UCLouvain

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## Transformations and urban politics

| 5.00 credits | 30.0 h | Q1 |
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| Teacher(s)                  | Lenel Emmanuelle ;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| Language :                  | French                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Place of the course         | Bruxelles Saint-Louis                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Prerequisites               | The prerequisite(s) for this Teaching Unit (Unité d'enseignement – UE) for the programmes/courses that offer this Teaching Unit are specified at the end of this sheet.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Learning outcomes           | At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to:  Based on the notion that there is an intrinsic link between society and space and that the two must be considered together, the objectives of the course are:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                             | <ol> <li>To provide an overview of the major urban transformations from the origins of the city until today according to the development of capitalism;</li> <li>To understand the fabric of space as a support for action, an instrument of action and a social product;</li> <li>To define some of the challenges of contemporary urban policies.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Evaluation methods          | Oral exam, which includes:  1. A question on the course subject chosen at random. The student has 10 minutes to think about the question. (10 points)  2. Presentation and discussion of a pre-prepared question (written assignment). (10 points)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Teaching methods            | <ul> <li>Teaching takes place in the form of lecture sessions. It is nevertheless designed to be dynamic and involving:</li> <li>An interactive session in English will be given by a visiting professor.</li> <li>Students will be asked to take part in an external activity linked to the course, to be chosen from a range of proposals. They will have to mobilize the notions they have seen in order to take an analytical look at its content.</li> <li>There is no syllabus, but a detailed course outline and Powerpoint material for oral presentations will be sent out no later than the day before the class (cf. Moodle). Students are expected to take careful notes to complete these.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Content                     | The course takes a social science approach to analyzing the "urban phenomenon", its evolution and the ways in which public authorities are tackling major contemporary issues. It draws mainly on sociology, with contributions from history (to understand the major urban revolutions), political science (to decipher the logic of public action applied to the urban environment) and urban planning (to characterize forms of territorial organization). It is divided into two main sections:  1. The urban phenomenon: history and fundamental dynamics. This section looks at the 3 major "urban revolutions" in relation to the socio-economic changes that underpin them. It also presents the fundamental contributions of a number of classic (Weber, Tönnies, Simmel, Chicago Tradition) and more contemporary (Lefèbvre and Sassen in particular) authors to our understanding of the "urban fact".  2. Issues and mechanisms of contemporary urban policies. Using a critical perspective and concrete case studies from Brussels, Europe and the rest of the world, this section presents some of the issues at stake in contemporary urban policies (mobility, soscio-spatial segregation, access to public space, the housing crisis, the climate challenge) and the main public responses to them. |
| Bibliography                | Bibliographie complète sur le Moodle du cours.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Faculty or entity in charge | ESPB                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

| Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)                           |         |         |              |                   |  |  |
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| Program title                                                           | Acronym | Credits | Prerequisite | Learning outcomes |  |  |
| Bachelor in Human and Social<br>Sciences                                | HUSO1BA | 5       |              | ٩                 |  |  |
| Bachelor in Sociology and Anthropology                                  | SOCA1BA | 5       |              | ٩                 |  |  |
| Minor in Sociology and<br>Anthropology                                  | MINSOCA | 5       |              | ٩                 |  |  |
| Bachelor in Information and Communication                               | COMB1BA | 5       | BESPO1160    | ٩                 |  |  |
| Bachelor in Information and<br>Communication (French-<br>English)       | COAB1BA | 5       | BESPO1160    | Q                 |  |  |
| Bachelor in Information and<br>Communication (French-Dutch-<br>English) | COTB1BA | 5       | BESPO1161    | Q                 |  |  |
| Bachelor in Sociology and Anthropology                                  | SOCB1BA | 5       | BESPO1160    | ٩                 |  |  |
| Bachelor in Sociology and<br>Anthropology (French-English)              | SOAB1BA | 5       | BESPO1160    | ٩                 |  |  |
| Bachelor in Sociology and<br>Anthropology (French-Dutch-<br>English)    | SOTB1BA | 5       | BESPO1161    | ٩                 |  |  |
| Bachelor in Political Sciences                                          | SPOB1BA | 5       | BESPO1160    | ٩                 |  |  |
| Bachelor in Political Sciences (French-English)                         | SPAB1BA | 5       | BESPO1160    | ٩                 |  |  |
| Bachelor in Political Sciences (shift schedule)                         | SPDB1BA | 5       | BHDPO1125    | ٩                 |  |  |