ARCH 3310
LAND AND CITY
2011-12 Term 1
Thursday 9:30am-12:15pm
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DESCRIPTION
This course is an introduction to the study of cities, and a required course for Year 3 undergraduate architecture students. What are the forms of city? What are the physical attributes of different forms? What shape cities? The course refers to The City Shaped by Spiro Kostof as textbook, and draws upon a broader list of other readings. It includes a number of lectures to examine the form and process of cities. The course material focuses on five predominant city forms in history namely: the organic pattern, the grid, city as diagram, the grand manner of cities, and skyscraper cities. Using Hong Kong as a site of investigation, students will examine the physical attributes and historical process of particular places, and critically evaluate them against the form of cities.

OBJECTIVES
1. To understand the forms and processes of key models of cities;
2. To be able to identify and appraise the form of cities.

ASSESSMENT SCHEME
Assignments (90%)
Participation (10%)

COURSE FORMAT
Lectures and tutorials

REFERENCE BOOK
Spiro Kostof, The City Shaped (text book)
Spiro Kostof, The City Assembled
F. Castagnoli, Orthogonal Town Planning in Antiquity
Ebenezer Howard, Garden Cities of Tomorrow
Le Corbusier, The City of Tomorrow and its Planning
Elizabeth Barlow Rogers, Landscape Design, a Cultural and Architectural History
Joseph Rykwert. The Idea of a Town, the Anthropology of Urban Form in Rome Italy and the Ancient World
Otto Wagner, The Development of a Great City. Architectural Record, May 1912, Oppositions No. 17
Rossi, Aldo, The Architecture of the City, MIT Press, 1982

SCHEDULE
08.09.2011 Introduction
15.09 ‘Organic’ patterns: evolution
22.09 ‘Organic’ patterns: planned picturesque
29.09 The grid: orthogonal planning
06.10 The grid: Modernist grid
13.10 City as diagram: ideal cities
20.10 City as diagram: planned paradise
27.10 The grand manner: expanding horizon
03.11 The grand manner: great cities
10.11 Skyscraper city: skyline and skyscrapers
17.11 Skyscraper city: mega cities and urbanism
24.11 Presentation
01.12 Presentation

FIELD TRIP
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[ ] Yes → [ ] Local; [ ] Overseas → Date(s): Destination(s):
[x ] No
SAME COURSE OFFERED BEFORE (student has taken the same course is not allowed to retake) (please check the boxes)
[ ] No

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