Course description:
Comparative multi-disciplinary survey of urban transition in Asia. Several case studies introduce patterns and processes of urban and regional change which highlight implications for the future of urban societies in Asia. Key themes include: historical overview of trends in Asian urbanization; critical examination of urban and rural across various socio-cultural and political-economic settings; global and local forces and the importance of place; Western theory and local area-based knowledge.

By the end of this course you will be able to:
• Describe and critically analyse major patterns and processes of urbanization and the development of cities and urban regions in Asia
• Use appropriate information to evaluate the empirical realities of such phenomena in the context of relevant concepts and theoretical frameworks
• Identify assumptions, strengths and weaknesses of conventional interpretations of rapid urban transformation in Asia, and understand alternative conceptualizations
Proposed assignments:

- Academic journal article review 20%
- Presentation/Discussion leader 25%
- Course paper 45%
- Participation 10%

Proposed reading list:

Sample readings include the following:


