Urban Sociology

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**Preconditions to participate:**
fundamental knowledge about urban planning or geography proven by having accomplished the courses of the previous semesters of the Double Degree Master Programme

**Learning outcome:**

**Knowledge:** Students will gain a better understanding of urban sociology, social problems and the social and political context of urban planning. They will understand the basic contents of urban sociological research on urban planning.

**Competencies:** Students will be able to analyze and solve problems in urban planning practice, social problems and related planning policies, which set the theoretical and practical foundation for the social practice in the future. Their capability to set up theoretical base of studying and formulating social policy of urban planning will be enhanced.

**Skills:** The students will improve their discussion culture in interdisciplinary debates as the course is open to participants of various disciplines.

**Contents:**
Based on introducing urban sociological research related to urban planning, this course focuses on the theories and discussion of urban social space, urban social psychology, community planning, public participation and relevant urban policies in global, regional and local context.
- Features of development of postmodern cities and space
- Cultural dimension of contemporary urban society and space
- Urban Society and space in the global and informational era
- Social behavior in Metropolis Life
- Basic theory and development of public participation in Urban Planning
- Social Politics and Metropolitan Planning
- Environmental Issues and Metropolitan Planning
- Globalization and Urbanization in the Third World
- Metropolitan Problems: Poverty, Racism, Crime, Housing and Economic Crisis

**Teaching methods:**
This course combines lectures (some of them are taught by invited guest professors) and discussions open to post-graduate students from the College of Architecture & Urban Planning and some other relevant colleges in the university.

**Modes of assessment:**
paper or group presentations on certain selected topics

**Conditions for granting credit points:**
The assignment of the course includes term paper or group presentations on certain selected topics.

**Weight of the mark for the final score:**
The weight of the mark equals the CP of the module.

**Person in charge for the module:**
Prof. Guiqing Yang

**Teaching staff:** Assistant Prof. Yi Huang, Assistant Prof. Ming Tong, invested guest professors.

**Other information:**