



<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Planning Economic and Urban Neighborhoods in Transition - The Case of Berlin</b>
<b>Category</b>	Metropolitan Studies & Urban Development
<b>Class Time</b>	<b>Session 2, July 20<sup>th</sup> – August 14<sup>th</sup> 2020</b> <b>Track C</b> <b>Weekly schedule</b> Tuesday: 1.30 pm – 3 pm & 3.30 pm – 5 pm Wednesday: 1.30 pm – 3 pm & 3.30 pm – 5 pm Friday: 9 am – 10.30 am & 11.00 am – 11.45 am
<b>Course Level &amp; Target Group</b>	B.A. students (subjects: geography, urban planning, regional planning, social sciences and similar subjects)
<b>Course Language</b>	This course is taught in English, including readings in English. For the understanding of the texts and the discussions in class a language level B2 (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) is required.
<b>ECTS</b>	5 ECTS (45 contact hours)
<b>Instructor</b>	Mr. Prof. Dr. Lech Suwala

## Course Description

The aim of this course is to understand and learn about the different challenges urban neighborhoods are facing, e.g. integration and migration, social exclusion, demographic change, housing shortage, gentrification, economic decline, shrinkage and ecological renewal. The city of Berlin is currently a hot spot for various dynamic neighborhood developments, and thus, serves as example to illustrate recent challenges. The course is featuring in-class seminar sessions as well as field trips.

## Course Objective & Learning Outcomes

The seminar provides students with a

- critical understanding of different neighborhood development related issues
- discussion of possible solutions of these issues
- imparting of theoretical and technical knowledge that is required to identify problems, values and attitudes of planning
- providing theoretical as well as practical insights in neighborhood planning

## Readings

Strom, E. / Mayer, M. (1998): The New Berlin. German Politics and Society, Issue 49, Vol. 16, No. 4, Winter 1998, pg. 122-139

Arandjelovic, B. / Bogunovich, D. (2014): City profile: Berlin Cities, Volume 37, April 2014, pg. 1-26 Supplementary materials will be handed out.

**More readings will be communicated shortly before the beginning of the course.**

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## Course Schedule

The length of the course is four weeks. Each week three sessions on three days (morning or afternoon) of three hours each will take place.

### **Week one: Introduction (to the city of Berlin and its neighborhoods)**

Day 1: Seminar with discussion of theoretical approaches

Day 2 & Day 3: Field trips (e.g., , Alexanderplatz)

### **Week two: Housing**

Day 1: Seminar with discussion of theoretical approaches

Day 2 & Day 3: Field trips (e.g. Marzahn, Prenzlauer Berg, Friedrichshain, Tempelhof,)

### **Week three: The creative class**

Day 1: Seminar with discussion of theoretical approaches

Day 2 & Day 3: Field trips (e.g. Wedding, Kreuzberg)

### **Week four: Diversity in Berlin**

Day 1: Seminar with discussion of theoretical approaches

Day 2 & Day 3: Field trips (e.g. Lichtenberg, Neukölln)

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## Assignments & Assessment Components

The final grade and the grant of 5 ECTS will be composed of the following aspects. A percentage weighting is established for each component:

- Active participation in all classes and discussion during seminars and excursions – 33%
- A presentation on a specific topic discussed during the seminar sessions – 66%

-A minimum of 80% class attendance is required.

-Regular readings & reading notes based on the given scientific texts are mandatory

Failure to fulfil one of the mentioned components results in failure of the class.

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## Expectations & Policies

Preparation for lively discussions in the classroom: be on time, have at least the required readings completed and points in mind for discussion or clarification.

Assignments: complete all assignments according to the specified requirements on schedule including handing over to the lecturer.

Commitment in class: pay particular attention to the lecturer and respect differences of opinions (classmates', lecturers, local constituents engaged with on the visits).

Academic guidelines: Comply with academic integrity policies (such as no plagiarism or cheating, nothing unethical), especially the academic honour code and the student code of conduct (see *FAQs* on [www.huwisu.de](http://www.huwisu.de)).

Attendance policy: No unexcused absences are permitted. Students must contact their class teachers to catch up on missed work – to excuse absence please contact the HUWISU office (80% class attendance are required).

Field trips: if classes involve a field trip or other external visits, these require attendance as well as appearance in time – transportation difficulties are never valid reasons for an excused absence.

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## Extra-curricular Activities

HUWISU offers a fine selection of interesting extra-curricular activities and aims to give all participants an unforgettable stay in Berlin. Your program includes excursions, sport activities and social gatherings providing you the opportunity to get to know the city, the university and your classmates better and to meet students from all parts of the world. The costs for these offers are included in the program fee.

Below, you find examples of previously offered cultural activities. You will be informed about the respective cultural program after your enrolment via email as well as during the course period.

### Political and historical guided tours:

- **Federal Chancellery (Bundeskanzleramt):** It's the central coordination point for the entire government policy. The office is in constant contact to departments and other authorities.
- **German Parliament (Bundestag):** As the highest organ of the legislative in Germany it's elected by the German people. In practice Germany is governed by a bicameral legislature, of which the Bundestag serves as the lower house and the Bundesrat equals the upper house.
- **House of Representatives (Abgeordnetenhaus):** It's the state parliament (Landtag) of Berlin and located in the center of the reunified city. Together with the Martin Gropius Bau, the Topography of Terror and the Bundesrat, it presents an arresting contrast to the flair of the new Potsdamer Platz.
- **Topography of Terror:** A permanent exhibition with focus on the central institutions of the SS and police during the "Third Reich" and the crimes they committed throughout Europe. With the help of mostly photographic material, visitors are led through the major themes of the exhibition's five main segments.
- **Political Archive:** As the "memory" of the Federal Foreign Office it preserves the files on German diplomacy since 1867, as well as the international treaties signed by the Federal Republic of Germany and its predecessors in title. The records are preserved, processed and made available for academic research.

### Cultural guided tours:

- **Kreuzberg Tour:** Kreuzberg has emerged from its history as one of the poorest quarters in Berlin in the late 1970s to a cultural center of today's Berlin. A unique area and one of the hippest neighborhoods in Berlin with many bars, pubs and clubs.
- **Museum Island (Museumsinsel):** was awarded UNESCO World Heritage Status in 1999 and is an ensemble of five museums: Old Museum, New Museum, Old National Gallery, Pergamon Museum and Bode Museum.
- **Berlin Cathedral (Berliner Dom):** Berlin's largest and most important Protestant church is located on the Museum Island.
- **Daytrip to Potsdam:** Be inspired by the illustrious attractions of the UNESCO's World Heritage while underway through the city of Potsdam. Immerse yourself in the history and present of Potsdam and discover many palaces, gardens, and historic quarters such as the "Holländisches Viertel" or the "Nikolaikirche".
- **Exhibitions:** Berlin is known for its unique galleries and exhibitions, that is why we will visit at least one during the Summer University.

### Social gatherings:

- **Welcome Get-Together:** We invite you to meet all participants as well as the HUWISU staff in a relaxed atmosphere.
  - **Boat trip:** Get to know Berlin from a completely new perspective and see Berlin's famous sights while floating along the river Spree.
  - **Beach Volleyball:** A fun outdoor sport activity on long warm summer evenings for those who love to play and everyone who just want to enjoy watching the others play, lying in the sand, meet friends for some drinks, or simply relax in the middle of Berlin.
  - **Farewell Party:** At the end of the Summer University we will come together to celebrate the exciting time with HUWISU.
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## Your Instructors

### Mr. Prof. Dr. Lech Suwala

Lech Suwala is Visiting Professor of Urban Studies and Regional Studies at Technische Universität Berlin. Before that, he was a Visiting Associate Professor for Innovation Management at Ritsumeikan University, Japan, Osaka and Research Associate at the Institute of Economic Geography at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. He is a geographer and economist with working experience in both science and industry.

He previously held positions as Research Fellow at Simon-Fraser-University, Vancouver, Canada; Lecturer at the University of Namibia, Windhoek and University of Applied Sciences on Technology and Economics, Berlin.

Lech Suwala's expertise includes spatial creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship research, European and regional planning, as well as smart and green approaches towards urban development. His research has been published in peer-reviewed journals (e.g. Regional Studies, German Journal of Economic Geography), monographs (Springer) and internationally edited volumes (Ashgate, Routledge, Springer).

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Please note that the course and its syllabus are subject to change. Last update: January 2020