USP-510/410-001: INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR (previous China Seminar)

Winter 2019

Time: Thursdays at Noon  Location: URBN 220  Facilitator: Yiping Fang

There is something extremely special about getting people with different backgrounds in a room together in the spirit of sharing and learning from one another. In this seminar, I found a community in pursuit of learning. The international scope of this seminar brings a wide range of urban issues into the room. It also highlights how important context is, something which is all the more apparent when you are able to take a step back.

This one credit International seminar provides an opportunity to share interests and experiences about international urban development in order to establish an ongoing discussion forum about Planning and urbanization in a global context. This forum integrates resources at the PSU-China Innovation in Urbanization Program and welcomes all students, faculty and community members.

The central form of this seminar is presentations and discussions. Those who registered are required to contribute to discussions; Others are welcomed to join in. The detailed list of seminar topics will be announced one week ahead of the time.

**Assignments for registered students:**
USP410 (Undergraduate level) *(you can also choose the graduate level assignment)*:
- Essays responding to weekly talk or international planning topic articles: 500 words each.
- Three essays in total, due at the end of 3rd, 6th, and 9th week.

USP510 (Graduate level):
Each student is required to study an international planning case of their interest, using the political ecology framework to identify the power dynamics, and then either
1. Present your study in the seminar (a 30 minutes talk), meet the instructor in advance about the topics and schedule; or
2. Write 1200 words blog post about the case you studied. This should be submitted no later than Wednesday, the week Eleven.

**Readings to understand China/international**
*(this is still strongly focused on China, will be updated slowly)*
Following Blogs/Websites:
https://apolitical.co/

China Dialogue: china and the world discuss the environment
https://www.chinadialogue.net/

http://chinadigitaltimes.net/

Interesting reads on China and its development: http://www.theatlanticcities.com/topics/china/

Books:

Movies/documentaries

This list of movies might help, although some of them are really old:
http://www.imdb.com/list/ls075144149/

These documentaries on YouTube are more recent ones:
https://www.google.com/webhp?sourceid=chrome-instant&ion=1&espv=2&ie=UTF-8#q=al+jazeera+documentary+China&tbm=vid&*