

SCO201 Space, Place, People and the City

Level: 2

Credit Units: 5 Credit Units

Language: ENGLISH

Presentation Pattern: EVERY SEMESTER

Synopsis:

What constitutes a city? How do we overcome the challenges of technological innovations that affect developments of cities, and manage the social, cultural and economic challenges of contemporary urban societies? This course introduces spatial perspectives: how spaces and places constitute the city, the city in globalising societies and economies, and the application of social inquiry to people, spaces, places, and technologies that affect urbanization processes.

Topics:

- What is a “City”, and how do we study it?
- Can Cities Be Designed? (The Production and Consumption of Urban Spaces)
- Migration, Urban-Rural Linkages, and Diversity
- Sustainability and Liveability
- Environmental Governance and Disasters
- Technology and the City
- Heritage and Thematic Developments
- Arts and Culture in Urbanizing Landscapes
- The Everyday Urban Life
- “Informal” Cities
- Civil Society and the Public Sphere
- Alternative Development

Learning Outcome:

- Define the role of various actors and institutions in constructing urban spaces
- Discuss the range of disciplinary and theoretical approaches in studying the city
- Analyse the problems and promises of urbanization processes by connecting theories and concepts with practice and observations of everyday situations
- Identify socio-cultural and politico-economic patterns in the urban fabric through field observation
- Explain theoretical reflections and observations clearly and effectively in writing and presentations
- Develop thoughtful and creative ideas to address urban issues

Assessment Strategies:

Continuous Assessment Component	Weightage (%)
PRE-COURSE QUIZ	10
TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT	15
GROUP BASED ASSIGNMENT	35
TUTOR-MARKED ASSIGNMENT	40
Sub-Total	100

Examinable Component	Weightage (%)
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