History and Theory of Urban Spatial Development is a lecture course that explores the rich legacy of urban physical planning and design in history and around the globe. Throughout, the course will examine the reification of human values and ideals in the built environment, and the consequent shaping of society and culture by the places we envision, plan, build and inhabit. A broad spectrum of operative forces and agents—economic, cultural, political, religious, technological—will be analyzed to understand their often unanticipated formative impact on cities and metropolitan regions. Among the themes explored in the class are the early origins of urban form; humanism, utopianism and the quest for the "ideal city"; the dynamics of power versus the grassroots; the struggle between modernity and tradition; the role of transportation and communications technology in shaping settlement patterns; the spatial dynamics of race and class; the impacts of housing policy on the postwar American city; and the urban crisis, "white flight" and the rise of suburbia. The course will end with an analysis of urbanization in contemporary China and the renewal of city life in this age of surging population, peak oil and lightspeed global flows. CRP5190 meets in Milstein Auditorium on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:55 to 4:10pm.

Readings
It is essential that you do all the readings for this course prior to each class meeting (with exception of the first one), as they will supplement and not simply duplicate the material covered in the lectures. The midterm and final exams will draw from both lectures and readings. With a few exceptions, all required readings (and many optional ones) have been scanned to PDF and made available on the CRP5190 Blackboard site. There are two required texts for the course, from which we will be reading substantial selections. These include my own Concrete Dragon: China's Urban Revolution and What It Means for the World (2008) and Vishaan Chakrabarti's A Country of Cities: A Manifesto for an Urban America (2013).
For those of you who love books and wish to build a library, the books listed below are classics in the field and well worth acquiring. All are drawn upon in this course. The dates shown refer to first editions.

- Peter Hall, *Cities of Tomorrow* (Basil Blackwell, 1988)
- Kenneth Jackson, *Crabgrass Frontier* (Oxford University Press, 1985)

**Exams and Assignments**

There will be a mid-term examination just before spring break (March 25) and a cumulative final exam during the University exam period in May (date/time to come). Students will also be required to complete two written papers on major themes covered in class. Specifics on the assignments will be announced in coming weeks. Grades will be calculated as follows: the mid-term and final exams are each worth 25% of term grade; the papers are each worth 20% of term grade; attendance and participation is worth 10%.

**Instructor and TA Access**

You are welcome to meet with me and/or Teaching Assistant Peter Wissoker (wissoker@lightlink.com) to discuss lecture material, readings, assignments or any other matter related to cities, urbanism or life. My office hours this semester are Tuesdays 12-4pm, with the exception of February 3, 10 and 17, when I will be with the AAP Rome Program. If this time window does not work for your schedule, come see me. My office is at 105 West Sibley Hall; e-mail: tomcamp@cornell.edu; phone: 607-254-893; cell: 718-375-5624. Peter’s office hours are Monday 1:30-2:30pm and Thursday 11am-12pm in 312 West Sibley.

**PAB Learning Objectives**

An MRP core course, CRP5190 covers eight of the Planning Accreditation Board’s "primary learning components" as stipulated in the 2103 Self-Study Report Manual and Template. These fall into both the General Planning Knowledge (A1) and Values and Ethics (A3) sections, with most extensive coverage in History of Planning and the Growth and Development of Human Settlements (A1D) and The Future of Cities (A1E). The course also encompasses Global Dimensions of Planning (A1F) and Planning Theory (A1B), especially in terms of physical planning and urban design. It includes substantial material on economic, social and cultural factors affecting urban and regional Growth and Development (A3D), Social Justice and Equity (A3E), Governance and Participation (A3B) and Sustainability (A3C).

**Academic Integrity**

Violations of academic integrity such as plagiarism can result in failure of this course and even expulsion from the University. If you have any questions about attribution, citation, paraphrasing and so-forth, see me or Peter. Please review the University’s Code of Academic Integrity (linked below), which requires that any work submitted by a student be his or her own: [http://cuinfo.cornell.edu/Academic/AIC.html](http://cuinfo.cornell.edu/Academic/AIC.html).
SCHEDULE AND READINGS

21 JAN  Course Introduction


Optional

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26 JAN  Sacred Space and Early Urban Form


Optional


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28 JAN  Humanism and the Renaissance City


Optional

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02 FEB  Town Planning in the New World I: Mesoamerica and the Laws of the Indies


Optional
04 FEB  
**Town Planning in the New World II: New England and the Atlantic Seaboard**


**Optional**


09 FEB  
**Power and the Infinite Perspective: St. Petersburg, Washington and Paris**


**Optional**


11 FEB  
**The Urbanism of Bourgeois Order: London, Vienna and Barcelona**


**Optional**


16 FEB  
**NO CLASS – FEBRUARY BREAK**

18 FEB  
**The Arcadian Myth and Anti-Urbanism in America**


Thomas Jefferson, *Notes on the State of Virginia* (1784): Query XIX.

23 FEB  **Machines in the Garden: Manufacturing and the City of Industry**


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25 FEB  **The Progressive Era and the Urban Parks Movement**


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02 MAR  **Utopianism and the Garden City Movement**


Optional


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04 MAR  **World's Fairs and the Imagined Urban Future**


Optional


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09 MAR  **Metropolitan Growth and the Transportation Revolution**


Optional

11 MAR

**Downtown and the Skyscraper City**


16 MAR

**Modernism and the Rational City**


Optional

18 MAR

**American Regionalism and the Motoring Revolution**


Optional

23 MAR


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25 MAR  | MID-TERM EXAM

30 MAR  | NO CLASS – SPRING BREAK

01 APR  | NO CLASS – SPRING BREAK

06 APR  | Suburbanization and the Age of Sprawl
        | Optional

08 APR  | The "Urban Crisis" and the Urban Renewal Era

13 APR  | FILM The Pruitt-Igoe Myth (2011)
        | Randall Roberts, "It Was Just Like Beverly Hills," *Riverfront Times* (June 1-7, 2005).

15 APR  | Environmentalism and the Grassroots Planning Revolution


20 APR  Fear, Gentrification and the Revanchist City  


22 APR  FILM Flag Wars (2003)  


27 APR  Postmodernity, Globalization and the Generic City  


Optional  
China and the Urbanism of Ambition I


China and the Urbanism of Ambition II


The Triumph of Urbanism


Optional
