Urban Sociology Syllabus, Spring, 2011

2 credit hours
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I. Brief Introduction

_Ubrs vs. cité_: connected lives in collective settings

II. Becoming Self in the Urban World

Self-identity and the significant others
Socialization
Social networks and embedded self

III. Home, not alone

Home, household, and familial life
Domesticity, companions, and objects
Property, community, and urban village

IV. Quotidian Lives and the Rhythms of the City

Life-world (words, foods, and things)
Time-space (working, living, leisure and circulation)
Places (from here to elsewhere)
Sites of performative belonging

V. Processes and Realities of the Urban

Urbanization and industrialization
Bureaucratization, clubs, and governance
Technology and innovation
Capital accumulation
Institutions and cultural agency

VI. Governing the Common

Public vs. private lives
Classification of collective goods
Partnerships and normative options

VII. Localizing the Global

Neighborhood
Locality
Metropolitan-region
Globalization

VIII. Planning and Performing

Restoring the urban order
Becoming a social self

No textbooks assigned, class participations and library works are required. One term papers (to be announced) (40%), three quizzes (30%) and in-class performance (30%) constitute the grade of the course.