

COURSE DETAIL

GLOBALIZATION AND ARCHITECTURE

Country

Hong Kong

Host Institution

University of Hong Kong

Program(s)

University of Hong Kong

UCEAP Course Level

Lower Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Architecture

UCEAP Course Number

34

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

GLOBALIZATION AND ARCHITECTURE

UCEAP Transcript Title

GLOBALIZTN & ARCH

UCEAP Quarter Units

5.00

UCEAP Semester Units

3.30

Course Description

This course examines how the condition of globalization reveals itself in architecture and the urban environment. In our immediate surroundings, it benefits us greatly if we can grasp how the buildings that we inhabit are made and how they function. With an improved understanding of the various forces at play in the shaping of our human-made environment, we should be encouraged to think of ways to support a healthier kind of citizenry participation in the making of our buildings in the era of globalization. Paul Ricoeur described a condition of universal civilization that encapsulates a scientific spirit and consumer culture. Today, we are perhaps operating universally under the effects of globalization, aided in no small part by the advent of the information age as well as technological advancement, and a more liberal flow of capital and labor. This course explores the architecture and city we live in as a barometer that measures these effects – appraising specifically the qualities and identities of buildings and districts built or transformed as a result of globalization. By understanding the innovative and co-operative forms that have emerged, as well as resistances of local practices to external forces, we will be better equipped to cope with these global forces. This course examines seven different types of building typologies and environments in our cities.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

CCGL9034

Host Institution Course Title

GLOBALIZATION AND ARCHITECTURE

Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Common Core: Global Issues

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