

COURSE DETAIL

URBAN POLITICAL ECOLOGY

Country

United Kingdom - England

Host Institution

University College London

Program(s)

University College London

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Urban Studies Geography

UCEAP Course Number

145

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

URBAN POLITICAL ECOLOGY

UCEAP Transcript Title

URBAN POLITICAL ECOL

UCEAP Quarter Units

6.00

UCEAP Semester Units

4.00

Course Description

This course surveys the growing subfield of urban political ecology. In particular, it focuses on the material and social flows of 'stuff' that circulate to, through, and beyond the city. Water, sewage, electricity, garbage, plastic, carbon, and much more are all pumped, diverted, quarantined, cleansed, financed, regulated, produced, and consumed via cities. This 'metabolism' of material things produces varying qualities and outcomes of urban life. These flows and their outcomes are the course's central focus, framing as urban metabolism the complex, uneven, and surprising journeys, infrastructures, transformations, politics, histories, labor, and expertise required for these flows. Drawing on a diverse set of academic, journalistic, video, textual, and audio course material, the course traces the pathways of material things through cities and their hinterlands worldwide, unpacking how their flows are constructed and regulated, financed, and managed, and contested and politicized.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

GEOG0062

Host Institution Course Title

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Host Institution Course Details

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/module-catalogue/modules/urban-political-ecology-GEOG0062>

Host Institution Campus

University College London

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department

Geography

Course Last Reviewed

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