HISTORY OF URBAN PLANNING
SOCIAL ECOLOGY U202
COURSE CODE 53600

MW 3:30-4:50, Bren Hall 1500
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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

This graduate seminar course will introduce you to the historical bases, fundamental perspectives, and current challenges of urban and regional planning in the United States. Critical historical episodes and personalities in planning and their influences on contemporary planning practice and thought will be explored. The course will provide you with appreciation of the planning profession and process—its origins and links to other disciplines, its roles and responsibilities, its limitations and potential. This course assumes that you have had little formal prior knowledge of planning history and theory.

COURSE FORMAT AND GRADING

The course will primarily be lectures and guided discussions by the instructor. Maximum student participation is not only encouraged, but is essential.

Grading will be based on the following:

1) Participate in class discussions 5%
2) Attend two public planning meetings and write evaluative memos 30%
   (due October 31 and November 26)
3) Compile a set of summaries of each required reading 25%
   (due December 8)
4) Research paper 40%
   Topic and outline due October 24
   ½ draft paper due November 21
   Final paper due December 12
Each student is expected to:

1) **Engage actively and creatively in class discussions.** Read seminar assignments before each class session and contribute to class discussions of historical influences and philosophical concepts.

2) **Attend two meetings of a planning-related public body and write,** for each, a 4 page paper describing and evaluating the meeting’s substantive and procedural content. Types of public meetings you could attend are those by city and county planning commissions, and state and regional planning bodies (such as California Coastal Commission, San Diego Association of Governments, South Coast Air Quality Management District.) See guidelines attached to syllabus.

3) **Compile a set of summaries of each required reading.** Concise summaries can take the form of bulleted lists, synthesis paragraphs, or other formats that facilitate your comprehension. Approximately 300 word summary—word processed—for each standard length reading is expected (with summaries longer than that for longer pieces; i.e. Mumford, Jacobs)

4) **Write a twenty (20) page paper** examining and evaluating one of the following: (A) a historical phase or period; (B) a significant city-builder; or (C) a specific policy, program, or initiative in planning. You should link the specific topic of your paper with at least two phases in urban planning that we have discussed. More specifically:

   (A) **historical phase/period:** discuss the influence that period had upon subsequent or current planning practice and thought, and examine how earlier phases in planning helped shape your period under study.

   (B) **significant city-builder:** discuss the influence of that person on subsequent or current planning practice and thought, and examine how earlier phases and personalities in planning helped shaped your person under study.

   (C) **a specific policy, program, or initiative in planning:** discuss the influence of that policy or program on subsequent or current planning policies, and examine how earlier phases of planning helped shape the parameters of the policy/program under study.

**NOTE THESE RESEARCH PAPER DEADLINES**

**Topic and outline due October 24**

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Required Reading


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SEMINAR TOPICS and ASSIGNED READINGS

Assigned readings listed for each week should be done before the MONDAY session to facilitate class discussions. Articles designated by ** are in course packet.

September 29 and October 1
INTRODUCTION TO URBAN PLANNING

Krueckeberg. Chapter 1 (Krueckeberg: "The Culture of Planning"), pp. 1-12


October 6 and 8
PHASES IN U.S. URBAN PLANNING HISTORY


Hall, Peter. Chapter 1 “Cities of Imagination: Alternative Visions of the Good City”
Chapter 2. “The City of Dreadful Night”

October 13 and 15
THE REFORM ROOTS OF PLANNING


Chapter 5 (Davis: "Playgrounds, Housing and City Planning"), pp. 73-87
October 20 and 22

CHICAGO WORLD FAIR

CITY BEAUTIFUL

Krueckeberg. Chapter 3 (Peterson: "City Beautiful Movement"), pp. 40-57


October 27 and 29

CITY EFFICIENT

ZONING AND FUNCTIONALITY


Krueckeberg. Chapter 4 (Wrigley: "The Plan of Chicago"), pp. 58-72
Chapter 6 (Wilson: "Moles and Skylarks.") Pp. 88-109 only

November 3 and 5

REGIONALISM

NEW DEAL NATIONAL PLANNING

(Note: November 8th is International World Planning Day)


** Mumford, Lewis. 1968. Chapter 9 ("Megalopolis as Anti-City") and 12 (Megalopolitan Dissolution vs. Regional Integration") in The Urban Prospect. New York: Harcourt, Brace & World.

Krueckeberg. Chapter 7 (Birch: "Radburn"), pp. 122-151

Krueckeberg. Chapter 8 (Funigiello: "National Resources Planning Board"), pp. 152-169

November 10 and 12
REMAKING THE CITY

Krueckeberg. Chapter 9 (Bauman: "Visions of a Post-War City"), pp. 170-189


** Wright, Frank Lloyd. 1935. “Broadacre City: A New Community Plan.” Architectural Record


November 17 and 19

LIMITS AND BIASES OF POST-WWII PLANNING

Krueckeberg. Chapter 10 (Altshuler: "The Intercity Freeway"), pp. 190-234


November 24 and 26

PLANNING RESPONSES TO SOCIAL CONFLICT AND ECONOMIC DECLINE 1960s-1980s


Krueckeberg. Chapter 12 (Krumholz: "Equity Planning, Cleveland), pp. 258-279


December 1 and 3

PLANNING PRACTICE AMIDST

PRIVATIZATION, INEQUALITIES, AND GLOBALIZATION


Hall, Peter. Chapter 12. “The City of the Tarnished Belle Epoque”


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GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC PLANNING MEETING ASSIGNMENT

One of the requirements of this course (and 30 percent of grade) is that you attend TWO planning-related public meetings and, for each meeting, summarize and evaluate its substantive and procedural content in a 4-page memorandum. The two meetings must be from different jurisdictions; or from different commissions within the same jurisdiction (for example, planning vs. transportation commissions). In addition, please attach a copy of the meeting agenda (usually available at the meeting) to your report.

The memo should interpret what you witnessed, not provide a detailed itemization of events. Focus on the decision-making processes being followed, on the role of the planner(s) during the meeting, the types of planning issues being addressed, the kinds and quality of information presented during the meeting, and decision outcomes.

The purposes of this assignment are:

1. to increase your familiarity with, and to “de-mystify”, contemporary planning practice and problems.

2. to provide you with a "real-life" perspective on planning which you can use in this course to examine the progression of the urban planning discipline and profession.

The list on the next page provides information about a few of the planning-related public meetings held in the region during the Fall quarter. Many of these public bodies meet regularly two times a month. Some meet in the evening; others during the day. This list provides you with only a sampling. Feel free to pursue and attend other meetings not listed here that are relevant to planning (planning commissions are the surest bet). A good place to look for announcements of other public meetings is the Orange County section of the L.A. Times.

All of the meetings listed below are open to the public and will be full of planning agenda items. If you decide to select city council or county board of supervisors meetings, be aware that these meetings usually cover much more than just urban planning issues. Thus, if you decide to attend council or supervisory meetings, it is crucial that you call ahead to find out if planning items are on the agenda, and when they are scheduled to be heard.

For all meetings listed below, call the listed number to find out the public body’s regular meeting place and time. Meeting schedules are subject to change, so also call this number a few days before you plan to attend to confirm that no last-minute changes have occurred. For jurisdictions not listed, call the city (county) clerk number for that jurisdiction in the phone book (white pages) for meeting time and information.
ANAHEIM, CITY OF. PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting place= 201 S. Anaheim Blvd.
Information= 714.254.5166

COSTA MESA, CITY OF. PLANNING COMMISSION
Information=714.754.5223

IRVINE, CITY OF. PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting place= City Hall @ corner of Harvard and Alton. City Council Chambers (evenings)
Information= phone 949.724.6305

IRVINE, CITY OF. TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
Meeting place= City Hall @ corner of Harvard and Alton. City Council Chambers (evenings)
Information= phone 949.724.6205.

NEWPORT BEACH, CITY OF. PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting place= Council Chambers @ 3300 Newport Blvd (evenings)
Information= phone 949.644.3225

SANTA ANA, CITY OF. PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting place= City Hall, Civic Center Plaza.
Information=714.667.2700

ORANGE, COUNTY OF. PLANNING COMMISSION
Meeting place= Building 10. Hall of Administration.
Santa Ana Civic Center @ Broadway and Santa Ana Blvd (daytime)
Information= phone 714.834.2626

ORANGE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
Meeting place= (usually) Orange County Sanitation District Boardroom
10844 Ellis Avenue. Fountain Valley. (3rd Thursday of month in afternoon)
Information=714.972.0077

SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SANDAG). BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Meeting place= San Diego Convention and Performing Arts Center.
202 "C" Street in San Diego. Silver Room. (daytime)
Information= phone 619.595.5300.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG). EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Meeting place= SCAG office @ 818 W. Seventh Street. 12th Floor. Los Angeles (daytime)
Information= 213.236.1800.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SCAG). GOVERNING BOARD.
Meeting place= SCAQMD headquarters @ 21865 Copley in city of Diamond Bar (daytime)
Information= www.aqmd.gov

CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION. MONTHLY COMMISSION MEETING
Meeting time and place= Varies each month. Some in southern California (daytime). TBA.
Information= L.A./Orange County office phone is 310.590.5071