Urban Sociology Syllabus, Spring, 2012

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 and community

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. Two term papers (subjects to be announced) (80%) and in-class performance (20%) constitute the grade of the course.