



UNIVERSITY OF MANAGEMENT & TECHNOLOGY

Course: Urbanization: Issues and Challenges

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Introduction

Since the start of industrialization, urbanization has been an omnipresent phenomenon. The 20th century saw a sharp rise in this phenomenon and it reached to its zenith in the 21st century. The process continues to accelerate and now almost half of the world population reside in cities. But this increased gentrification of cities cannot be solely understood from the perspective of economic development, massive infrastructural development and increased opportunities it brought for the populace in general. Increased urbanization also contributes to deteriorating climate and widespread inequalities in the societies, among other consequences. This course is geared towards understanding this phenomenon in a holistic way.

Evaluation Criteria

Class participation 10%

Assignments 30%

Quizzes 10%

Midterm 20%

Final 30%

Course Contents:

Week 1: Introduction

Readings will be shared

Week 2: Industrialization and the urban revolution

Readings will be shared

Week 3: Capitalism and urbanization

Readings will be shared

Week 4: Planetary gentrification

Readings will be shared

Week 5: Planet of slums

Readings will be shared

Readings will be shared

Week 6: Urbanization and climate

Readings will be shared

Week 7: Politics of displacement

Readings will be shared

Week 8: Cities in the Global North

Week 9: Cities in the Global South

Week 10: Urbanization in India and China

Week 11: Urbanization in Pakistan

Week 12: Concluding week/revision

Suggested Readings:

Davis, Mike, *Planet of Slums*, Verso Books, 2017

Harvey, David, *Rebel cities: From the right to the city to the urban revolution*, Verso books, 2012.

Lefebvre, H, *The Urban Revolution*, University of Minnesota Press, 2003

Hsing, Y-t, *The great urban transformation: politics of land and property in China*, Oxford University Press, 2010.

Lees, L., H. Shin, and E. Lopez-Morales, *Planetary Gentrification*, Polity Press, 2016.