

SOC 1330, Remaking the City
Spring 2009, MW 8:30-9:50
Dr. Logan

COURSE OUTLINE

This course will introduce sociological perspectives on processes of urban change. Cities are being reshaped by immigration, economic restructuring, and disasters. We will review these changes from several perspectives, including the patterns and causes of change, the role of politics and public policy, and how different groups of people (by class, race, and national origin) manage under the new conditions. We will especially emphasize the politics of development at the local level (who decides the future of places, and for whose benefit), the importance of neighborhoods in people's lives (and the effects of living in the wrong one), and racial and ethnic change in the modern metropolis.

Course readings. Most readings are available through the course webpage on myCourses (<http://mycourses.brown.edu>). One book should be purchased from the bookstore:

John Logan and Harvey Molotch, *Urban Fortunes: The Political Economy of Place*.

The course grade will be based on the following work:

1. **Attendance and participation.** I expect you to attend regularly, and I will check attendance periodically. 20% of your grade will be based on my evaluation of your participation in the class.
2. **Essays.** There will be two essay assignments. Each essay should be 6-8 double-spaced pages, and each one will count 25% of your course grade.
3. **Term project.** You must also do a research project based on original study of a neighborhood in any city or town in Massachusetts, Connecticut, or Rhode Island. The term paper from this project will count 30% of your course grade.

Schedule of topics and readings:

1/21 Introduction

1/26-28 What is at stake in cities?

John Logan and Harvey Molotch. *Urban Fortunes* Ch. 1.

Jasper Goldman. "Warsaw: Reconstruction as Propaganda" Ch. 6 in Lawrence Vale and Thomas Campanella (eds.), *The Resilient City*.

Andrew Haughwout. "Evidence from Real Estate Markets of the Long-Term Impact of 9/11 on the New York City Economy" Ch. 4 in Howard Chernick (ed.), *Resilient City: The Economic Impact of 9/11*.

John Logan. "Population Displacement and Post-Katrina Politics: The New Orleans Mayoral Race, 2006" Report of the American Communities Project, Brown University, 6/1/06.
<http://www.s4.brown.edu/katrina/report2.pdf>.

2/2-4 The economy and culture of underclass neighborhoods.

William Wilson. "Social Change and Social Dislocations in the Inner City" *The Truly Disadvantaged*. Ch. 2.

Elijah Anderson. *Streetwise*. Ch. 4.

Martin Sanchez Jankowski. *Islands in the Street*. Ch. 6.

2/9-11 Neighborhoods: separate and unequal

John R. Logan, Brian Stults, and Reynolds Farley. 2004. "Segregation of Minorities in the Metropolis: Two Decades of Change" *Demography* 41:1-22.

John R. Logan, Deirdre Oakley, and Jacob Stowell. "Segregation in Neighborhoods and Schools: Impacts on Minority Children in the Boston Region"
http://browns4.dyndns.org/cen2000_s4/colorlines/colorline01.htm

South, Scott and Kyle Crowder. 1999. "Neighborhood Effects on Family Formation: Concentrated Poverty and Beyond" *American Sociological Review*.

Scott South and Kyle Crowder, "Escaping Distressed Communities: Individual, Community, and Metropolitan Influences" *American Journal of Sociology*.

2/18 Race in Providence (no class on 2/16).

Joel Perlmann. *Ethnic Differences: Schooling and Social Structure among the Irish, Italians, Jews, and Blacks in an American City, 1880-1935*. Chapter 5: "The Blacks" and Conclusion.

2/23-25 Race and the labor market

John Kasarda. "Urban Industrial Transition and the Underclass." *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*.

Norman Fainstein. "The Underclass/Mismatch Hypothesis as an Explanation for Black Economic Deprivation" *Politics and Society* (1986/87).

Reynolds Farley, Sheldon Danziger, and Harry Holzer. *Detroit Divided*. Ch. 3-5.

3/2-4 Comparisons with the historical immigrant experience

Stanley Lieberson. *A Piece of the Pie*. Chapter 2: "The Initial Conditions"

Thomas Kessner, *Golden Door*. Chapter 2: "The Immigrant Context" Chapter 3: "Immigrant Occupational Distribution" Chapter 6: "The Residential Dimension"

Stephan Thernstrom, *The Other Bostonians: Poverty and Progress in the American Metropolis, 1880-1970*. Chapter 9: "The Boston Case and the American Pattern"

3/9-11 Immigrant minorities in the labor market

Roger Waldinger and Thomas Bailey. "Reslicing the Big Apple." *Policy Studies Review* (1992).

Min Zhou. *Chinatown: The Making of an Ethnic Enclave*. Ch. 6: "The Ethnic Labor Force and Its Labor-Market Experience"

K. Wilson and Alejandro Portes. 1980. "Immigrant Enclaves" *American Journal of Sociology* 86: 295-319.

John Logan, Richard Alba, and Brian Stults. 2003. "Enclaves and Entrepreneurs: Assessing the Payoff for Immigrants and Minorities" *International Migration Review* 37 (Summer): 344-88.

First essay due 3/16

3/16-18 Growth politics and divisions among neighborhoods

John Logan and Harvey Molotch. *Urban Fortunes* Ch. 2-4.

Clarence Stone. *Regime Politics: Governing Atlanta, 1946-1988* (Ch. 8).

3/23-25 Spring Recess

3/30-4/1 The purposes of urban policy

John Logan and Harvey Molotch. *Urban Fortunes*, Ch. 5.

Todd Swanstrom. *The Crisis of Growth Politics*. Ch. 8: "The Politics of Community Development"

Paul Peterson. *City Limits*. Ch. 3: "The Three Policy Arenas"

Arlene Davila. *Barrio Dreams*. Ch. 3: "Empowered Culture: The Empowerment Zone and the Selling of El Barrio"

4/6-8 Renewing neighborhoods: battles for place.

Herbert Gans. *The Urban Villagers*. Ch. 13: "Redevelopment of the West End"

Robert Caro. *The Power Broker: Robert Moses and the Fall of New York* (Ch. 37).

Janet Abu-Lughod, "The Battle for Tompkins Square Park" Ch. 11 in Abu-Lughod, *From Urban Village to East Village*.

Jonathan Rieder. *Canarsie: The Jews and Italians of Brooklyn against Liberalism*. Ch. 3.

4/13-15 Strategies for redevelopment.

Bernard Frieden and Lynne Sagalyn. *Downtown, Inc. How America Rebuilds Cities* (Ch. 7-8).

Gerald Suttles, *The Man-Made City*. Ch. 5.

Gordana Rabrenovic. *Community Builders: A Tale of Neighborhood Mobilization in Two Cities* (Ch. 8-9).

Gregory Squires. *From Redlining to Reinvestment* (Ch. 1).

4/20-22 Making a difference: grounds for optimism, limits of progressive reform

Pierre Clavel and Nancy Kleniewski. "Space for Progressive Local Policy: Examples from the US and UK."

John Mollenkopf. *The Contested City*. Ch. 5: "Consequences of the Neighborhood Revolt against Renewal"

Stella Capek and John Gilderbloom. *Community versus Commodity*. Ch. 5.

Norman Krumholz, "A Retrospective View of Equity Planning: Cleveland, 1969-1979" Ch. 16 in *Readings in Planning Theory* (edited by S. Campbell and S. Fainstein),

4/27-29 Impacts of globalization

John Logan and Harvey Molotch. *Urban Fortunes*. Ch. 6-7.

Saskia Sassen. *The Global City*. Ch. 10.

5/4 Making the future: New York and London

Michael Harloe and Susan Fainstein. "Conclusion: The Divided Cities."

Second essay due 5/11.

Term paper due 5/14.