

City University of Hong Kong

**Information on a Taught Postgraduate Course
offered by Department of Public Policy
with effect from Semester A in 2014 / 2015**

Part I

Course Title:	Social Change and Urbanisation in Contemporary China
Course Code:	POL5705
Course Duration:	One Semester
No. of Credit Units:	3
Level:	P5
Medium of Instruction:	English
Prerequisites:	Nil
Precursors:	Nil
Equivalent Courses:	Nil
Exclusive Courses:	Nil

Part II

1. Course Aims:

The course aims to enable students to identify the urban and social transformation of Chinese society since the market reforms and to understand its implications for both the development of the country and lives of its people. Major urban and social development issues such as urbanization, rural-urban migration, land use and housing, environmental protection, social re-stratification and inequality, civic society and the changing state-society relations will be examined and evaluated in the context of the changing institutional framework and increasing wealth of the country.

2. Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to:

No.	CILOs	Weighting (if applicable)
1.	identify the major urban and social transformation of as well as the challenges to the Chinese society since the market reforms	20
2.	outline the existing and emerging institutional framework in urban and social policies in China	20
3.	Apply and integrate the knowledge from urban and social studies in analyzing the existing and emerging problems in the social and urban arenas in China	30
4.	present their ideas clearly, systematically and critically, both in verbal and written forms.	30

3. Teaching and Learning Activities (TLAs)

(Indicative of likely activities and tasks designed to facilitate students' achievement of the CILOs. Final details will be provided to students in their first week of attendance in this course)

CILO No.	TLAs	Hours/week (if applicable)
1, 2	Lectures: Identify key issues and outline major institutional framework in social change and urbanisation; introduce major analytic frameworks in analysing social and urban issues	3 hours per week
1, 2, 3, 4	Student Presentations: develop students' capacity in identifying and critically evaluate important issues in urban and social arenas	
1, 2, 3, 4	Class discussion: enhances debates and the assessment of competing theories; develops students' communication skills.	
1, 2, 3, 4	Essay Writing: advances students' ability in integrating information, develops analytic and communication skills	3
1, 2, 3	Readings: three to four articles or book chapters per week to broaden their understanding of the literature, theories and policies.	3

4. Assessment Tasks/Activities

(Indicative of likely activities and tasks designed to assess how well the students achieve the CILOs. Final details will be provided to students in their first week of attendance in this course)

CILO No.	Type of Assessment Tasks/Activities	Weighting (if applicable)	Remarks
1, 2, 3, 4	Term paper	60%	
1, 2, 3	Final Examination (2 hours)	40%	

- 5. Grading of Student Achievement:** Refer to Grading of Courses in the Academic Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Degrees. *All marks and grades are subject to approval by the Assessment Panel.*

Letter Grade	Grading criteria in relation to CILOs
A+ A A-	Demonstrating comprehensive, in-depth understanding of urban and social issues in China and able to offer a clear and critical analysis of such issues and related policies
B+ B B-	Demonstrating good understanding of urban and social issues in China and able to offer a clear and critical analysis of such issues and related policies
C+ C C-	Demonstrating an adequate understanding of urban and social issues in China and able to offer a clear and critical analysis of such issues and related policies
D	Offer partial but inadequate understanding of urban and social issues in China and able to offer a clear and critical analysis of such issues and related policies
F	Fail to offer partial but inadequate understanding of urban and social issues in China and able to offer a clear and critical analysis of such issues and related policies

Part III

Keyword Syllabus

The context (market reforms and changing urban institutional); The land and housing market (housing and land reform, real estate market, urban redevelopment, public housing development); Social Re-stratification (new middle class, urban poverty, rural-urban migration); Social stability and changing social control (urban activism, control of the cyberspace, neighbourhood governance); Spatial transformation (urban sprawl and high density living, enclave urbanism).

Indicative Lecture Schedule

1) The context of social and urban change - market reforms and changing urban institutional; 2) The housing and land reform; 3) The real estate market and urban redevelopment; 4) policy on public housing; 5) Social Re-stratification and the emerging new middle class; 6) rural-urban migration and urban poverty; 7) Social stability and urban activism; 8) The control of the cyberspace; 9) changing neighbourhood governance; 10) Spatial transformation and urban sprawl; 11) high-density living and enclave urbanism; 12) The challenge and future of urban China.

Recommended Reading

Text(s)

- Fulong Wu, Chris Webster (2010) Marginalization in urban China [electronic resource] : Comparative perspectives, Basingstoke : Palgrave Macmillan, 2010.
- Fulong Wu, Jiang Xu, and Anthony Gar-On Yeh. (2007) Urban development in post-reform China : state, market, and space / London ; New York : Routledge.
- Heberer, Thomas. (2011) The politics of community building in urban China, Abingdon, Oxford ; New York : Routledge.
- John R. Logan. (2008) Urban China in transition, Malden, MA ; Oxford : Blackwell Pub. Ltd.
- Li Shi and Hiroshi Sato (2006) Unemployment, inequality and poverty in urban China, London ; New York : Routledge.
- Li Zhang and Aihwa Ong (2008) Privatizing China: socialism from afar Ithaca : Cornell University Press.
- Ma, L.J.C. & F. Wu (Eds.) Restructuring the Chinese City: Changing Society, Economy and Space, Oxford etc.: Routledge,
- Murphy, Rachel (2009) Labour migration and social development in contemporary China London ; New York : Routledge.
- Shahid Yusuf, Anthony Saich (2008) China urbanizes : consequences, strategies, and policies, Washington, D.C. : World Bank.
- Wang, Ya Ping (2004) Urban poverty, housing and social change in China, London ; New York : Routledge.
- Wu, Weiping (2013) The Chinese City, London: Routledge
- Ya Ping Wang and Alan Murie (1999) Housing policy and practice in China, Basingstoke, Hants. : Macmillan ; New York : St. Martin's Press.
- Zhang, Li, (2001) Strangers in the city : reconfigurations of space, power, and social networks within China's floating population, Stanford, Calif. : Stanford University Press.

Online Resources

The Urban china research network, University at Albany,
<http://mumford.albany.edu/chinanet/>