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Cities and Conflict (2GG2035)

Filières concernées	Nombre d'heures	Validation	Crédits ECTS
Pilier principal M ScS - anthropologie	Cours: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5
Pilier principal M ScS - géographie humaine	Cours: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5
Pilier principal M ScS - migration et citoyenneté	Cours: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5
Pilier principal M ScS - psychologie et éducation	Cours: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5
Pilier principal M ScS - sociologie	Cours: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5
Pilier secondaire M ScS - anthropologie	Cours: 2 ph	Voir ci-dessous	5
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ph=période hebdomadaire, pg=période globale, j=jour, dj=demi-jour, h=heure, min=minute

Période d'enseignement:

- Semestre Printemps

Equipe enseignante

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Overall Description of the Seminar

Cities nowadays are the frontlines of (geo)political conflict. From urbicide – targeted destruction of urban public space as a strategy of war – to international terrorism and gender-based violence, urban spaces are sites where (geo)political violence is often actualized, negotiated, experienced, felt and challenged. With multiple violences that scar contemporary urban life, this seminar explores how cities shape conflict as well as how different forms of conflict shape cities. During the seminar, we bring examples of cities across the global north, south and east to address different notions of conflict and urban violence. The seminar engenders a wide definition of urban conflict, ranging from war, terrorism and gang violence to social and economic marginalizations, exclusions and gender-based violence. Moreover, the seminar addresses notions of peace and practices of anti-violence that are mobilized in cities to challenge and contest urban conflict.

Forme de l'enseignement

Language

Main language of lectures is English, while seminar discussions can be held in French and English.

Class Format

The seminar will utilize various teaching methods in order to provide insight into current debates in critical studies of urban conflict and urban geopolitics. The discussions will be based on provided academic literature, as well as on the basis of empirical data such as films and videos, empirical examples from lecturer's (own) research and from students' projects. The format encourages peer teaching and interactive learning environment with the lecturer acting as a moderator and seminar leader. The students are encouraged to ask critical questions, to transfer what they have learned into their own life context and to enrich it with their own experiences.

Objectifs d'apprentissage

Au terme de la formation l'étudiant-e doit être capable de :

- Review key strands of thought within urban geopolitics
- Examine the specific cases of conflict in cities as part of an individual project work
- Apply the concepts and themes of urban geopolitics to their own local environments

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- Demonstrate their ability to engage in respectful and intellectually productive conversation on the topics of social exclusion, marginalization, political conflict and violence
- Develop awareness of political violence and anti-violence and their spatial materializations in an urban environment

Compétences transférables

- Summarize and critically discuss key arguments and theoretical concepts of required readings
- Communicate about your research project in an educationally innovative way with the other participants
- Formulate a scientific critique and develop one's own arguments
- Present your own research and analyses in a structured way