

CourseNo: ARCHA4356_001_2012_3
Meeting Location: AVERY HALL 600
Meeting Time: M 11:00A-01:00P

Instructor Information:
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During the past two decades, China's economic growth has fueled an unprecedented urban expansion. Never before at this scale and sustained pace has the world experienced such a project. This growth is projected to continue at an accelerated pace as more and more rural Chinese migrate to the urban areas. By 2030, China's urban population could balloon to almost 1 billion people, nearly double what exists today. This seminar will explore how the mechanisms of this rapid urbanization have created new urban models, and how the resultant forms and patterns might influence cities of the future as the world becomes ever more urbanized.

The seminar will be organized by topic, with each session dedicated to a specific subject or phenomenon. The course will utilize multiple source disciplines to discuss each topic, including film, architecture, urban planning, landscape, politics, etc. Relevant to the topic of discussion, guest speakers may participate in the seminar to offer their insight and expertise. Parallel with the course topics will be viewings of contemporary Chinese films from a new generation of urbane filmmakers.

Each student, or team, will be required to research and present a topic or phenomenon of choice in PowerPoint format, or equivalent. At the conclusion of the semester, all research will be combined into one booklet/pamphlet. The format will be determined during the semester. Additionally, each student with a partner will be required to present and lead the discussion for one of the weekly sessions based on the readings as well as for one of the selected films.

Sep. 10_Session 1 Lecture/Q&A: **Contemporary Chinese Cities**

Sep. 17_Session 2 Lecture/Q&A: **Brief History of Chinese Cities**

Sep. 24_Session 3 Lecture/Q&A: **New Urbanisms? _Megacities / Urban Clusters / Urban-Rural**

Big & Fast _Tabula Rasa / Megablock / Migration / Infrastructure / Urban Villages

China Megacities Lab: *Megablock Urbanism*

Oct. 1_Session 4 Film + Discussion

Oct. 8_Session 5 Lecture/Q&A:**Utopia and New Towns _ Satellites / Ghost Towns**

Urban Identity _Boast-opolis / generic city / CBD / culture

China Megacities Lab: *Future of the Museum in China*

Oct. 15_Session 6 Guest Speaker: Daan Roggeveen, Go West + author *How the City Moved to Mr. Sun*

Oct. 22_Session 7 Lecture/Q&A: **The Question of Preservation**_Active/Passive

Leisure and a Culture of Consumption _ automobile / shopping space = public space

Oct. 29_ Session 8 Film + Discussion

Nov. 12_ Session 9 Lecture/Q&A:**City and Nature** _ Gardens / Feng Shui / environment / food

Urban Futures

Nov. 19_Session 10 Guest Speaker (TBD)

Nov. 26_Session 11 Film + Final Discussion

Dec. 10_Session 12 **Final Presentation**