COURSE DETAIL

SOCIAL DESIGN & DESIGN THINKING FOR URBAN CHANGE
Country Japan
Host Institution Waseda University
Program(s) Waseda University
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Urban Studies
UCEAP Course Number 103
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title SOCIAL DESIGN & DESIGN THINKING FOR URBAN CHANGE
UCEAP Transcript Title DESIGN/URBAN CHANGE
UCEAP Quarter Units 3.00
UCEAP Semester Units 2.00

Course Description

This course analyzes the complexity of "wicked" problems - problems that are difficult or impossible to solve because of their complex and interconnected nature. The course epxlores a system of metrics to assess the appropriateness of transition design and social design interventions The second part of the course explores the transition design framework as it was proposed by scholars of at The School of Design at Carnegie Mellon University, one of many useful frameworks for understanding how positive socio-ecological change can be constructed. The course concludes with a discussion of concepts like cosmopolitan localism and inter-localisation that promise a positive way forward towards forming more empowered, resilient communities in an age of intensifying planetary crises.

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
GSSH303L

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