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Dr Hyun Bang Shin is a specialist in urban Asia and teaches in the Department of Geography and Environment at the London School of Economics and Political Science. His research includes the critical analysis of the political economic dynamics of urban (re-)development and covers Asian urbanisation, urban politics, displacement and gentrification, the right to the city, and mega-events as urban spectacles.
Recently, he was the recipient of the STICERD/LSE Annual Fund New Researcher Award in 2009, which funded his two-year research (May 2009 - July 2011) on the socio-spatial and political implications of the 2010 Asian Summer Games in Guangzhou, China. In 2012, he organised workshops in London and Santiago de Chile, together with colleagues from the UK, Chile and Argentina, on Towards an Emerging Geography of Gentrification in the Global South. These workshops were part of the Urban Studies Seminar Series (2011-2012), funded by the Urban Studies Foundation and the Urban Studies journal.
He has co-edited Global Gentrifications: Uneven Development and Displacement (Policy Press, 2015), co-authored Planetary Gentrification (Polity Press, 2016), and is currently working on a number of publication projects including a co-authored manuscript on critical discussions of urban housing in East Asia (Palgrave Macmillan) and a monograph entitled Making China Urban (for Routledge's Asian Studies series).
He was awarded BSc from Seoul National University in 1994, worked in the construction sector for six years before arriving at the LSE to pursue MSc (2000) and PhD (2006), and held a post-doctoral fellowship at the White Rose East Asia Centre, University of Leeds (2007-2008).
For more information on his research and publications, see his personal web (http://urbancommune.net), his department profile or his entry on the LSE Experts directory.

COURSE OVERVIEW

The course explores the contemporary dynamics of urbanisation in Asia, with special emphasis on cities in China and other East and Southeast Asian economies, which share the experiences of rapid urban development with strong state intervention in the context of condensed industrialisation. The course will benefit from the geographical advantage of taking place in Beijing and make use of a number of China case studies to examine the differences as well as similarities of urban development between Chinese and other Asian cities.

Applying interdisciplinary and comparative perspectives, the course encourages students to develop critical knowledge and comparative understanding of how urban space is transformed in different social, economic and political settings, and what socio-spatial implications are made in a differentiated way upon local populations.

Throughout the course, we ask whether the concepts and theories born out of the post-industrial Western urban experiences can be applicable to the understanding of urban Asia. We also ask what are the challenges that cities in East and Southeast Asia face, given its current development trajectory.

We do this by examining a set of carefully selected themes that address the integration of Asian cities with the global economy, the distinctive characteristics of Asia's urban development, the place-specificities of state intervention in forming urban growth strategies, and socio-political implications of urbanisation processes in the region.

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PREREQUISITES

None

ASSESSMENT

Midterm Essay: 50%, final Exam: 50%

COURSE STRUCTURE AND READINGS

You can access Dr Hyun Shin's papers online at:
http://personal.lse.ac.uk/shin/publications.html

Recommended General Readings

- Campanella, T.J. (2008) *The Concrete Revolution: China's Urban Revolution and What it Means for the World*. New York: Princeton Architectural Press

- Friedmann, J. (2005) *China's Urban Transition*. Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press
- Gordon, M. (2011) *Ghetto at the Center of the World: Chungking Mansions, Hong Kong*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press
- Hsing, You-tien, (2010) *The Great Urban Transformation: Politics of Land and Property in China*, Oxford: Oxford University Press
- Lees, L., Shin, H.B. and López-Morales, E. (2016) Planetary Gentrification, Cambridge: Polity Press
- Lees, L., Shin, H.B. and López-Morales, E. (eds.) (2015) Global Gentrifications: Uneven Development and Displacement, London: Policy Press
- Loh, K.S. (2013) *Squatters into Citizens: The 1961 Bukit Ho Swee Fire and the Making of Modern Singapore*. Singapore: NIAS Press
- Merrifield, A. (2013) The Politics of Encounter: Urban Theory and Protest under Planetary Urbanization. Athens, Georgia: University of Georgia Press
- Park, B-G. et al. (2012) *Locating Neoliberalism in East Asia: Neoliberalizing Spaces in Developmental States*. Chichester: Wiley-Blackwell
- Shao, Q. (2013) Shanghai Gone: Domicide and Defiance in a Chinese Megacity. Rowman & Littlefield Publishers

Day 1: Introduction: Planetary Urbanisation and Asian Cities - A Comparative Perspective

The first session includes an overview of the course contents and the key perspectives that will be used throughout the course. The session is also to allow a space for participating students to get to know each other and with the instructor.

Key readings

Parnell, S. and Robinson, J. (2012) (Re)theorizing cities from the global South: Looking beyond neoliberalism. Urban Geography 33(4): 593-617
http://www.tandfonline.com.gate3.library.lse.ac.uk/doi/pdf/10.2747/0272-3638.33.4.593?needAccess=true

Robinson, J. (2002) Global and world cities: a view from off the map. International Journal of Urban and Regional Research 26(3): 531-554
http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com.gate3.library.lse.ac.uk/doi/10.1111/1468-2427.00397/pdf

Roy, A. and Ong, A. (2011) Worlding cities: Asian experiments and the art of being global. Wiley-Blackwell. [Read Introduction]
http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com.gate2.library.lse.ac.uk/doi/10.1002/9781444346800.ch/pdf

Shin, H.B. (2011) Vertical accumulation and accelerated urbanism: the East Asian experience. In Gandy, M. (Ed) Urban Constellations. Berlin, Jovis Publishers, pp.48-53.

Further readings

Datta, A (2015) New urban utopias of Postcolonial India: Entrepreneurial urbanization in Dholera smart city, Gujarat. Dialogues in Human Geography 5(1): 3-22

Dunford, M. and Yeung, G. (2011) Towards global convergence: Emerging economies, the rise of China and western sunset? European Urban and Regional Studies 18(1): 22-46

Olds, K. (2000) Globalization and the Development of Pacific Rim Mega-projects. Oxford: Oxford University Press [Read "Globalization and urban change: Capital, culture, and Pacific Rim mega-projects"]

Merrifield, A. (2013) The urban question under planetary urbanization. International Journal of Urban and Regional Research 37(3): 909-922

Lees, L., Shin, H.B. and López-Morales, E. (2016) Planetary Gentrification. Cambridge: Polity Press. [Read "New Urbanizations"]

Massey, D. (2007) World City. Cambridge: Polity Press

Matthews, G. (2011) Ghetto at the Center of the World: Chungking Mansions, Hong Kong. Chicago; London: The University of Chicago Press

Shatkin, G. (2007) Global cities of the South: Emerging perspectives on growth and inequality. Cities 24(1): 1-15

Day 2: Urbanisation, Capitalism and the State

In post-industrial cities of the West, property development has gained an increasing degree of significance in urban renewal. In East Asian cities where real estate investment has been one of the main drivers behind their rapid economic growth, urban renewal involving demolition and reconstruction of existing buildings has been at the centre of urban policy-making processes for many years. Underlying these processes is the government-developer nexus that brings together property-based interests that aim to maximise gains from property development. In particular, the issue of land ownership and property rights is critical to our understanding of the differences between cities in the global East/South and those in other capitalist countries.

Key readings

Harvey, D. (1978) The urban process under capitalism: a framework for analysis. International Journal of Urban and Regional Research 2(1-4): 101-131
http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com.gate3.library.lse.ac.uk/doi/10.1111/j.1468-2427.1978.tb00738.x/pdf

Logan, J.R. and Molotch, H.L. (1987) Urban Fortunes: The Political Economy of Place. Los Angeles; London: University of California Press [Chapter 3: The City as a Growth Machine]

OR Molotch, H. (1993) The Political Economy of Growth Machines. Journal of Urban Affairs 15(1): 29–53

Park, B-G. (1998) Where Do Tigers Sleep at Night? The State's Role in Housing Policy in South Korea and Singapore. Economic Geography 74(3): 272–288
http://www.jstor.org.gate3.library.lse.ac.uk/stable/pdf/144377.pdf

Shin, H.B. and Kim, S-H. (2016) The developmental state, speculative urbanisation and the politics of displacement in gentrifying Seoul. Urban Studies 53(3): 540-559
http://journals.sagepub.com.gate3.library.lse.ac.uk/doi/pdf/10.1177/0042098014565745

Further readings

Christophers, B. (2011) Revisiting the urbanization of capital. Annals of the Association of American Geographers 101(6): 1347-1364

Chua, B.H. (2003) Housing provision and management of aspirations. In: Forrest, R. and Lee, J. (eds) Housing and Social Change: East - West Perspectives. London: Routledge, pp.69-86

Fainstein, S.S. (2001) Property Development in New York and London, 1980-2000. Kansas: University Press of Kansas [Read "Economic restructuring and redevelopment"]

Forrest, R. and Lee, J. (eds) (2003) Housing and Social Change: East - West Perspectives. London: Routledge [Chapter 2: Home-ownership in East and South East Asia: Market, State and Institutions]

Glassman, J. and Choi, Y-J. (2014) The *Chaebol* and the US military - industrial complex: Cold War geopolitical economy and South Korean industrialization. Environment and Planning A 46(5): 1160-1180

Harvey, D. (2006) Paris, Capital of Modernity. New York; London: Routledge. [Chapter on Rent and Propertied Interest in Paris]

Healey, P. et al. (1992) (Eds.) Rebuilding the City: Property-led Urban Regeneration. London: E&FN Spon

Lefebvre, L. (2003) The Urban Revolution. University of Minnesota Press

Leitner, H. (1990) Cities in pursuit of economic growth: The local state as entrepreneur. Political Geography 9(2): 146-170

Park, B-G., Hill, R.C. and Saito, A. (2012) Locating Neoliberalism in East Asia: Neoliberalizing Spaces in Developmental States. Chichester: Wiley-Blackwell [Read Conclusion]

Searle, L.G. (2014) Conflict and commensuration: Contested market making in India's private real estate development sector. International Journal of Urban and Regional Research 38(1): 60-78

Shatkin, G. (2014) Reinterpreting the meaning of the 'Singapore Model': State capitalism and urban planning. International Journal of Urban and Regional Research 38(1): 116-137

Shin. H.B. (2009) Property-based redevelopment and gentrification: the case of Seoul, South Korea. Geoforum 40(5): 906-917

Weber, R. (2002) Extracting value from the city: Neoliberalism and urban redevelopment. Antipode 34(3): 519-540

Day 3: Urbanisation, (Post-)Socialism and the State

The session focuses on the role of the Chinese state in times of China's condensed urbanisation and economic transition during the period of China's integration with the global economy. The session examines the role of the Chinese central and local states, and examines the ways in which the Chinese state has intervened in the making of Chinese market economy.

Key readings

Shin, H.B. (2014) Urban Spatial Restructuring, Event-led Development and Scalar Politics. Urban Studies 51(14): 2961-2978

So, A.Y. (2007) Peasant conflict and the local predatory state in the Chinese countryside. The Journal of Peasant Studies 34(3-4): 560-581

Zhang, J. and Peck, J. (2014) Variegated capitalism, Chinese style: Regional models, multi-scalar constructions. Regional Studies 50(1): 52-78

Further readings

Andrusz, G.D., Harloe, M. and Szelâenyi, I. (1996) Cities after Socialism: Urban and Regional Change and Conflict in Post-socialist Societies. Blackwell [Chapters on "Cities in the Transition" and "Cities under Socialism - and after"]

Cartier, C. (2013) Uneven development and the time/space economy. In: Sun, W. and Guo, Y. (eds.) Unequal China: The Political Economy and Cultural Politics of Inequality. Oxon: Routledge. pp.77-90

Duckett, J. (1996) The emergence of the entrepreneurial state in contemporary China. The Pacific Review 9(2): 180-198

Gladney, D.C. (2004) Dislocating China: Muslims, Minorities and other Subaltern Subjects. London: Hurst

Guthrie, D. (2000) Understanding China's transition to capitalism: The contributions of Victor Nee and Andrew Walder. 15(4): 727-749

Liew L., (2005) China's engagement with neo-liberalism: Path dependency, geography and party self-reinvention. Journal of Development Studies 41(2): 331–352

Oi, J.C. (1992) Fiscal reform and the economic foundations of local state corporatism in China. World Politics 45(1): 99-126

Ong, A. (2004) The Chinese Axis: Zoning Technologies and Variegated Sovereignty. Journal of East Asian Studies 4: 69-96

Ong, L. (2012) Between Developmental and Clientelist States: Local State-Business Relationships in China. Comparative Politics 44(2): 191-209

Shin H. B. (2009) Residential Redevelopment and the Entrepreneurial Local State: The Implications of Beijing's Shifting Emphasis on Urban Redevelopment Policies. Urban Studies 46(13): 2815–2839

Sorace, C. and Hurst, W. (2016) China's phantom urbanization and the pathology of ghost cities. Journal of Contemporary Asia 46(2): 304-322

Smart, A. and Smart, J. (2001) Local citizenship: Welfare reform urban/rural status, and exclusion in China. Environment and Planning A 33(10): 1853-1869

Walder, A.G. (1986) Communist neo-traditionalism: Work and authority in Chinese industry. Berkeley: University of California Press

Woodworth, M.D. (2012) Frontier boomtown urbanism in Ordos, Inner Mongolia autonomous region. Cross-Currents: East Asian History and Culture Review 1(1): 74-101

Xu, J. and Wang, J.J. (2012) Reassembling the state in urban China. Asia Pacific Viewpoint 53(1): 7-20

Day 4: The Politics of Land

This session examines the practice of compulsory purchase (or eminent domain) to understand how the state plays an important role in contemporary cities, increasingly in support of enhancing private interests. Furthermore, this session considers the experience of China's urbanisation to discuss how the state posed as de facto landlord influences the way in which urbanisation is experienced.

This session includes the screening of a short film Moving House (20 minutes)

Key readings

Haila, A. (2016) Urban land rent: Singapore as a property state. Wiley-Blackwell [Read Chapter 4 "Land Reforms: Practical Solutions and Politics of Land"]
https://contentstore.cla.co.uk/secure/link?id=ae29c907-7431-e711-80c9-005056af4099

Hsing, Y-t. (2010) The great urban transformation: politics of land and property in China. Oxford University Press. [Chapter 2]
http://www.oxfordscholarship.com/view/10.1093/acprof:oso/9780199568048.001.0001/acprof-9780199568048-chapter-3?print=pdf
OR Hsing Y. (2006) Land and Territorial Politics in Urban China. The China Quarterly 187: 575-591

Gibson, T.A. (2010) Primitive Accumulation, Eminent Domain, and the Contradictions of Neo-liberalism. Cultural Studies 24(1): 133-160
http://www.tandfonline.com.gate3.library.lse.ac.uk/doi/pdf/10.1080/09502380903415008?needAccess=true

Shin, H.B. (2016) Economic transition and speculative urbanisation: Gentrification versus dispossession. Urban Studies 53(3): 471-489
http://journals.sagepub.com.gate3.library.lse.ac.uk/doi/pdf/10.1177/0042098015597111

Further readings

Buckley, M. and Hanieh, A. (2013) Diversification by urbanization: Tracing the property-finance nexus in Dubai and the Gulf. International Journal of Urban and Regional Research 38(1): 155-175

Chew, B. (2010) Compulsory acquisition of land in Singapore: A fair regime. Singapore Academy of Law Journal 22: 166-188

Chen, J. (2008) China's ding zi hu, he United State's Kelo, and Singapore's en-bloc process: A new model for economic development eminent domain from a givings perspective. Journal of Land Use & Environmental Law 24(1): 107-158

Christophers, B. (2016) For real: land as capital and commodity. Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers 41(2): 134-148

Christophers, B. (2010) Geographical Knowledges and Neoliberal Tensions: Compulsory Land Purchase in the Context of Contemporary Urban Redevelopment. Environment and Planning A 42(4): 856-873

Cui, Z. (2011) Partial intimations of the coming whole: The Chongqing experiment in light of the theories of Henry George, James Meade, and Antonio Gramsci. Modern China 37(6): 646-660

Gunnoe, A. (2014) The political economy of institutional landownership: Neorentier society and the financialization of land. Rural Sociology 79(4): 478-504

Harvey, D. (2011) The Enigma of Capital and the Crises of Capitalism. London: Profile Books [Chapter 7: Creative Destruction on the Land]

Harvey, D. (2006) Paris, Capital of Modernity. New York; London: Routledge. [Read "Rent and Propertied Interest in Paris"]

Lundqvist, L.J. (1998) Property owning and democracy – Do the twain ever meet? Housing Studies 13(2): 217-231

Mukhija, V. (2005) Collective action and property rights: A planner's critical look at the dogma of private property. International Journal of Urban and Regional Research 29(4): 972-983

Ramanathan, U. (2009) A word on eminent domain. In: Mehta, L. (ed.) Displaced by Development: Confronting Marginalisation and Gender Injustice. Los Angeles: SAGE, pp.133-145

Rithmire, M. (2013) Land politics and local state capacities: The political economy of urban change in China. The China Quarterly 216: 872-895

Wu, Fulong (2011) Urbanization. In Tay, W.S. and So, A.Y. (eds.) Handbook of Contemporary China. Singapore: World Scientific

Xu, J., Yeh, A. and Wu, F. (2009) Land commodification: New land development and politics in China since the late 1990s. International Journal of Urban and Regional Research 33(4): 890-913

Yeh, A.G-O. (1990) Public and private partnership in urban redevelopment in Hong Kong. Third World Planning Review 12(4): 361-384

Zhan, S. (2017) Hukou reform and land politics in China: Rise of a tripartite alliance. The China Journal 78

Day 5: Heritage and Urban Development (inc. Field trip to inner Beijing)

This session involves a field visit (a walking tour) to Beijing's inner city space, exploring the relationship between heritage conservation and urban redevelopment. In East Asia, historic buildings and heritage sites are often destined to face demolition to make way for more profitable redevelopment. However, their socio-economic and cultural value would provoke contention and criticisms from experts and the general public. The day will start with an introduction to the theme and the site of visit, followed by field walk.

Key readings

Shin, H.B. (2010) Urban Conservation and Revalorisation of Dilapidated Historic Quarters: The Case of Nanluoguxiang in Beijing. Cities 27: S43–S54

Zukin, S. (1996) Loft living as 'historic compromise' in the urban core: The New York Experience. International Journal of Urban and Regional Research 6: 256-267

Further readings

Hayllar M.R. (2010) Who owns culture and heritage? Observations on Hong Kong's experience. International Journal of Public Policy 5(1): 24-40

Shin, H.B. (2014) Elite vision before people: State entrepreneurialism and the limits of participation. In Altrock, U. and Schoon, S. (Eds.) Maturing Megacities: The Pearl River Delta in Progressive Transition. Springer, pp.267-285

Yeoh, B.S.A. and Huang, S. (1996) The Conservation-redevelopment Dilemma in Singapore: The Case of the Kampong Glam Historic District. Cities 13(6): 411-422

Day 6: The Politics of Displacement

This session examines the socio-spatial consequences of spatial restructuring propelled by various investments in the built environment (e.g. urban regeneration, infrastructure development). What are the experiences of local residents who can be grouped in a number of ways based on their level of income, tenure or ownership of property rights? To what extent are the benefits of property (re)development disproportionately shared among local residents? One issue that may come to mind readily is the displacement of poor residents. What happens to the displacees? What different dimensions of displacement are there? What are the urban policy implications of such different interpretations of displacement?

Screening of Documentary: Meishi Street (on Beijing)

Key readings

Marcuse, P. (1985) Gentrification, abandonment and displacement: Connections, causes and policy responses in New York City. Journal of Urban and Contemporary Law 28: 195-240

Porteous, J.D. and Smith, S.E. (2001) Domicide: the global destruction of home. McGill-Queen's University Press. [Read the chapter on "Introducing Domicide"]
https://contentstore.cla.co.uk/secure/link?id=31cbf332-9a31-e711-80c9-005056af4099

Lees, L., Shin, H.B. and López-Morales, E. (2016) Planetary Gentrification. Polity Press. [Read the chapter on "mega-gentrification and displacement]
https://contentstore.cla.co.uk/secure/link?id=cd87b8ed-7f31-e711-80c9-005056af4099

Further readings

Atkinson, R. (2015) Losing One's Place: Narratives of Neighbourhood Change, Market Injustice and Symbolic Displacement. Housing, Theory & Society 32(4): 373-388
http://www.tandfonline.com.gate3.library.lse.ac.uk/doi/pdf/10.1080/14036096.2015.1053980?needAccess=true

Celestina, M. (2016) 'Displacement' before displacement: Time, place and the case of Rural Urabá. Journal of Latin American Studies 48(2): 367-390

Christophers, B. (2010) Geographical knowledges and neoliberal tensions: Compulsory land purchase in the context of contemporary urban redevelopment. Environment and Planning A 42(4): 856-873

Davidson, M. and Lees, L. (2010) New-build gentrification: Its histories, trajectories, and critical geographies. Population, Space and Place 16: 395-411

Hern, M. (2016) What a City is for: Remaking the Politics of Displacement. Cambridge, Massachusetts: The MIT Press.

Marcuse, P. (1985) Gentrification, abandonment and displacement: Connections, causes and policy responses in New York City. Journal of Urban and Contemporary Law 28: 195-240

Mobrand, E. (2008) Struggles over unlicensed housing in Seoul, 1960-80. Urban Studies 45(2): 367-389

Shao, Q. (2013) Shanghai Gone: Domicide and Defiance in a Chinese Megacity. Lanham: Rowman & Littlefield

Shin. H.B. (2009) Property-based redevelopment and gentrification: the case of Seoul, South Korea. Geoforum 40(5): 906-917

Shin, H.B. and Kim, S-H. (2016) The developmental state, speculative urbanisation and the politics of displacement in gentrifying Seoul. Urban Studies 53(3): 540-559

Day 7: Planetary Gentrification

Gentrification is first coined by Ruth Glass in the early 1960s, referring to the displacement of poor tenants in inner-city London. Born out of the experiences of post-industrial cities in the West, it is also a term that has been heavily contested over the years, its definition and applicability to various emerging urban phenomena challenged. This session aims to review key arguments in the gentrification literature, and explore the extent to which the concept can be applicable to urban processes in the global South and East.

Key readings

Lees, L., Shin, H.B. and López-Morales, E. (2016) Planetary Gentrification. Polity Press. [Read Introduction; read the e-book version via Library]
http://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/londonschoolecons/detail.action?docID=4455314

Lees, L., Slater, T. and Wyly, E. (2008) Gentrification. Routledge [Read the Chapter on Gentrification: Positive or Negative?] https://contentstore.cla.co.uk/secure/link?id=889dee8e-6c35-e711-80c9-005056af4099

Slater (2006) The Eviction of Critical Perspectives from Gentrification Research. International Journal of Urban and Regional Research 30(4): 737-757
http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com.gate3.library.lse.ac.uk/doi/10.1111/j.1468-2427.2006.00689.x/epdf

Further readings

Clark, E. (2005) The order and simplicity of gentrification - A political challenge. In: Rowland, A. and Bridge, G. (eds.) Gentrification in a Global Context: The New Urban Colonialism. London; New York: Routledge

Ley D. and Teo S.Y. (2014) Gentrification in Hong Kong? Epistemology vs. Ontology. International Journal of Urban and Regional Research 38(4): 1286-1303

López-Morales, E., Shin, H.B. and Lees, L. (2016) Latin American gentrifications. Urban Geography 37(8): 1091-1108

Shin, H.B., Lees, L. and López-Morales (2016) Introduction: Locating gentrification in the global East. Urban Studies 53(3): 455-470

Shin, H.B. (2016) Economic transition and speculative urbanisation: Gentrification versus dispossession. Urban Studies 53(3): 471-489

Smith, N. (1979) Toward a theory of gentrification: A back to the city movement by capital, not people. Journal of the American Planning Association 45(4): 538-548

Smith, N. (1996) The New Urban Frontier: Gentrification and the Revanchist City. London; New York: Routledge

Zukin, S. (1989) Loft Living: Culture and Capital in Urban Change. Rutgers University Press

Day 8: Olympic Cities: Urban Spectacles and Mega-events

With the rise of local entrepreneurialism, cities have come to employ various strategies in order to compete for increasingly footloose capital and people, reconstructing their image to raise city profile and reputation. Event-led development as part of hosting sporting events such as the Olympic Games and FIFA World Cup is one of the various policy tools that have been increasingly adopted in this respect. This session examines the pros and cons of this strategy, and also explores its socio-spatial footprints.

Key readings

Shin, H.B. (2012) Unequal cities of spectacle and mega-events in China. City 16(6): 728–744
http://www.tandfonline.com.gate3.library.lse.ac.uk/doi/pdf/10.1080/13604813.2012.734076?needAccess=true

Burbank, M.J., Andranovich, G.D. and Heying, C.H. (2001) Olympic Dreams: The Impact of Mega-events on Local Politics. Boulder; London: Lynne Ripener Publishers. [Chapter 3: Mega-events and Economic Development]

OR Andranovich, G.D., Burbank, M.J. and Heying, C.H. (2001) Olympic cities: Lessons learned from mega-event politics. Journal of Urban Affairs 23(2): 113-131
http://www.tandfonline.com.gate3.library.lse.ac.uk/doi/pdf/10.1111/0735-2166.00079?needAccess=true

Eisinger, P. (2000) The politics of bread and circuses: Building the city for the visitor class. Urban Affairs Review 35(3): 316-333
http://journals.sagepub.com.gate3.library.lse.ac.uk/doi/pdf/10.1177/107808740003500302

Roche, M. (2000) Mega-events and Modernity: Olympics and Expos in the Growth of the Global Culture. Routledge [Chapter 1]

Further readings

Black, D. (2007) The symbolic politics of sport mega-events: 2010 in comparative perspective. Politikon 34(3): 261-276

Bridges, B. (2011) The making of a modest mega-event: Hong Kong and the 2009 East Asian Games. The International Journal of the History of Sport, 28(16): 2384-2397

Cochrane, A. (1996) Manchester plays Games: Exploring the local politics of globalisation. Urban Studies 33(8): 1319-1336

Debord, G. (1967) Society of spectacle (Translated by Ken Knabb) (2009 edition). Eastbourne: Soul Bay Press

Eitzen, D.S. (1996) Classism in sport: The powerless bear the burden. Journal of Sport and Social Issues 20(1): 95-195

Gotham, K.F. (2011) Resisting urban spectacle: The 1984 Louisiana World Exposition and the contradictions of mega events. Urban Studies 48(1): 197-214

Graham, S. (2012) Olympics 2012 security. City 16(4): 446-451

Jones, C. (2001) A level playing field? Sports stadium infrastructure and urban development in the United Kingdom. Environment and Planning A 33: 845-861

Raco, M. (2012). The privatisation of urban development and the London Olympics 2012. City 16(4): 452-460

Steenveld, L. and Strelitz, L. (1998) The 1995 Rugby World Cup and the politics of nation-building in South Africa. Media, Culture and Society 20(4): 609-629

van der Westhuizen, J. (2004) Marketing Malaysia as a model modern Muslim state: The significance of the 16th Commonwealth Games. Third World Quarterly 25(7): 1277-1291

Wilson, H. (1996) What is an Olympic city? Visions of Sydney 2000. Media, Culture & Society 18: 603-618

Day 9: Financialisation and Indebted Citizens

This session examines the increasing degree of financialisation of daily life, focusing on the ways in which contemporary urban accumulation hinges on creating indebted citizens. A particular attention is paid to the rise of asset-based welfarism, and its counterpart in East Asian productivist welfarism that places a heavy emphasis on the roles of families and individuals as well as on property investment and homeownership.

Key readings

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Day 10: Contesting Cities

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