History and Theory Concentration
Advisor: Neil Brenner
Email: nbrenner@gsd.harvard.edu

Other Concentration Faculty:
Eve Blau, Diane Davis, Michael Hooper, Jerold S. Kayden, Peter Rowe

Fall 2018 – Spring 2019
This concentration is intended for students who have a strong interest in theoretical questions related to cities, urbanization, urbanism and urban planning, whether in historical or contemporary contexts. It may also be of particular interest to those considering a future doctorate in urban planning or an associated discipline. The concentration is designed to foster critical thinking regarding the social, economic, political and spatial processes that have produced urbanized built environments, and their consequences for everyday life, social reproduction, politics, and environmental conditions. The courses also explore the ways in which planners and policy-makers attempt to influence such processes and their consequences at various spatial scales.

Please note that course offerings often change, and new courses may be offered while these recommended courses may not be offered each year. This memo is subject to change depending on the availability of courses. Other courses may be approved with the permission of the Concentration Advisor.

Approved courses include:

Fall
At the Graduate School of Design:
GSD 4105: Studies of the Built North American Environment 1580 to the Present Stilgoe
GSD 4304: North American Seacoasts and Landscapes: Discovery Period to the Present Stilgoe
GSD 4362: Structuring Urban Experience: From the Athenian Acropolis to the Boston Common Smith
GSD 4121: Buildings, Texts and Contexts I Naginski, Holder
GSD 4141: Histories of Landscape Architecture Eigen
GSD 2482: Art, Design and the Public Domain Wodiczko
GSD 3241: Theories of Landscape as Urbanism, Landscape as Infrastructure: Paradigms, Practices, Prospects Waldheim
GSD 5380: Experimental Infrastructures Spinak

At the Faculty of Arts and Sciences:
FAS GOV 2034: Ethics, Economics, and Law Sandel

At the Kennedy School of Government:
HKS DPI-401: Institutions and Development Sheely

At MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology):
MIT 11.308J: Advanced Seminar: Ecological Urbanism Spirn
MIT 11.013J: American Urban History Fogelson
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Course Code</th>
<th>Course Title</th>
<th>Instructor(s)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>MIT 11.014J</td>
<td>History of the Built Environment in the US</td>
<td>Fogelson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MIT 11.236</td>
<td>Participatory Action Research</td>
<td>Cunningham, Coffey</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MIT 11.5943</td>
<td>Development, Planning and Implementation: Dialectic of Theory and Practice</td>
<td>Sanyal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MIT 11.5950</td>
<td>Development Theory</td>
<td>Rajagopal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MIT 11.5945</td>
<td>A City is Not a Computer: Histories and Theories of the Computational City</td>
<td>TBD</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>MIT 11.5940</td>
<td>Race, History, and the Built Environment: Anthropological Approaches</td>
<td>James</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Spring**

**At the Graduate School of Design:**
- GSD 3242: Theories of Landscape Architecture: Berrizbeitia, Taborda
- GSD 3302: Designing the American City: Civic Aspirations and Urban Form: Krieger
- GSD 3346: Urban Form: Transition as Condition: Blau
- GSD 4112: Buildings, Texts, and Contexts II: Naginski, Picon
- GSD 4132: Film Theory, Visual Thinking: Bruno
- GSD 4142: Histories of Landscape Architecture II: Design Representation, Use: Duempelmann
- GSD 4344: Modern Architecture and Urbanism in China: Rowe
- GSD 4374: Cities, Infrastructures, and Politics: From Renaissance to Smart Technologies: Picon
- GSD 4451: Materiality, Visual Culture, and Media: Bruno
- GSD 4475: Conservation, Destruction, and Curating Impermanence: Escobar Castrillon
- GSD 4479: Power & Place: Culture and Conflict in the Built Environment: Thomas, Synder
- GSD 5211: Cities by Design II: Gray
- GSD 5337: Housing and Urbanization in Global Cities: von Hoffman
- GSD 5347: Urbanization and International Development: Balakrishnan

**At the Kennedy School of Government:**
- HKS DPI-216: Democratic Theory: Mansbridge
- HKS SUP 601: Urban Politics, Planning, and Development*: Mayne
  *Only if not taken to satisfy Implementation Methods Requirement*

**At the Law School:**
- HLS 2181: Local Government Law: Frug

**At the Faculty of Arts and Sciences:**
- FAS AFRAMER 125X: Urban Inequality after Civil Rights: Hinton
- FAS EASTD 121: Global Cities in East Asia: Dillon
- FAS ECON 1800: The Economics of Cities: Glaeser

**At MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology):**
- MIT 11.330J: The Making of Cities: Jacobi, Segal
- MIT 11.004J: People and the Planet: Environmental Histories and Knox-Hayes

*Updated: July 30, 2018*
Engineering
MIT 11.381: Infrastructure Systems in Theory and Practice  Hsu
MIT 11.469: Urban Sociology in Theory and Practice  Steil

Not Currently Offered
GSD 4329: Urbanization in the East Asian Region  Rowe
GSD 5486: There Goes the Neighborhood: Perceptions and Realities of Neighborhoods and Neighborhood Change  Griffin
HKS SUP-207: Social Structure and Culture in the Study of Race and Urban Poverty  Wilson, Quane
HKS DPI-216: Democratic Theory  Mansbridge
FAS SOCIOL 314: Workshop on Urban Social Processes  Sampson
FAS HIST 82b: Fin-de-Siècle Vienna  Johnson
MIT 11.497: Human Rights at Home and Abroad  Rajagopal
MIT 11.334J: Advanced Seminar in Landscape and Urbanism  Berger