “City of God” documentary (it’s a special feature on the DVD with the fictional film, City of God) before class.

#### 5/25 | Week 8: How is homeownership culturally contingent? OR - Should Russians own their own homes?

- Jane Zavisca, *Housing the New Russia* (Cornell UP, 2012) digital version available in full on jstor.

#### 6/1 | Week 9: When does public housing work (or not work)? Why?

Workshop papers. Bring copies for every member of class.

- Chua Beng-Huat, *Political legitimacy and housing: stakeholding in Singapore* (Routledge, 1997) chs. 1, 7, 8. Available through proquest.

#### 6/8 | Week 10: What types of housing policy produce the greenest results? What hasn’t worked, and why? Second paper due.

David Pellow, *Resisting Global Toxics: Transnational Movements for Environmental Justice* (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2007) chs. 4, 6. **online**

Timothy Beatley, “Sustainability in Planning: The Arc and Trajectory of a Movement, and New Directions for the Twenty-First Century City,” in Bishwapriya Sanyal, Lawrence Vale, and Christina D. Rosan, eds., *Planning Ideas that Matter* (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2012). **online**