

Spring 2016

EES 79903, [30527], Urban Space & Social Power

GC: F, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

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“Urban space and social power: New struggles and possibilities” Fridays 2-4.

With most humanity already urban, more than ever cities emerge as sites where the vital struggles take place and social imaginaries are born. Starting with some foundational urban geography texts we will focus on the struggles over urban space in the neoliberal era. We will examine the relationships between class, race, and gender and production of urban space, the role of urban regions in the global economy, gentrification, neoliberalization and bankrupt cities, expansion of urban surveillance and policing, displacement of low income and slum residents, and digital urban landscapes and politics. Not stopping there, we will look at how cities that grow more divided are also being reclaimed by urban movements and transformed "here and now" into the site of non-capitalist economy, governance, and culture. These struggles challenge neoliberalism at its heart and define the future of the urban. Several class sessions will be combined with the course in the Anthropology program taught by Dr. Ida Susser in order to host lectures from the ARC speaker series “Inequality and the commons.”