

COURSE DETAIL

CITIES REPAIR THE WORLD

Country

France

Host Institution

Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po)

Program(s)

Sciences Po Paris

UCEAP Course Level

Upper Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)

Urban Studies

UCEAP Course Number

113

UCEAP Course Suffix**UCEAP Official Title**

CITIES REPAIR THE WORLD

UCEAP Transcript Title

CITIES REPAIR WORLD

UCEAP Quarter Units

4.50

UCEAP Semester Units

3.00

Course Description

This course explores urbanization and cities not just as a technical issue or a set of rules for organizing space, but as a powerful, political tool for addressing global challenges. It investigates the city as a site of conflict and potential "repair"—social, ecological, and democratic. By critically examining historical models, contemporary crises, and emerging practices—from tactical urbanism to proximity—the course asks if and how urban planning can contribute to a more just, sustainable, and inclusive future. In the first part of the course, Paris is our field of visits and experimentation. Seeing how Paris may help to interrogate cities from elsewhere, and vice versa. Upon completion of this course, students will be able to understand the political, social, and ecological role of urban planning; critically analyze past and present models of urban development; evaluate tools and practices for creating more equitable and sustainable cities; and articulate a vision of the city as a space for social and environmental repair.

Language(s) of Instruction

English

Host Institution Course Number

ASPO 25A36

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Host Institution Course Details

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Host Institution Campus

Host Institution Faculty

Host Institution Degree

Core Seminar

Host Institution Department

Political Science

Course Last Reviewed

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