ANTH 393: Anthropology of the City
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COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

In this course, we will look at the city as a site and product of human interaction and experience. We will discuss cities from history, historical cities and cities from different geographies and develop an anthropological lens to understand the urban experience that is shaped by inequality, migration, diversity, globalization and planning. In the second part, we will engage in a community based research where students will plan and implement research in Victoria’s ethnic food culture in collaboration with a community organization. Some lectures will take place at UVic’s CityStudio where we will welcome speakers. Students will share their research results as stories on an online mapping platform.

Learning objectives are:

- Recognize and describe different anthropological theories to analyze urban life
- Develop an anthropological terminology to discuss distinct urban experiences
- Translate and apply theoretical knowledge into practical work in the field
- Plan and implement community research in the field in collaboration with community partners
- Interview informants and analyze results and write results creatively

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT

Upon completion of this course the students will be able to

- Provide evidence of experience in and reflection on community engagement activities.
- Demonstrate an ability to engage respectfully with others in a diverse society.
- Apply knowledge and experience acquired during class to active and ethical participation in community life