

CITIES & GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

HIS 401.01

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Satisfies: WRTD, SPK, EXP+

Tues: 3:30pm-6:20pm

This course looks at large, diverse, cities in the modern period, and the interconnections between them. We consider urban expansion, key concepts, and use case studies of particular cities to examine global patterns of urban change, and to identify flows of people, ideas, and things that shape cities and urban life. The class is global in scope, and we will read primary and secondary sources on cities in Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Americas. Topics may include: the effect of colonialism and imperialism on cities, everyday urban life, regional rural-urban and global migration to cities, policing and surveillance, urban planning and architecture, informality and illegal housing and economics, industrial and post-industrial capitalism, and housing movements and poverty relief. Students will research and write an original research paper about a topic of their choice focusing on a city or urban network related to their area of focus based on scholarly sources and primary materials. Depending on the topic, primary source research might involve readings in published or archival sources including possibly literary texts, analysis of architecture and built form, consideration of other media (art, music, film), and/or fieldwork or oral history.