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 POLITCAL 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

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Host Institution Campus
University College London

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Host Institution Degree

Host Institution Department
Geography

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