Geography 6960 Seminar in Urban Geography:

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Brief Description: This course provides a broad overview of important work in urban geography and urban studies; it focuses on urban and development theory and policy, including globalization and cities, urban systems, urban economic development, housing and urban land use, migration and urbanization, neighborhood transition, and spatial structure.

Require Texts:
1. Supplemental Readings: E-Reserve at the Library

References:

Course Evaluation: Your grade will be based on attendance, assignments (reading reflections, a mid-term literature review or research proposal) and the final project. Assignments are due at the beginning of class on the due date and are expected on time. Your final grade will be computed as follows: (1) Participation: 20%, (2) Assignments: 40%, (3) Final Project: 40%. This class uses letter grads.

Course Outline & Readings:
Week 1/January 12 Introduction

Week 2/January 19 Urban Geography and Urban Theories

**Week 3 /January 26   Development, Inequality, Policy/Planning**

**Week 4/February 2   Globalization, States, and Cities**

**Week 5/February 9 World/Global Cities I**


**Week 6/February 16 World/Global Cities II**


Week 7/February 23 Global Urban Systems and Networks

Week 8/March 2 Urban Economic Development and Restructuring


**Week 9/March 9  Migration, Urbanization and the City**


**Week 10/March 16  Urban Land Use, Housing and Spatial Structure**


**Week 11/March 23**  
*Spring Break – No Class*

**Week 12/March 30**  
**Urban Population, Labor Market, and Residential Segregation**


**Week 13/April 6**  
**Neighborhood Transition, Urban Renewal, and Community Development**


**Week 14/April 13 Urban Policy and Planning**


**Week 15/April 20 Student Presentation and Conclusion**

**April 27 Classes End**

**Final Project Due:** May 2 6pm

**Class Expectations:** Students are expected to be in class on time and prepare for class in advance. Students should adhere to the University of Utah’s Student Code of conduct.

**Academic Policies:** All students are expected to maintain professional behavior in the classroom setting, according to the Student Code, spelled out in the Student Handbook. Students have specific rights in the classroom as detailed in Article III of the Code. Please also consult the University of Utah’s Accommodations Policy.
ADA Accommodations:  The University of Utah seeks to provide equal access to its programs, services and activities for people with disabilities. If you will need accommodations in the class, reasonable prior notice needs to be given to the Center for Disability Services, 162 Olpin Union Building, 581-5020 (V/TDD). CDS will work with you and the instructor to make arrangements for accommodations. All written information in this course can be made available in alternative format with prior notification to the Center for Disability Services.