This course explores the dynamic global system of cities and how certain cities emerge as “global cities.” Cities take on new or evolving roles in the changing global economy as globalization develops in particular local sites and contexts, sometimes referred to as “glocalization.” Key global cities are engaged in cultural production, finance, and manufacturing, or global governance and have forged new connections to these changing industrial sectors and to each other as productive capitals. We also will study the roles of changing demographics and international migration streams as cities become more “internationalized” through trans-national migration. Cities also play a crucial role in the creation of national and international identities that develop from within and across these global cities. The role of culture is a key concept in the course, as landscapes and architecture in global exchange have become a new focal point for organization and development. We explore the question of how local urbanism or local urban cultures are constructed and how local urban cultures change as globalization situates these cities. We will study macro-structural trends through theory and case studies, in particular, London and New York, Johannesburg, Rio de Janeiro, and Chinese cities. The course will include films as key texts, which are a key medium to explore global cities. Students will study one city of their own choosing to research in depth.

The course is designed as a upper division course for Social Relations and Policy majors and Comparative Cultures and Politics majors in James Madison College. For SRP majors, this course will fulfill a cluster in comparative studies or in urban studies. It is designed to be a companion course to MC384: Metropolitan Society and MC347: Urban and Regional Development. For CCP majors, this course incorporates comparative cultures and transnationalism. Prerequisites for the course include any one of the following courses: MC 230, MC231, MC280, MC281. This course has been approved in the past as an IR selective as well, but it needs to be approved by the IR chair.

Required Books:
Please Note that all of these books are on course reserve at the MSU Main Library.

1) *Cities in a World Economy* by Saskia Sassen  HT321.S28 2012 (see me if you have 3rd ed.)

2) *Planet of Slums* by Mike Davis  HV 4028.D39 2006

3) *Favela: Four Decades of Living on the Edge in Rio de Janeiro* by Janice Perlman,

4) *Taming the Disorderly City: The Spatial Landscape of Johannesburg After Apartheid*
by Martin J. Murray  HN801.J64 M87 2008

5) *China's Urban Transition* by John Friedmann  HT384.C6 F75 2005
Recommended Books (also on reserve in the main library)

HV4140.M86 B66 2012


*The Endless City* (Hardcover) by Ricky Burdett (Author), Deyan Sudjic Phaidon Press Inc. (2008)  


**Course Assignments:**

10% **Class Participation and Attendance.** This is your first and foremost assignment. You should come to class with the readings assigned for that day prepared to discuss the material. If you miss three classes, your grade will be lowered by half a grade point.

10% **Research Paper Proposal.** A 4-5 page summary of your project is due Monday, Oct. 13 by 5 pm, in the D2L Drop Box. Summarize the research question, your hypotheses, and provide one paragraph summary each for 5 sources. **We will have a library course on available resources in the Main library on Monday Oct 6th with reference librarian Julia Frankosky.** She will be providing us with a course guide on the MSU library page as well. Your Research Proposal will be due one week later.

20% **Midterm.** The in class exam will cover theories of global cities: November 5 in class. Bring two blue books, and one page of notes.

10% **Annotated bibliography.** You should include 15 sources, with two paragraphs for each. Due Friday Nov. 14 by 4:00 pm: hardcopy in my mailbox and an electronic copy in the D2L drop box.

5% **Power Point Presentation:** You will create a power point presentation of your research to be sent to me on the assigned day of your presentation and it will be posted on D2L to be shared with the class. Oral presentations for me will be open to the class to attend. Times and classrooms will be arranged.

25% **Research Paper.** The paper will be 15-20 pages and will examine a global city or comparative aspect of global urbanism of your choice. The final paper is due Monday, December 8th by 12:00 noon, both by hard copy and electronic copy in the D2L drop box.

20% **Final Exam.** In class essay on Thursday, December 11th from 10:00 am till noon. Bring two blue books and one page of notes.

**Honors Option:** Those who want to do an honors option will extend their research paper topic to be at least 25 pages and 20 sources.

Students are expected to uphold the James Madison College guidelines on **Academic Honesty and Integrity.** The Faculty Assembled recommend that in cases involving proven academic dishonesty, the student should receive, as a minimum, a 0.0 in the course and that a record of the circumstances, sanctions, and any appeal, be placed in the student's confidential permanent file, subject to explanation to applications for jobs and subsequent educational programs. See p.79 in the James Madison College Handbook for a summary of these guidelines. [http://jmc.msu.edu/academic-standards/](http://jmc.msu.edu/academic-standards/)
Schedule of Course Readings and Discussion:

PART I: Theories of Global Urbanization and Urbanism

PLEASE Note: There is no class on Monday September 1st.

Before we meet on the 27th,
** Please review the ppt “The Development of Urbanization and Capitalism” On D2L
** And review the website; Smart Planet Rankings: Top 25 Global Cities

Week 1: Defining the Global City and Urbanism
Aug. 27: Wirth: “Urbanism as a Way of Life” (1938) on D2L
Marcuse, Peter (2009) From critical urban theory to the right to the city. City 13, no. 2-3 185-197.
UNESCO: “Urban Policies and the Right to the City” 2009 On D2L

Week 2: The New Global Urban Economy
Sept. 1: Happy Labor Day
Sept. 3: Sassen, Cities in a World Economy
Preface to Editions 1 and 2, pp. xi-xvi
Chapters 1-3, pp. 1-108

Week 3: Inequality and Uneven Development
Sept. 8: Sassen, Cities in a World Economy
Chapters 4 and 5, pp. 109-240
Sept. 10: Sassen, Cities in a World Economy
Chapters 6 -9, pp. 241-329

Part 2: Marginality, Slums, and Subaltern Urbanism
Week 4: Planet of Slums
Sept. 15 Robinson: “Global and World Cities: A View from off the Map” 2002 International J. of Urban and Regional Research. Vol 26:3 531-54
Sept. 17 Davis: Planet of Slums, Chapters 1-3, pp. 1-69

Week 5: Marginality and Informality
Sept. 22 Davis: Planet of Slums, Chapters 4-6, pp. 70-150
Sept. 24 Davis: Planet of Slums, Chaps 7 - Epilogue, pp.151-206
Week 6: Global Urbanism, current theory and methods

Sept. 29


Oct 1

Wyly, E (2010) Things pictures don’t tell us: In search of Baltimore. *City, 14*(5), 497-528

Part 3: Case Studies: Rio de Janeiro, Chinese Urbanization, and Johannesburg

Week 7: New Geographies of urban citizenship

Oct 6
Meet reference librarian Julia Frankosky at Main Library ref. desk for special instruction on research resources.

Oct 8:


Week 8: Case Study 1: Rio de Janeiro: The Myth or Reality of Marginality?

Research Proposal Summary is due Mon. Oct. 13 in class and in D2L drop box.

Oct 13
Perlman: *Favela*
Preface, pp. xiii – xxiv; Introduction, Chap. 1, pp.1 -1

Oct. 15
Perlman: *Favela* Chaps 2-5 pp

Week 9: Favela Urbanism

Oct. 20:
Perlman: *Favela*  6-8, pp,147-219

Oct 22
Perlman: *Favela* Chaps 9-12, pp, 220-339, skim appendices

Week 10: Favela Urbanism represented in Film and museums

Oct 26
**Film: City of God** (2002) (130 minutes)

Sunday
Time and place TBA

Oct 27
**Favela Rising** (2002) (88 minutes) viewed in class

Oct 29
Conclusion of film and Discussion of the 2 articles listed below (D2L)
On reserve or find links here and on D2L:
“Film and Urban Societies in a Global Context” by Tony Fitzmaurice


**Week 11: Summary of Marginality and Informality**

Nov 3 Open Discussion and Review

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**Nov 5** MIDTERM bring two blue books for in-class exam

**Week 12: Case Study 2: Urbanization in China.**

Nov. 10 Friedmann: *China’s Urban Transition*, Preface through Chap.3, pp. ix-55

Nov. 12: Friedmann: *China’s Urban Transition*, Chaps 4 and 5, pp. 57-93

**Week 13: Urbanism, Citizenship and Nationalism**

**Nov 16:** Film: 24 City (2008) by Directed by Zhangke Jia

Sunday Time and Place to be announced

Nov. 17 Friedmann: *China’s Urban Transition*, Chaps. 6 and Conclusion, pp.95-129

BBC Hong Kong v. Shanghai (2007) handout (on D2L)


**Nov. 20** Annotated bibliography of 15 sources, due Friday by 4:00 pm: hardcopy in my mailbox and an electronic copy in the D2L drop box.

**Week 14: Case Study 3: Citizenship and Social Justice in Johannesburg**

**Nov 23** Film: *Tsotsi* 94 minutes Writer and Director: Gavin Hood. Producer:

Sunday This film won the Academy Award for Best Foreign Film in 2005


Nov. 24 Murray: *Taming the Disorderly City* Introduction through Chap 2, pp. 1-58

*The Endless City*: “Johannesburg” pp. 192-217

Visit the websites below from the South African information bureau:
Nov 26: Murray: *Taming the Disorderly City*  Chapters 3-5, pp. 59 -153

Nov 27: **Happy Thanksgiving**

**Week 15:**  **Survival and Urbanism in the City**

Dec 1 Murray: *Taming the Disorderly City*  Chapters 6-8, pp. 154-236

Dec 3 Didier, S., Morange, M., & Peyroux, E. (2013). The adaptative nature of neoliberalism at the local scale: Fifteen years of city improvement districts in Cape Town and Johannesburg. *Antipode, 45*(1), 121-139.

**Part 4:**  **Research Paper Presentations**

I will be scheduling 20 minute power point presentations throughout the week for presentation in a classroom. Times will be decided upon. Classmates may come to watch these presentations. I will pass out a sign-up sheet and you can choose a slot.

**Dec. 8**

**Final Research Papers:**

- Hard copy due by noon in my office mailbox
- And an electronic copy in the D2L Box.

**DEC 11**  **Final Exam. Thursday 10:00-12:00 noon**

In class essay, bring two blue books