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World Cities

### **Contents of the course**

International migration has become a key characteristic of modern cities. The vast majority of immigrants and their descendants have gravitated to urban areas and, in doing so, added a new dimension to the already existing diversities. This development, which can be observed in industrial and post-industrial cities in Europe, Australia and North America, evokes mixed feelings. Some voice their concern about social problems associated with the integration of immigrants, while others embrace the new opportunities and developments that go with immigration and the proliferation of ethnic diversity. The integration of newcomers in Western cities is evidently a complex process and is contingent on 1) the characteristics of immigrants and their communities, 2) the structural characteristics of the urban environment, and 3) the interaction between these two aspects.

### **Objectives**

This course explores on the one hand how immigrants have made their way in industrial and post-industrial cities in Europe, Australia and North America, and on the other hand how immigrants have contributed to social, cultural and economic change in those cities. The aim is to provide students with a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of a plethora of theories from a number of different scientific disciplines on the interrelationship of economic transformation and ethnic diversity in world cities.

Students, moreover, develop a range of competencies varying from the ability to read, summarize, analyze and critically evaluate the literature both orally and in writing, to the ability to present and discuss these matters in an international group, to the ability to diagnose policy problems and everyday life situations using the knowledge and experience acquired in the course.

### **Code**

61G3401

### **Time**

14:00—17:00

First class: Thursday September 8, 2005, 15:00-18:00

Last class: Thursday December 22, 2005, 15:00-18:00

### **Location**

Bushuis / Oost-Indisch Huis, Kloveniersburgwal 48, Room B.017

### **Format**

Weekly three-hour meeting: a short lecture plus two hours of critical discussion of reading materials. Students, moreover, have to carry out a number of assignments. Students are required to actively participate in the discussions. Class attendance is mandatory.

### **Assessment**

Based on class discussions and oral presentations (20%), assignments (30%), and two take-home exams (50%) on topics related to the course. The first take-home exam must be delivered before October 28, 2005, the second take-home exam must be delivered before January 20, 2006.

### **Credits**

10 ECTS credits

### **Reading List**

A reader. A master copy of the reader will be made available to the students in Week 1. Students are expected to make their own copies.

## Cost

The costs of copying the reader will be approx € 35-45.

### Week 1      September 8, 2005

Topic: Presentation of the contents and organization of the course

Lecturer: Dr Jan Rath

*Suggestions for reading:*

 Marcuse, P. (2005) "'The city" as perverse metaphor', *City*, 9 (2), July, pp. 247-254.

### Week 2      September 15, 2005

Topic: Urban Ecology

Lecturer: Dr Jan Rath

*Required reading:*

■ Hannerz, U. (1980) *Exploring the City. Inquiries toward an Urban Anthropology*. New York: Columbia University Press. Chapter 2, 'Chicago Ethnographers', pp. 19-58.

■ Park, R.E., E.W. Burgess and R.D. McKenzie (1925) *The City*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Chapter I 'The city. Suggestions for the investigation of human behavior in the urban environment' by R.E. Park, pp. 1-46.

*Suggestions for further reading:*

■ Duncan, O.D. & S. Lieberson (1959) 'Ethnic segregation and assimilation', *American Journal of Sociology*, 64 (4), January, pp. 364-374.

■ Park, R.E., E.W. Burgess and R.D. McKenzie (1925) *The City*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Chapter II 'The growth of the city. An introduction to a research project' by E.W. Burgess, pp. 47-62.

### Week 3      September 22, 2005

Topic: Urban Ecology (Cont'd)

Lecturer: Dr Jan Rath

*Required reading:*

Students choose one author from this list.

■ Gans, H.J. (1962) *The Urban villagers. Group and Class in the Life of Italian-Americans*. Updated and Expanded Edition. New York: The Free Press. Chapter 1 'The West End: An urban village', pp. 3-16; and Chapter 10 'Peer group society in process' (incl postscript), pp. 197-237.

■ Whyte, W.F. (1993 [1943]) *Street Corner Society. The Social Structure of an Italian Slum*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. (Fourth Edition). Introduction, pp. xv-xx; Chapter III, 'Social structure and social mobility', pp. 94-108; Conclusion, pp. 255-276

■ Wirth, L. (1928) *The Ghetto*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Introduction, pp. 1-10; Chapter X 'The Jewish community and the ghetto', pp. 171-193; Chapter XIV 'The social significance of the ghetto', pp. 282-291.

*Suggestions for further reading:*

■ Glazer, N. & D.P. Moynihan (1964) *Beyond the Melting Pot. The Negroes, Puerto Ricans, Jews, Italians and Irish of New York City*. Cambridge, MA: MIT-Press.

■ Siu, P.C.P. (1987 [1953]) *The Chinese Laundryman. A Study of Social Isolation*. New York: New York University Press. Chapter 2 'The Chinese laundryman in the eyes of the American public', pp. 8-22; and Chapter 3 'Growth and distribution of the Chinese laundry in Chicago', pp. 23-42.

■ Siu, P.C.P. (1952) 'The sojourner', *American Journal of Sociology*, 58 (1), July, pp. 34-44.

#### **Week 4      September 29, 2005**

Topic: Housing Classes

Lecturer: Dr Jan Rath

##### *Required reading:*

■ Rex, J. & R. Moore (1967) *Race, Community and Conflict. A Study of Sparkbrook*. Oxford: Oxford university Press. Chapter 1 'Race relations in the city: A sociological perspective', pp. 1-18; and Chapter 12 'The sociology of the zone of transition', pp. 272-285.

■ Rex, J. & S. Tomlinson (1979) *Colonial immigrants in a British city. A class analysis*. London: Routledge & Kegan Paul. Chapter 1 'Class analysis and colonial immigrants', pp. 1-35

##### *Suggestions for further reading:*

■ Miles, R. (1989) *Racism*. London: Routledge.

■ Miles, R. & A. Phizacklea (Eds.) (1979) *Racism and political action in Britain*. London: Routledge & Kegan Paul.

■ Miles, R. & V. Satzewich (1990) 'Migration, racism and "postmodern" capitalism', *Economy and Society*, 19 (3), August, pp. 334-358.

#### **Week 5      October 6, 2005**

Topic: The Urban Underclass

Lecturer: Jan Rath

##### *Required reading:*

■ Hall, P. (1996 [1988]) *Cities of Tomorrow*. Updated edition. Oxford: Blackwell. Chapter 12, 'The city of the permanent underclass', pp. 367-400.

■ Wilson, W.J. (1987) *The Truly Disadvantaged. The Inner City, the Underclass and Public Policy*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press. Chapter 2 'Social change and social dislocations in the inner city', pp. 20-62.

##### *Suggestions for further reading:*

■ Aponte, R. (1990) 'Definitions of the underclass. A critical analysis', pp. 117-137 in H.J. Gans (Ed.), *Sociology in America*. American Sociological Association Presidential Series. Newbury Park, CA: Sage.

■ Wilson, W.J. (1987) *When Work Disappears. The Work of the New Urban Poor*. Vintage Books.

#### **Week 6      October 13, 2005**

Topic: The Global City

Lecturer: Dr Jan Rath

##### *Required reading:*

■ Hamnett, C. (1994) 'Social polarisation in global cities. Theory and evidence', *Urban Studies*, 31 (3), April, pp. 401-424.

■ Kasarda, J.D., J. Friedrichs & K. Ehlers (1992) 'Urban industrial restructuring and minority problems in the US and West Germany,' pp. 250-275 in M. Cross (Ed.), *Ethnic minorities and economic change in Europe and North America*, 250-275. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

■ Sassen, S. (1991) *The Global City. New York, London, Tokyo*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press. Chapter 1, 'Introduction'.

##### *Suggestions for further reading:*

■ Fainstein, S.S., I. Gordon & M. Harloe (Eds.), *Divided Cities. New York & London in the Contemporary World*. Oxford: Blackwell.

■ Kloosterman, R. (1996) Double Dutch. Polarization trends in Amsterdam and Rotterdam after 1980', *Regional Studies*, 30 (5), pp. 467-476.

■ Portes, A. & S. Sassen-Koob (1987) 'Making it underground. Comparative material on the informal sector in Western market economies.' *American Journal of Sociology* 93 (1) 30-61.

### **Week 7      October 20, 2005**

Topic: The Global-Informational City

Lecturer: Annemarie Bodaar

*Required reading:*

■ Castells, M. (2000) 'European Cities, the Informational Society, and the Global Economy', pp. 1-18 in L. Deben, W. Heinemeijer & D. van der Vaart (Eds.), *Understanding Amsterdam. Essays on Economic Vitality, City Life and Urban Form*. Amsterdam: Het Spinhuis.

■ Hall, P. (1996 [1988]) *Cities of Tomorrow*. Updated edition. Oxford: Blackwell. Chapter 13, 'The city of the tarnished *Belle Epoque*', pp. 401-422.

*Suggestions for further reading:*

■ Susser, I. (Ed. ) (2002) *The Castells Reader on Cities and Social Theory*. Malden, MA: Blackwell.

### **Week 8      October 27, 2005**

**No class.**

**Students hand in their first take home exam no later than Friday October 28, 2005. The exams must be sent as an e-mail attachment to [J.C.Rath.uva@analysis.orkund.com](mailto:J.C.Rath.uva@analysis.orkund.com).**

### **Week 9      November 3, 2005**

Topic: The Promised City

Lecturer: Dr Jan Rath

*Required reading:*

■ Rath, J. (2002) 'Do Immigrant Entrepreneurs Play the Game of Ethnic Musical Chairs? A Critique of Waldinger's Model of Immigrant Incorporation', pp. 141-160 in A. Messina (Ed.), *West Europe Immigration and Immigrant Policy in the New Century*. Westport, CT: Praeger Publishing.

■ Waldinger, R. (1996) *Still the Promised City? African-Americans and New Immigrants in Postindustrial New York*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press. Chapter 1 'The new urban reality', pp. 1-32; Chapter 4 'The making and re-making of the ethnic niche', pp. 94-136.

*Suggestions for further reading:*

■ Light, I. and C. Rosenstein (1995), *Race, Ethnicity, and Entrepreneurship in Urban America*, Hawthorne, NY: Aldine de Gruyter..

### **Week 10      November 10, 2005**

Topic: The Urban Enclave

Lecturer: Dr Jan Rath

*Required reading:*

■ Anderson, K.J. (1990). "Chinatown re-oriented". A critical analysis of recent redevelopment schemes in a Melbourne and Sydney enclave', *Australian Geographical Studies*, 28, pp. 131-154.

■ Li, W. (1998) 'Anatomy of a new ethnic settlement. The Chinese *Ethnoburb* in Los Angeles', *Urban Studies*, 35 (3), pp. 479-501.

■ Wood, J. (1997) 'Vietnamese American Place Making in Northern Virginia', *Geographical Review*, 87

(1).

■ Zelinsky, W. & B.A. Lee (1998) 'Heterolocalism. An alternative model of the sociospatial behaviour of immigrant ethnic communities', *International Journal of Population Geography*, 4, pp. 281-298.

*Suggestions for further reading:*

■ Zhou, M. (1992) *Chinatown: The Socioeconomic Potential of an Urban Enclave*, Philadelphia: Temple University Press.

## **Week 11      November 17, 2005**

Topic: Public Space

Lecturer: Annemarie Bodaar

*Required reading:*

■ Gale, R. (2004) 'The multicultural city and the politics of religious architecture. Urban planning, mosques and meaning-making in Birmingham, UK', *Built Environment*, 30 (1), pp. 18-32.

■ Ruddick, S.M. (1996) "Constructing Difference in Public Spaces: Race, Class, and Gender as Interlocking Systems" *Urban Geography* 17: 132-151.

■ Tolia-Kelly, D.P. (2004) 'Landscape, race and memory: biographical mapping of the routes of British Asian landscape values', *Landscape Research*, 29 (3), July, pp. 277 - 292.

*Suggestions for further reading:*

■ Dunn, K.M. (1998) 'Rethinking ethnic concentration. The case of Cabramatta, Sydney', *Urban Studies*, 35 (3), pp. 503-527.

■ Jacobs, J. (1998) 'Staging difference. Aestheticization and the politics of difference in contemporary cities', pp. 252-278 in R. Fincher & J.M. Jacobs (Eds.), *Cities of Difference*. New York: Guilford Press.

## **Week 12      November 24, 2005**

Topic: The City of Fear

Lecturer: Dr Jan Rath

*Required reading:*

■ Body-Gendrot, S. (2001) 'The Politics of Urban Crime', *Urban Studies*, 3 (5-6), pp.915-928.

■ Lofland, L.H. (1973) *A World of Strangers. Order and Action in Urban Public Space*. Prospect Heights, IL: Waveland Press. (Chapter 1 'The problematic world of strangers', pp. 1-23.)

■ Shirlow, P. & R. Pain (2003) 'The geographies and politics of fear', *Capital & Class*, Summer, 80, pp.15-26.

*Suggestions for further reading:*

■ Fear and the City. Special issue of *Urban Studies*, 2001, 38 (5-6).

■ Davis, M. (1992) 'Fortress Los Angeles: The Militarization of Urban Space', pp. 154-180 in M. Sorkin (Ed.), *Variations on a Theme Park; The new American city and the end of public space*. New York: Hill and Wang.

## **Week 13      December 1, 2005**

Topic: Planning as Control

Lecturer: Dr Jan Rath

*Required reading:*

■ Smith, N. (1996) *The new urban frontier: gentrification and the revanchist city*. London: Routledge. (Chapter 10, 'From Gentrification to the revanchist city').

■ Yiftachel, O. (1995) 'The dark side of modernism. Planning as control of an ethnic minority', pp. 216-242 in S. Watson & K. Gibson (Eds.), *Postmodern Cities and Spaces*. Oxford: Blackwell.

■ Uitermark, J. & J.W. Duyvendak (2004) *Civilizing the European City. Revanchist Urbanism in Rotterdam, the Netherlands*. Paper prepared for the session 'New Communities' at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, 14-17 August.

*Suggestions for further reading:*

- Dikec, M. (2002) 'Police, politics, and the right to the city', *GeoJournal*, 58, pp. 91-98.
- Smith, N. (1998) 'Giuliani Time. The revanchist 1990s', *Social Text*, 16 (4), Winter, pp. 1-20.

**Week 14      December 8, 2005**

Topic: The Tourist City

Lecturer: Ilse van Liempt

*Required reading:*

- Aytar, V. (forthcoming) 'Caterers of the Consumed Metropolis: "Ethnicized" Tourism and Entertainment Laborscapes in Istanbul', in J. Rath (Ed.), *Tourism, Ethnic Diversity and the City*. (Contemporary Geographies of Leisure, Tourism and Mobility Series). London: Routledge.
- Judd, D.R. & S.S. Fainstein (Eds.) (1999) *The Tourist City*. New Haven and London: Yale University Press. (Chapter 1, pp. 1-15)
- Rath, J. (2005) 'Feeding the Festive City. Immigrant Entrepreneurs and Tourist Industry', pp. 238-253 in E. Guild & J. van Selm (Eds.), *International Migration and Security: Opportunities and Challenges*. London and New York: Routledge.
- Zukin, S. et al. (1998) 'From Coney Island to Las Vegas in the Urban Imaginary. Discursive Practices of Growth and Decline', *Urban Affairs Review*, 33 (5), pp. 627-654.

*Suggestions for further reading:*

- Conforti, J.M. (1996) 'Ghettos as tourism attractions', *Annals of Tourism Research*, 23 (4), pp. 830-842.
- Hall, P. (2000) 'Creative cities and economic development', *Urban Studies*, 37 (4), pp. 639-649.
- Shaw, S., S. Bagwell & J. Karmowska (2004) 'Ethnoscapes as spectacle. Reimagining multicultural districts as new destinations for leisure and tourism consumption', *Urban Studies*, 41 (10), September, pp. 1983-2000.

**Week 15      December 15, 2005**

Topic: Excursion

Lecturer: Dr Jan Rath

*Required reading:*

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**Week 16      December 22, 2005**

Topic: Urban civility

Lecturer: Dr Jan Rath

*Required reading:*

- Lee, J. (2002) *Civility in the City: Blacks, Jews, and Koreans in Urban America*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press. Chapter 1 'Introduction', pp. 1-19; Chapter 4 'Life on the street. The everyday encounters between Blacks, Jews, and Koreans', pp. 71-92; Chapter 9 'Conclusions', pp. 181-198.
- Ley, D. (1995) 'Between Europe and Asia. The case of the missing Sequoias', *Ecumene*, 2 (2), pp. 185-210.

*Suggestions for further reading:*

■ Body-Gendrot, S. (2002) 'Living apart or together with our differences? French cities as a crossroads', *Ethnicities*, 2 (3), pp. 367-385.

■ Simon, P. (2000) 'The mosaic pattern. Cohabitation between ethnic groups in Belleville, Paris', pp. 100-115 in S. Body-Gendrot & M. Martiniello (Eds.), *Minorities in European Cities. The Dynamics of Social Integration and Social Exclusion at the Neighbourhood Level*. Houndsmill, Basingstoke, Hampshire/New York: Macmillan/St. Martin's Press.