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Meeting Time: T 10:00A-12:00P **Meeting Location:** AVERY HALL 114

Instructor Information:

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Urban Design Seminar I is an introduction to the theoretical, critical, and formal vocabularies of postwar urbanism throughout Europe, the U.S., and beyond. The class is arranged thematically and, in a larger context, chronologically. The rise of a new urbanism as a result of rapidly proliferating technological and industrial advances will be seen as the backdrop against which various urban design strategies were deployed. From suburban sprawl to the Team 10 critique of interwar functionalism, from megastructures to semiotic models, from New Urbanism to X-Urbanism, we will measure the merits of various paradigms (and their critiques) against one another in an effort to understand the processes that provide the structures and infrastructures for built environments. Of particular concern will be, on the one hand, the paradoxical nature of designing for an unknown future population, and on the other, the role of self-organization as an increasing viable source for urban morphology.