

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Subject Description Form

Please read the notes at the end of the table carefully before completing the form.

Subject Code	APSS1BN29														
Subject Title	Chinese Megacities in an Age of Globalisation														
Credit Value	3														
Level	1														
GUR Requirements Intended to Fulfill	<p>This subject intends to fulfill the following requirement(s) :</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Healthy Lifestyle</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> AI and Data Analytics (AIDA)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Innovation and Entrepreneurship (IE)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Languages and Communication Requirement (LCR)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Education and Development (LEAD)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Service-Learning</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cluster-Area Requirement (CAR)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Human Nature, Relations and Development [CAR A]</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Science, Technology and Environment [CAR D]</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Chinese History and Culture [CAR M]</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultures, Organizations, Societies and Globalization [CAR N]</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> China-Study Requirement</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes or <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Writing and Reading Requirements</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><input type="checkbox"/> English or <input type="checkbox"/> Chinese</p>														
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The completion and submission of all component assignments are required for passing the subject; and • Student must pass all component(s) if he/she is to pass the subject.
<p>Objectives</p>	<p>This course aims to provide students with a broader understanding of growing Chinese megacities against the backdrop of globalization. It introduces various theoretical approaches and scholarly traditions including transnational sociology, urban sociology, globalization theory, and critical development studies to examine the social issues and developmental dilemmas in the complex urban settings. In this course, we will explore a range of dynamics and processes of urban life, ranging from neoliberal policy and its resistance, urban inequality and disparity, migration and marginalization, endeavors of service-, policy-, and grassroots-oriented non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to alleviate social problems and to offer alternative visions of development at local and international levels, to popular culture and leisure in the emerging Chinese megacities. These topics and issues are crucial to our understanding of rapidly changing organization of society and community in an age of globalization. Our goal is to critically evaluate the opportunities, and to assess the attempts and efforts made by NGOs and citizens to meet the challenges brought by globalization and urban development particularly in the context of contemporary China.</p>
<p>Intended Learning Outcomes</p> <p><i>(Note 1)</i></p>	<p>Upon completion of the subject, students will be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. familiarize themselves with the dynamics and processes of urban development in contemporary China against the backdrop of globalization. b. identify current political, economic, social, and cultural issues in the globalizing Chinese megacities. c. evaluate the opportunities and challenges brought by globalization and urban development. d. analyze and envision the roles of emerging Chinese megacities in the world by examining current policy initiatives and grassroots efforts. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Literacy: (a)–(d) – Students will be required to read and reflect on academic texts from multiple sources regarding the dynamics and processes of globalization and urbanization particularly in the context of contemporary China. 2. Higher order thinking: (c)+(d) – Students will abstract key ideas and concepts from specific texts and lectures materials, and will apply them in analyzing the social issues and developmental dilemmas in complex settings of globalizing Chinese megacities. 3. Life-long learning: (c) – Students will be guided to assess and compare the opportunities and challenges brought by on-

	going globalization and urbanization. (d) – Students will be encouraged to consider their roles as critical and responsible global citizens and urban dwellers.																																		
Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus <i>(Note 2)</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Course Introduction and Administration 2. Urbanization and the Rise of Chinese Megacities 3. Global Market and China’s Urban Growth 4. The World’s Factory and the Industrial Cities 5. Advanced Economy and the Global Cities 6. Neoliberalism and Chinese Urban Dreams 7. Urban Leisure Culture in Globalizing China 8. Urban Citizenship in an Age of Globalization 9. Urban Sustainability and the City of Future 10. Course Wrap-Up and Reflections 																																		
Teaching/Learning Methodology <i>(Note 3)</i>	<p>This course comprises lectures and in-class activities in three-hour sessions. The lectures will introduce key ideas and concepts based on multiple sources of readings regarding the dynamic processes of globalization and urbanization. The lectures will employ real-world, contemporary examples to provide students with a better understanding of the urban life in globalizing Chinese megacities.</p> <p>The teaching and learning materials also include screenings of video clips, news and interviews. An interaction and participatory environment will nurture students to work together to apply and discuss concepts that they learn from lectures and assigned readings. For example, with the screening of a short video clip on the consumption patterns of Chinese urban dwellers, each group will be invited to analyze their socio-economic causes by applying concepts and theories learnt from the course.</p> <p>To acquire academic reading and writing skills, students will be required to complete a quiz and an individual essay based on the required readings.</p>																																		
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	<p><i>Attendance and participation (20%).</i> Attendance of every lecture is required. Students' effort in initiating discussions and joining educational activities will help each other to learn better and more.</p> <p><i>Quiz (40%).</i> A multiple-choice quiz is designed to assess students' basic understanding of the assigned readings.</p> <p><i>Individual essay (40%).</i> This is an end-of-term individual paper. Students are expected to demonstrate their overall learning by synthesizing the selected sets of references to write an essay.</p> <p>The completion of <i>all</i> three components is required to pass the subject.</p>	
Student Study Effort Expected	Class contact:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lecture / In-Class Group Work 	39 Hrs.
	Other student study effort:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Self-Study 	41 Hrs.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assignment Preparation 	30 Hrs.
	Total student study effort	110 Hrs.
Reading List and References	<p>Al, Stefan, ed. 2014. <i>Villages in the City: A Guide to South China's Informal Settlements</i>. Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press and Honolulu, Hawaii: University of Hawaii Press.</p> <p>Chan, Jenny, Mark Selden and Pun Ngai. 2020. <i>Dying for an iPhone: Apple, Foxconn and the Lives of China's Workers</i>. Chicago, IL: Haymarket Books and London: Pluto Press.</p> <p>Chan, Kam Wing. 1994. <i>Cities with Invisible Walls: Reinterpreting Urbanization in Post-1949 China</i>. Oxford: Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Chen, Nancy N., Constance D. Clark, Suzanne Z. Gottschang and Lyn Jeffery, eds. 2001. <i>China Urban: Ethnographies of Contemporary Culture</i>. Durham: Duke University Press.</p> <p>Davis, Deborah S., ed. 2000. <i>The Consumer Revolution in Urban China</i>. Berkeley: University of California Press.</p> <p>Elfström, Manfred. 2021. <i>Workers and Change in China: Resistance, Repression, Responsiveness</i>. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.</p> <p>Evans, Harriet. 2020. <i>Beijing from Below: Stories of Marginal Lives in the Capital's Center</i>. Durham: Duke University Press.</p> <p>Fingar, Thomas and Jean C. Oi, eds. 2020. <i>Fateful Decisions: Choices that Will Shape China's Future</i>. Stanford: Stanford University Press.</p> <p>Hsing, You-tien. 2010. <i>The Great Urban Transformation: Politics of Land and Property in China</i>. New York: Oxford University Press.</p>	

	<p>Hung, Ho-fung, ed. 2009. <i>China and the Transformation of Global Capitalism</i>. Baltimore, MD: The Johns Hopkins University Press.</p> <p>Jaros, Kyle A. 2019. <i>China's Urban Champions: The Politics of Spatial Development</i>. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.</p> <p>Ling, Minhua. 2019. <i>The Inconvenient Generation: Migrant Youth Coming of Age on Shanghai's Edge</i>. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press.</p> <p>Meisner, Maurice. 1999. <i>Mao's China and After: A History of the People's Republic</i>. 3rd Edition. New York: The Free Press.</p> <p>Murphy, Rachel. 2020. <i>The Children of China's Great Migration</i>. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.</p> <p>O'Donnell, Mary Ann, Winnie Wong and Jonathan Bach. 2017. <i>Learning from Shenzhen: China's Post-Mao Experiment from Special Zone to Model City</i>. Chicago: The Chicago University Press.</p> <p>Perry, Elizabeth J. and Mark Selden, eds. 2010. <i>Chinese Society: Change, Conflict and Resistance</i>. 3rd Edition. London: Routledge.</p> <p>Ren, Xuefei. 2020. <i>Governing the Urban in China and India: Land Grabs, Slum Clearance, and the War on Air Pollution</i>. Princeton: Princeton University Press.</p> <p>Rozelle, Scott and Natalie Hell. 2020. <i>Invisible China: How the Urban-Rural Divide Threatens China's Rise</i>. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press.</p> <p>Sassen, Saskia. 2002. <i>The Global City: New York, London, Tokyo</i>. Revised Edition. Princeton: Princeton University Press.</p> <p>Smith, Nick R. 2021. <i>The End of the Village: Planning the Urbanization of Rural China</i>. Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press.</p> <p>Solinger, Dorothy, ed. 2019. <i>Polarized Cities: Portraits of Rich and Poor in Urban China</i>. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.</p> <p>Tang, Beibei. 2023. <i>Governing Neighborhoods in Urban China: Changing State-Society Relations</i>. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.</p> <p>Wallace, Jeremy L. 2014. <i>Cities and Stability: Urbanization, Redistribution, and Regime Survival in China</i>. New York: Oxford University Press.</p> <p>Wu, Weiping and Mark Frazier, eds. 2018. <i>The SAGE Handbook on Contemporary China</i>. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE.</p> <p>Wu, Weiping and Qin Gao, eds. 2023. <i>China Urbanizing: Impacts and Transitions</i>. Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania Press.</p> <p>Yep, Ray, June Wang and Thomas Johnson, eds. 2019. <i>Handbook on Urban Development in China</i>. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.</p>
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Note 1: Intended Learning Outcomes

Intended learning outcomes should state what students should be able to do or attain upon completion of the subject. Subject outcomes are expected to contribute to the attainment of the overall programme outcomes.

Note 2: Subject Synopsis/ Indicative Syllabus

The syllabus should adequately address the intended learning outcomes. At the same time over-crowding of the syllabus should be avoided.

Note 3: Teaching/Learning Methodology

This section should include a brief description of the teaching and learning methods to be employed to facilitate learning, and a justification of how the methods are aligned with the intended learning outcomes of the subject.

Note 4: Assessment Method

This section should include the assessment method(s) to be used and its relative weighting, and indicate which of the subject intended learning outcomes that each method purports to assess. It should also provide a brief explanation of the appropriateness of the assessment methods in assessing the intended learning outcomes.