Course Description: This seminar examines urbanization and globalization in East Asia. We will first focus on the history and geography of globalization. The second part of the course turns to theoretical debates about contemporary globalization and a range of controversies surrounding global cities. Why are some cities more “global” than others? Is globalization increasing inequality in urban society? Is globalization making cities more similar to each other in urban planning and architecture? We will focus on several East Asian global cities, including Tokyo, Beijing, Bangkok, and Manila, among others.

Readings: The readings will be available through the course website or through Hollis. We will read the following books, which are available at the Coop or through online retailers:


Assignments: All students will write a short book review 3-5 pgs in length. Students will also be asked to write a literature review essay summarizing previous research on their topic or city for their main assignment. These writing assignments build on each other, so students will be able to incorporate them into the final paper. For their final paper, students have a choice of different writing assignments: they can choose what kind of paper best suits their interests and their access to books and sources this semester. The first option is to write a research paper approximately 20 pages in length on any topic related to the course. The second option is to write a research design approximately 20 pages in length sketching out the logic behind the research the student plans to conduct for a senior thesis. The third choice is to write a draft chapter of a “very short book” on a global city in East Asia, modeled on Clark’s *Global Cities* (2016). Alternative paper ideas can be substituted with approval of the instructor.

Class Participation: As a seminar, attendance is required and contributions to class discussion are expected from each student every week. Contributions to the course website also count as a form of class participation. Excerpts from student papers, book reviews, maps, data, and videos are some of the possible content students can contribute to the website. Given the uncertainties we are facing this semester, students will be allowed one unexcused absence over the course of the semester. Any additional absences will require approval from the instructor.

Academic Policies: Assignments are due at the deadline. Extensions can be granted if the student requests the extension before the deadline and has a valid reason for the delay. Late assignments without an extension will be penalized 1/3 of a grade for each day they are late. Collaboration in research and writing is encouraged, but students must follow the honor
code and properly cite the sources of their ideas, whether from published sources or their classmates.

**Grades:** Class Participation 20%
- Book Review 15%
- Literature Review 25%
- Final Paper 40%

**COURSE SCHEDULE:** This class will be scheduled after registration, taking into account students' course schedules and time zones.

Jan 15 or Jan 18  Introduction & Q&A

**PART I. The Big Picture**
**Week 1: Overview**
- Jennifer Robinson, “The View from Off the Map”

**Week 2: Theories of Globalization**
- Saskia Sassen, *Cities in a World Economy*, 5th ed. Sage Publishing, 2019. Intro, Ch 1 & Ch. 4

**Week 3: The History of Globalization in East Asia**
Students can choose to read the history of one of the following cities (or propose reading the history of another city in the region):
- **Beijing**: Lillian Li et al, *Beijing: From Imperial City to Olympic City*, Ch. 1-3 & Ch. 7-8
- **Hong Kong**: McDonogh & Wong, *Global Hong Kong*, Ch. 2-4
- **Bangkok**: Marc Askew, *Bangkok: Place, Practice, Representation*, Ch. 1-3

**Part II: Global Cities Debates: Globalization & Urban Development**
**Week 4: The Built City and Public Space**
- Peter Marcuse, “Space in the Globalizing City”
- Newman & Thornley, *Planning World Cities*, Intro, Ch. 12

**Book Review Due**

**Week 5: Global Tokyo**
- Andre Sorensen, *The Making of Urban Japan*, Ch. 5 Postwar Reconstruction
- Andre Sorensen, “Tokyo World City”
Week 6: Global Beijing
- Wu Hung, *Remaking Beijing*, Ch. 1
- Ren Xuefei, *Building Globalization*, Ch. 3

Week 7: Student Presentations: Mapping Global Cities & Home Towns
- Jan Gehl & Birgitte Svarre, *How to Study Public Life*, 1-3

Literature Review Due

Part II: Debates: Globalization & Inequality
Week 8: Inequality in Global Cities
- Branko Milanovic, *Global Inequality*, Ch. 1-2
- Mike Smith, *Planet of Slums*, Verso Books, 2006. Ch. 1 "The Urban Climacteric"
- Edward Glaeser, *Triumph of the City*, Penguin, 2011. Ch. 3 "What’s good about slums?"

Week 9: Inequality & Urban Politics in Guangzhou & Mumbai

Week 10: Inequality in Manila

Week 11: Crisis & Globalization: Where do we go from here?
- John Barry, *The Great Influenza*, Ch. 16
- Jeffry Frieden, *Global Capitalism*, Ch. 8

Week 12: Student Presentations

Final Paper Due