COURSE DETAIL

SEMIOTICS OF URBAN SPACES
Country Italy
Host Institution University of Bologna
Program(s) University of Bologna
UCEAP Course Level Upper Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Geography
UCEAP Course Number 170
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title SEMIOTICS OF URBAN SPACES
UCEAP Transcript Title SEMIOTCS URBAN SPCS
UCEAP Quarter Units 6.00
UCEAP Semester Units 4.00

Course Description

This course is part of the Laurea Magistrale degree program and is intended for advanced level students. Enrollment is by permission of the instructor. The course analyzes urban spaces through the use of semiotic tools, with special regard to urban forms, urban practices, and representations.

Main topics of the course:

- **Urban semiotics**: development of the discipline, approaches and methods.
- **The form of the city**: evolution, permanence, transformations.
- **Cities between text and practice**: semiotic tools for analysis of (urban and non-urban) space. Lived/represented/designed city: the city as text versus the city as subject/object of discourses.
- **Interdisciplinary dialogues**: urban ethnography, cultural geography, urban studies.
- **City, memory, identity**: (urban) places of memory and cultural heritage.
- **City and conflict**: spaces of power and spaces of protest - places and dynamics of urban conflicts (peripheries and banlieue) - city and war.
- **The multicultural city**: spaces of inclusion/exclusion - immigration and urban conflict.
- **Digital city**: Smart Cities and impact of ICT in urban practices.
- **City between commons and places for consumption**: public/private dynamics - urban creativity (street art and grassroots cultural production) - commercial and cultural tourism and strategies of city branding.

Language(s) of Instruction
Italian

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Host Institution Campus
BOLOGNA

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Host Institution Degree
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