Course Description
The purpose of the course is to introduce students to the theory and practice of international development planning from an institutional perspective. The course focuses on planning, managing, and building cities. The course is divided into four sections. It begins with an introduction to the field with a historical and theoretical overview. Next, the course analyzes the main change agents involved in the practice of international development planning: the public sector, civil society and NGOs, community-based organizations, and the private sector. The third section of the course examines large international institutions, networks, and federations. The last section of the course examines new change and challenges to cities, including migration, transnationalism, social movements, post-democracy, and anarchism.

Course Format and Expectations
The course is designed for graduate students, and uses a lecture-seminar format. Throughout the semester, students are expected to stay current on the required reading and play an active role during class meetings, including making presentations and leading discussions. Students work in teams to prepare for a policy debate. Details about the format of the debate will be provided in class. The final assignment will be a cumulative take-home essay. The exam questions will be handed out in class on November 14, and a hard copy of your essay response is due at the beginning of class on December 1. Emailed essays will not be accepted. After the beginning of class, late assignments will be marked down by half a grade for each day the assignment is late. Office hours are Tuesday afternoons between 3:00 and 4:00. If you are unable to make my regular office hours, please send me an email for an appointment. In your email, please include three days and times that you are available.
Learning Objectives
The course meets the following learning objectives:

1) Appreciation for a **global dimension of planning** with specific emphasis on the global south.
2) The ability to deliver clear, accurate, and compelling **written, oral, and graphic communication**.
3) Appreciation of the normative principles of **social justice and equity** that guide planning practice.

Evaluation and Grades
Your grade is based on three areas of evaluation: (1) participation in class activities, discussions, and presentations; (2) performance on the group debate; and (3) performance on the take-home essay.

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Because part of your grade is based on participation, you cannot receive full credit for classes you miss.

Course Materials
There are required readings should be completed before the first class meeting of each week to facilitate informed discussion. The required readings are on Blackboard (http://blackboard.cornell.edu/) organized by week. Some weeks I have included links to organizations that we will discuss in class. Please review these websites and familiarize yourself with these organizations and their work.

Academic Integrity
Each student in the course is expected to abide by the Cornell University Code of Academic Integrity. It is your responsibility to familiarize yourself with the code, (http://cuinfo.cornell.edu/Academic/AIC.html). Any work submitted by a student in the course should be the student’s own, original work. For this course, collaboration is allowed for group assignments when specified by the instructor. The final take-home essay should represent individual and independent student work.
## Course Outline

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Habitat III http://habitat3.org/the-new-urban-agenda/


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**Week 11— Federations—Poverty Alleviation**


Slum/Shack Dwellers International (SDI) [http://skoll.org/organization/slum-dwellers-international/](http://skoll.org/organization/slum-dwellers-international/)

Asian Coalition of Housing Rights (ACHR) [http://www.achr.net/](http://www.achr.net/)

Women in Informal Employment Globalizing and Organizing (WIEGO) [http://www.wiego.org/wiego/core-programmes/urban-policies](http://www.wiego.org/wiego/core-programmes/urban-policies)

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