

COURSE DETAIL

URBANIZATION, DEVELOPMENT, AND POVERTY

Country

Netherlands

Host Institution

Maastricht University - University College Maastricht

Program(s)

University College Maastricht

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Urban Studies Development Studies

UCEAP Course Number

107

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

URBANIZATION, DEVELOPMENT, AND POVERTY

UCEAP Transcript Title

URBAN DEVELP&POVRTY

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course delves into the human aspects of urban locations that embody contrasts and contradictions, and it analyzes social, economic, and political processes in cities of the Global South. Students discuss connections and tensions between urban communities and economic development, the creation of vulnerable populations through urbanization and the precariousness of labor, the structural failures of slum ecologies and how they affect people, but also how citizens nevertheless find uncountable modes of making the city their home. The course examines the articulation of neo-liberalism in urban space, the consequences of international debt and structural adjustment projects in “megacities”, and looks at how cities are hubs for moving people (most often women) to other places to make a living in the service industries – domestic labor, sex work, cleaning jobs. Furthermore, it examines the opportunities these cities represent: as spaces of creativity, new mélanges of identities, new cultural forms and novel cultural, economic, social and political prospects. Prerequisites for the course include a course on globalization and inequality or sustainable development.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

SSC3047

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Host Institution Campus

Maastricht University

Host Institution Faculty

University College Maastricht

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Social Science

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