POLITICS AND POLICYMAKING IN LOS ANGELES

I. COURSE OUTLINE
   A. Why Study Los Angeles? Regional, State, National, and Global Significance
      1. The 19th Century: From Pueblo to Town; Railroads, Harbor, Real Estate
      2. Early 20th Century: Water & Power/Politics of Progressivism
      3. Post World War II: Political, Social, and Economic Transformations
   E. The L.A. Five-County Region: An Overview
      1. Fragmented Regional Governance
      2. Regional Planning and Growth; Suburbanization and Sprawl
      3. Demography and Economy
   F. Regional Policy Challenges
      1. Immigration and Housing
      2. Transportation
      3. Public Finance
      4. Smart Growth
   G. 21st Century Challenges
      1. Globalization, Economic Restructuring and Inequality
      2. Water Politics and Policymaking

II. COURSE REQUIREMENTS
   A. Books to be purchased
   B. Grades: Your course grade is based upon a midterm and non-cumulative final examination. Essay and short answer questions cover both lectures and readings.

III. TOPICS AND READING ASSIGNMENTS
   January 9, 11
   A. Why Study Los Angeles?
      Fogelson, *The Fragmented Metropolis*, pp. xv-xxvii
January 16, 18  
1. The 19th Century; From Pueblo to Town  

January 23, 25  
B. The City of L.A.: Historical Development (II)  
2. Early 20th Century: Water & Power/Politics of Progressivism  
3. Post WW II: Political, Social, and Economic Transformations  


Jan. 30, Feb. 1  
C. Mayor Tom Bradley: the Politics of Race and Growth,  
1973-1993  
Sonenshein, *Politics in Black and White*, all.

Jan. 30: Guest Speaker: Dan Garcia, former President, L.A. Boards of Planning, Police, and Airport Commissioners, “L.A. Mayors and Their Commissioners”

February 6, 8  

**MIDTERM EXAM: February 8th**

February 13, 15  
E. The L.A. Region (I): Governance and Planning  

February 20, 22  
E. The L.A. Region (II): Demography and Economy  
F. Regional Policy Challenges  
1. Immigration and Housing  
Wolch, *Up Against the Sprawl*, pp. 71-150.

Feb. 20: Guest Speaker: Jeff Kightlinger, General Manager, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, “21st Century Water Planning and Policy Challenges”

Feb. 22: Guest Speaker: Professor Cary Lowe, “Inland Empire Development”

Feb. 27, Mar. 1  
F. Regional Policy Challenges  
2. Transportation  
3. Public Finance  
4. Smart Growth  

March 1: Guest Speaker: Zev Yaroslavsky, former L.A. County Supervisor, “L.A. County Governance and Policy Challenges”

March 6, 8  
G. 21st Century Challenges:  
1. Globalization, Economic Restructuring and Inequality  
Erie, *Beyond ‘Chinatown’*, pp. 3-132.

March 6: Guest Speaker: David Abel, The Planning Report publisher, “21st Century Regional Challenges”

March 13, 15  
G. 21st Century Challenges: Water Politics and Policymaking (II)  

**FINAL EXAM: TUESDAY March 20th 3:00-5:59 pm**