

# 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 explores 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

## Host Institution Course Title

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## Host Institution Course Details

<https://www.wsl.waseda.jp/syllabus/JAA104.php?pKey=210CM30400512025210CM3040021...>

## Host Institution Campus

Waseda University

## Host Institution Faculty

## Host Institution Degree

## Host Institution Department

SILS

## Course Last Reviewed

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