

Vorlesungsverzeichnis

M.Sc. Advanced Urbanism

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M.Sc. Advanced Urbanism **3**

M.Sc. Advanced Urbanism**1724124 Pedestrians' Perspectives on the City - Politics and Poetry of Walking****S. Frank, S. Mandic, S. Rudder**

Veranst. SWS: 3

Seminar

Di, wöch., 13:30 - 15:00, Belvederer Allee 5 - Seminarraum 007, 21.10.2014 - 31.03.2015

Di, Einzel, 12:00 - 16:00, Geschwister-Scholl-Str.8A - Seminarraum 109, 18.11.2014 - 18.11.2014

Bemerkung

Starts on Tuesday, October 21, 13.30

For further information please visit our website:

<http://www.uni-weimar.de/de/architektur-und-urbanistik/professuren/staedtebau-1/>

registration: Belvederer Allee 5, room 003, 13.10.2014 – 30.10.2014

Kommentar

This seminar aims to explore the complex and vibrant relation between the pedestrian and the city. We will look at walking as medium of urban perception as well as a mode of mobility. Starting with Charles Baudelaire, Walter Benjamin and the literary type of *flaneur* we will move to sixties' psycho geography, the concept of *dérive* and then switch over to self experience in a chosen urban environment, whether in Weimar or any other city.

In a second phase we look at the current situation of walking, check alleyways and hidden paths through the city, analyze distribution of space in streets and places and research walking as a sustainable mode of mobility in a car centered city.

Finally we search for new mobility projects that feature walking as an element of multi-modal mobility and a way to reclaim urban space.

Thanks to funds provided by *Professional.Bauhaus* we will be able to invite specialized scholars from the Universities of Munich and Grenoble for guest lectures.

Furthermore the seminar will be a test case for new forms of digital learning, introducing the new E-learning platform *moodle*.

Voraussetzungen

Students are required to attend class regularly, participate in class discussions, complete readings, and complete case study presentation and documentation.

Evaluation will be based on attendance, participation and assignments.

Leistungsnachweis

3 ECTS

1724301 Bauhaus-Argumente**I. Weizman**

Veranst. SWS: 2

Vortrag

Do, Einzel, 19:00 - 21:00, Steubenstraße 6, Haus F - Hörsaal K20, 23.10.2014 - 23.10.2014

Do, Einzel, 19:00 - 21:00, Geschwister-Scholl-Str.8A - Oberlichtsaal 213, 30.10.2014 - 30.10.2014

Do, Einzel, 19:00 - 21:00, Steubenstraße 6, Haus F - Hörsaal K20, 13.11.2014 - 13.11.2014

Do, Einzel, 18:00 - 21:00, Geschwister-Scholl-Str.8A - Oberlichtsaal 213, 27.11.2014 - 27.11.2014

Do, Einzel, 18:00 - 21:00, 11.12.2014 - 11.12.2014

Do, Einzel, 18:00 - 21:00, Geschwister-Scholl-Str.8A - Oberlichtsaal 213, 22.01.2015 - 22.01.2015

Do, Einzel, 18:00 - 21:00, Geschwister-Scholl-Str.8A - Oberlichtsaal 213, 29.01.2015 - 29.01.2015

Kommentar

Bauhaus-Argumente ist eine Vortragsreihe des Bauhaus-Instituts für Geschichte und Theorie der Architektur und Planung. Sie lädt zu einer öffentlichen Diskussion zwischen international anerkannten Fachleuten und Theoretikern verschiedener wissenschaftlicher Disziplinen ein. Die Vorträge stellen neue Forschungsprojekte in für die Architektur relevanten Fächern vor und sollen neue Impulse für Zusammenarbeit und Austausch in der wissenschaftlichen Arbeit international, sowie innerhalb der Universität geben. In der Idee, durch Streitgespräche und Streitbarkeit, Gedanken über Zeitgeschehen, Politik und Kultur mit Positionen und Forschungen zur Geschichte des Ortes und der Institution Bauhaus zu verbinden, erhebt diese Serie den Anspruch auf Aktualität.

1724308 Urban Australia: Resilience, Sustainability and Headways

B. Stratmann

Veranst. SWS: 2

Seminar

Mi, Einzel, 09:15 - 10:45, Marienstraße 7 B - Seminarraum 106, 22.10.2014 - 22.10.2014

Mi, wöch., 09:15 - 10:45, Geschwister-Scholl-Str.8A - Seminarraum 109, 29.10.2014 - 30.01.2015

Kommentar

The seminar will explore major aspects of urban development in Australia, also looking at the historical formation of Australian cities and the links between urban and societal development. Issues to be discussed will include: housing and housing styles; suburbanization and urban renewal; gentrification; segregation; multiculturalism, diversity and urbanity; the compact city model, urban form and sustainable development; transport and infrastructure; economic restructuring and globalisation; cities and regions; place marketing, hallmark events, cities in competition; urban resilience. The concepts employed in the course can be applied to the analysis of urban development in other Western countries, including Germany. In general, the seminar provides students of architecture and of urban studies with an understanding of urban issues as examined by urban sociologists. Being taught overseas the course will commence with an introduction to Australian society, including Aboriginal life and culture.

Voraussetzungen

gute Englischkenntnisse - sound knowledge of English

Leistungsnachweis

Die Prüfung erfolgt in Form eines Referates mit schriftlicher Ausarbeitung, die gegen Ende des Seminars eingereicht wird. Auf Wunsch kann die Ausarbeitung auch in deutscher Sprache erfolgen (außer bei EU/AdUrb-Studierenden).

1724325 Urban Resilience and Building Construction

N. Baron, P. Schmidt

Veranst. SWS: 2

Seminar

Mi, wöch., 15:15 - 16:45, Geschwister-Scholl-Str.8A - Seminarraum 108, 22.10.2014 - 04.02.2015

Bemerkung

Seminar in english language.

Kommentar

Bauhaus-University Weimar (BUW) in collaboration with the Ethiopian Institute of Architecture, Building Construction and City Development (EiABC) of Addis Ababa University AAU

Under the concept of "Urban Resilience" we understand a broad panorama of ideas that reflect the approach that the development of a city should not take place at the environment's and future generations' expenses. Having said

that, we do not, however, pledge for austerity and puritanism but for a new opulence of urban space, culture, and lifestyles. (After: Thomas Sieverts in "Resilienz" by Harald Kegler)

The seminar "Urban Resilience and Building Construction" will convey a broad knowledge about urban resilience as well as its consequences for building construction and the architectural shape. Students shall develop their ability to recognize key aspects of urban resilience in general and apply what they have learnt in an analysis of their hometowns.

The course will be held as a pilot project of the Bauhaus-University's participation in the BMBF (German Ministry for Education and Research) project "Offene Hochschulen" (Open Universities) with its program "Professional Bauhaus". This course by the Institute for European Urban Studies is targeting on online-collaboration to explore blended learning formats in the field of architecture and design education. For this purpose, two groups of students from Weimar, Germany and Addis Ababa, Ethiopia will work parallel and look at the topic from their specific local context.

Leistungsnachweis

Research Paper

1724330 Lecture Series: Housing for Everyone?! History, Presence and Future Perspectives on Social Housing in Germany, Europe and Beyond

L. Hartung, B. Schöning

Veranst. SWS: 2

Vorlesung

Di, wöch., 17:00 - 18:30, Marienstraße 13 C - Hörsaal B, 14.10.2014 - 31.03.2015
Mi, Einzel, 19:00 - 20:30, Marienstraße 13 C - Hörsaal A, 19.11.2014 - 19.11.2014

Bemerkung

Tuesday 17.00 - 18.30 | Start: October 14th (weekly)

Lecture Series + Seminar

registration: Belvederer Allee 5, room 003, 13.10.2014 – 30.10.2014

Kommentar

In spite of demographic decline in Germany in general, major German cities are growing. And, in consequence, are experiencing a shortage of housing and an increase of rents and real estate prices, especially in the more affordable segments of the housing market. Within the last year this has fostered a debate not only on housing policy as such but also on the need to build new public housing. But: there is little knowledge on how to finance, organize and actually design quality affordable housing under the conditions of urban austerity and increasing social polarization. Instead, affordable and public housing still is imaged as large housing estates with run down houses and low quality public space at the edge of the city, put together according to architects ideas and housing authorities' balances – leading in the end to socially deprived and isolated areas. However, form and function of affordable housing in Germany have changed dramatically since the "end of public housing" was proclaimed in the 1980ies and subsidized affordable housing became a niche of housing production.

Within the lecture series we will take a close look on institutional, urban and architectural forms as well as the societal function of public housing nowadays. We will discuss not only the history, but especially current models of public housing in Germany, Europe and beyond. Doing so, the lecture will take on an interdisciplinary perspective: We will discuss the development of public housing in the context of welfare state as well as urban transformation processes. But also we will look at institutional questions (policy instruments, operating, financing) as well as the urban and architectural design of public housing.

The lecture can be combined with a research seminar (in English or German language) but can also be attended separately. To receive credits for the integrated course in "Urban Planning" (MA AdUrb and EU) or the "Kombiniertes Modul" (MA Urbanistik) both must be attended, the seminar and the lecture series.

Voraussetzungen

Course of Study: Master Advanced Urban Studies / European Urban Studies

1724409 Contested spaces - Spatialized conflicts

F. Eckardt, R. Seyfarth

Veranst. SWS: 2

Seminar

Di, wöch., 15:15 - 16:45, Belvederer Allee 5 - Seminarraum 005, 21.10.2014 - 31.03.2015

Kommentar

New York, Tel Aviv, Madrid, Istanbul, Sao Paulo, Cairo, and a lot more cities have been on the map of urban conflicts within the last years. While the protestors took a stand against the national government and/or the urban regime and/or globalized powerscapes for quite different reasons, the protests have been partly perceived as a global movement, as somehow connected.

This seminars aims at discovering the local logic as well as the more general aspects behind these conflicts. The seminar will consist out of three parts – an introduction to the theory of conflict, a review of selected events and the analysis of the spaces where these conflicts manifested themselves. Is there a connection between space and conflict? How do conflicts transform spaces – physically as well as socially and symbolically?

Richtet sich an: MSc Advanced Urbanism, MSc European Urbanism, MSc Urbanistik, IPP-EU

Leistungsnachweis

Hausarbeit

1724411 Housing in a Global Changing Environment - Assessing the vulnerability and promoting the resilience of cities

A. Wagner

Veranst. SWS: 2

Seminar

Fr, wöch., 11:00 - 12:30, Belvederer Allee 5 - Seminarraum 008, 24.10.2014 - 31.03.2015

Kommentar

Cities across the globe are facing the reality of climate variability. Climatic threats such as floods, storm surges, sea level rise are predicted to have negative effects on human, economic and environmental assets. Urban areas in low- and middle-income nations are particularly at risk. They account for already more than a third of the world's total population and they are likely to house most of the world's demographic and economic growth in the next 10–20 years. Such growth does not come without consequences in a global and climatic changing environment

Extreme events have disastrous consequences across the globe resulting in financial, social and environmental losses. Since Hurricane Katrina's destruction in 2005, the world has seen heavy flooding across Africa in 2009, 2011 and 2013; the effect of a Tsunami in Japan in 2011; the damages caused by Hurricane Sandy in North America and the Caribbean islands in 2012 as well as the most recent destructions from Super Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. The world has experienced tremendous challenges to anticipate, cope with and recover from these extreme events.

Global environment changes (including extreme weather events, unregulated processes of urbanization as well as economic and conflict related migration) will make the whole issue of housing even more relevant in the future. The question of housing in connection with growing demands and pre-conditions for adaptation to climate change needs to be considered in the framing of sustainable housing development.

This course highlights the specific impacts and innovative responses towards climate adaptation in housing particularly at the intersections of formal and informal systems. It discusses how extreme events have transformed the localization, construction and maintenance of housing and particularly what are the drivers and impact of climate-related events and how have they shaped the vulnerability and responses from planning, design and policies in the housing sector. The course will couple social and ecological research perspectives as well as methodological approaches. It will provide a characterization of the territorial systems, an analysis of trade-offs and will explore ideas on ongoing processes of internal displacement and relocation, environmental and social vulnerability, resilience and planning recovery.

Requirements: GOOD LEVEL OF ENGLISH mandatory!!!!, knowledge of development issues in emerging and low income countries desirable.

Registration: Belvederer Allee 5, room 003, 13.10.2014 – 30.10.2014

1724412 Kompetenzvermittlung

M. Welch Guerra

Veranst. SWS: 2

Seminar

Fr, Einzel, 09:15 - 18:30, Marienstraße 7 B - Seminarraum 102, 07.11.2014 - 07.11.2014

Fr, Einzel, 09:15 - 18:30, Marienstraße 7 B - Seminarraum 102, 19.12.2014 - 19.12.2014

Fr, Einzel, 09:15 - 18:30, Marienstraße 7 B - Seminarraum 102, 16.01.2015 - 16.01.2015

Bemerkung

Einschreibung ab 6.10.2014 Belvederer Allee 5, 1. OG

Kommentar

Ohne Text keine Wissenschaft. Nach dem Akt des Forschens ist die Vermittlung des Forschungsprozesses und die Begründung der Ergebnisse der zweite Schritt wissenschaftlicher Produktion. Dabei bedeutet Text hier nicht nur die sinnvolle Abfolge von Buchstaben, sondern auch deren Verbindung mit Zahlen Grafiken, Plänen, Entwürfen und Abbildungen aller Art.

Der sichere Umgang mit wissenschaftlichen Texten, passiv und aktiv, lesend, redend und schreibend, ist mithin Voraussetzung für das anspruchsvolle Studium der Urbanistik und natürlich auch der Architektur.

Hier setzt unser Seminar an, das sich hauptsächlich mit der kritischen Lektüre fremder fachlicher Texte und der exemplarischen Produktion eigener kurzer Texte für unseren laufenden Hochschulbetrieb beschäftigt. Gemeinsam werden wir uns grundlegende Ansätze, Methoden und hilfreiche Gewohnheiten des Lesens und des Schreibens wissenschaftlicher Texte erarbeiten

Einschreibung für die Veranstaltungen ab dem 13.10. in der Belvederer Allee 5, 1. OG, Tresen

Voraussetzungen

Zulassung Master Urbanistik

Leistungsnachweis

Schriftliche Ausarbeitung!

1724413 Migration and the European City**F. Eckardt, R. Lenz**

Veranst. SWS: 2

Seminar

Di, wöch., 15:15 - 16:45, Belvederer Allee 5 - Seminarraum 007, 21.10.2014 - 03.02.2015

Kommentar

The seminar objective is to analyse the development of cities in Europe and the importance of migration. The first focus is the character of the City in Europe: which institutions and processes shape its form. Here, Globalisation and Europeanisation are seen as two dominant terms and in addition, the context of the internationalization of the capitalist production mode is discussed. One result is an ethnically diverse city. Today, migrants live in particular in urban areas even in East Germany or Russia. Therefore the second focus lies on the process and impact of migration from the arrival to governance. This will be done in the seminar with a comparative perspective.

Richtet sich an: IPP, UH, MA Urb, MA AdUrb, MA EU

1724415 Urban Sociology (Introduction)**F. Eckardt**

Veranst. SWS: 2

Vorlesung

Mo, wöch., 17:00 - 18:30, Marienstraße 13 C - Hörsaal C, 20.10.2014 - 16.02.2015

Kommentar

Life in German cities has undergone substantial changes in the last decade. Not only the East German cities had to address new challenges after the reunification of the German nation in 1990, but also the West German cities had to reformulate their place in the complex urban networks. Cities are mirroring wider changes in German society where new social and political developments can be observed. Economic and cultural globalization has had a major impact on many aspects of urban life. This lecture will give an overview about major developments in German cities since the German reunification in 1990. It will provide both a sound source of information on the most important issues of German society and reflect important discussion of the international debate on urban studies. After delivering a historical overview of German cities, basic concepts of urban sociology will be developed by discussing subjects like gentrification, segregation, migration, life style diversity and others. The lecture provides an insight view into classical theories of urban sociology as deriving from Max Weber, Georg Simmel and the Chicago School.

Richtet sich an: Advanced Urbanism, Europäische Urbanistik, IPP/Urban Heritage, MediaArchitecture, Master Urbanistik

Termin: montags 17:00 bis 18:30 Uhr, erster Termin 20. Oktober 2014

Registration at the first meeting

Leistungsnachweis

Klausur

1724419 Aesthetics of discomfort - Two days of leaving our comfort zone**F. Eckardt**

Veranst. SWS: 2

Blockveranstaltung

Sa, Einzel, 07:30 - 18:30, Belvederer Allee 5 - Seminarraum 005, 15.11.2014 - 15.11.2014

So, Einzel, 07:30 - 18:30, Belvederer Allee 5 - Seminarraum 005, 16.11.2014 - 16.11.2014

Kommentar

The design of the train was also the design of the train wreck.

Discomfort challenges the certainty of our everyday lives; unease may release defiance. So, our world is designed to provide comfort and convenience. What makes me feel uncomfortable? What would the uncomfortable look like? Under what circumstances do I appreciate the state of discomfort?

In this two-day seminar, will design experiments that modify the convenience surrounding us to explore the aesthetics of discomfort. The seminar will follow up on the conference "Urban Minorities", where we will present our project "New Cairo Case".

Richtet sich an: Advanced Urbanism, Europäische Urbanistik, IPP/Urban Heritage, MediaArchitecture

Dozenten: Nele Brönnner, Willy Sengewald

Termine: 15. und 16. November 2014 (ganztägig)

Registration via E-Mail to nelebroenner@gmail.com

1724422 Basics and Methods of Real Estate Management

B. Nentwig

Veranst. SWS: 2

Vorlesung

Mi, wöch., 09:15 - 10:45, Marienstraße 13 C - Hörsaal D, 15.10.2014 - 06.02.2015

Kommentar

This lecture focusses main topics of real estate and urban development, analysis trends of the real estate market, economic calculation in phases of the development. Additional to this course the participants have to take part in the seminar „Real Estate Development“

registration: 1st lecture

1724424 Social Housing and the Welfare State: Concepts and Reality in Comparative Perspectives

L. Hartung, B. Schöning

Veranst. SWS: 2

Seminar

Mo, Einzel, 13:30 - 15:00, Belvederer Allee 5 - Seminarraum 005, 20.10.2014 - 20.10.2014

Mo, Einzel, 11:00 - 12:30, Belvederer Allee 5 - Seminarraum 005, 27.10.2014 - 27.10.2014

BlockSa, 13:30 - 15:00, 30.10.2014 - 01.11.2014

Mo, Einzel, 13:30 - 15:00, Belvederer Allee 5 - Seminarraum 005, 10.11.2014 - 10.11.2014

Mo, Einzel, 13:30 - 15:00, Belvederer Allee 5 - Seminarraum 005, 24.11.2014 - 24.11.2014

Mo, Einzel, 13:30 - 15:00, Belvederer Allee 5 - Seminarraum 005, 08.12.2014 - 08.12.2014

Bemerkung

Another Lecture: Sandra Schindlauer

Monday 13.30 - 15:00 | Start: October 20th till December 15th

Appointment:

20.10.2014

27.10.2014

30.10. - 01.11.2014 Block Seminar (Excursion to Berlin)

10.11.2014

24.11.2014

08.12.2014

03.02.2015 (in the lecture!): Final presentation of research results (1 session)

Kommentar

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Starting point of the seminar is the question whether and in what way a specific new model of social housing has evolved in different national contexts through the neoliberal transformation of welfare states (at the national level) and urban policies (at the local level). To answer this question, the seminar will take in international perspectives. Building on the input of the lecture series “Housing for Everyone” and against the background of the German and European case studies presented in the lecture series, the seminar will discuss international examples of public housing. Students will prepare research reports on international case studies using their own national background as a starting point for discussion. The synthesis of the seminar's discussion on international case studies of public housing will be presented in the final session of the lecture series.

Part of the seminar is an excursion to historic and present developments of public housing in Berlin that can be seen as a laboratory of public and affordable housing (October 30th to November 1st).

Voraussetzungen

Course of Study: Master Advanced Urban Studies / European Urban Studies

1724425 Sustainable Urbanism: Challenges and Opportunities of Urbanization
L. Hartung

Veranst. SWS: 2

Seminar

Di, wöch., 13:30 - 15:00, Belvederer Allee 5 - Seminarraum 005, 14.10.2014 - 31.03.2015

Bemerkung**Lecture: Jesus j. Lara**

time and room will be announced

Kommentar

This seminar examines how the concept of Sustainable Urbanism applies to communities, cities and neighborhoods and gives students' insight into a variety of contemporary urban design, and planning issues and practices through the sustainability lens. The seminar combines lectures, readings and student research projects.

While cities and urban areas offer tremendous opportunities for social contact and interaction, employment, and well-being, they are also the source of many of our current environmental problems. In search of more sustainable solutions to urban growth, social and political fragmentation, and its impact in the environment, the Sustainable Urbanism seminar examines case studies of proactive approaches of urban sustainability in the United States and beyond its borders. We will be approaching this from the policy and planning angles the seminar will focus on considerations of design in the urban context.

registration: Belvederer Allee 5, room 003, 13.10.2014 – 30.10.2014

Voraussetzungen

Course of Study: Master Advanced Urban Studies / European Urban Studies

Basics and Methods of Real Estate Management - Group AdUrb

K. Hoffmann, B. Nentwig

Veranst. SWS: 2

Seminar

Mi, unger. Wo, 11:00 - 12:30, Belvederer Allee 5 - Seminarraum 007, 22.10.2014 - 04.02.2015

Kommentar

Constitutive on the course Basics and Methods of Real Estate Project Development a development task is the main topic of this course. Characteristics are market and location analysis, concepts for estimated usage and economic calculations. Additional information will be given in the first course.

registration: Belvederer Allee 5, room 003, 13.10.2014 – 30.10.2014

Introduction to Moderation - Group A

T. Dobberstein

Veranst. SWS: 2

Übung

Mo, Einzel, 09:15 - 16:45, Belvederer Allee 5 - Seminarraum 007, 13.10.2014 - 13.10.2014

Mo, Einzel, 09:15 - 16:45, Belvederer Allee 5 - Seminarraum 007, 03.11.2014 - 03.11.2014

Mo, Einzel, 09:15 - 16:45, Belvederer Allee 5 - Seminarraum 007, 01.12.2014 - 01.12.2014

Mo, Einzel, 09:15 - 16:45, Belvederer Allee 5 - Seminarraum 007, 19.01.2015 - 19.01.2015

Kommentar

Meetings with representatives of different interest groups are important milestones in today's planning processes. The different expectations regarding the outcome of the meeting and the different backgrounds of the participants challenge the diplomatic skills of the planners who lead the discussion. The lecture teaches fundamental tools to guide group meetings and planning workshops towards a productive output. Practical exercise sessions address techniques to visualize and to moderate planning related issues. A consensus on multi-interest decisions in the urban context depends on the accurate detection of all different interests of the stakeholders involved and the right analysis of potentially conflicting positions. The implementation of informal planning strategies and dialogue based communication are discussed in the course.

registration: Belvederer Allee 5, room 003, 13.10.2014 – 30.10.2014

Master-Colloquium

S. Schipper

Kolloquium

Bemerkung

Time:Block course, see notice-board

Location:Belvederer Allee 5

Start: See notice-board

Registration: Not necessary, all students accepted for the Master examination have to participate

Kommentar

The course is the platform for presentation and discussion of the Masters theses. The candidates will present the intermediate results of their work on their individual topics. Suggestions for further action will be made by fellow students and academics attending the colloquium. Admission for the Master examination is required for participation. Performance record (attestation) will be achieved by giving an oral presentation.

Voraussetzungen

Admission for the Master examination is required for participation.

Leistungsnachweis

Performance record (attestation) will be achieved by giving an oral presentation.

Urbanism in China

W. Kam

Veranst. SWS: 2

Seminar

Di, wöch., 09:15 - 10:45, Belvederer Allee 5 - Seminarraum 005, 14.10.2014 - 31.03.2015

Kommentar

Like many other Asian cities, Chinese cities have been fundamentally undergoing a transformation process in the previous decades, as a result of globalization and intensive modernization. This development however, is accompanied by the destruction of the unique cultural heritage and identity represented by the built environment in the region. The broad discussion is, 'Who are the actors contributing to the formation of the current China?' This course enables students to throw a glance to both the traditional and contemporary built environment in the Chinese region through an interdisciplinary approach. The course aims at providing an introduction to several selected Chinese cities on a thematic basis, e.g., the vernacular architecture and urban settings for the Hakka tribe in the Southeast Region of China, development Vs destruction in contemporary Shanghai and post-colonial Hong Kong etc. Students are encouraged to interpret city and its urban settings by understanding and considering its traditions, culture, politics, climate and geography as well as the in-between dynamics and tensions of these issues. A range of themes and locations will be introduced and the students will be studying and investigating these Chinese cities/ towns/ regions as case studies. As the Chinese culture is foreign for most of the students, we shall commence our investigation with these Chinese cities/ settlements with the aid of different resources such as films, photography, documentaries and paintings, as well as journals and literature. The course includes a sequence of lectures and student presentations. The lectures will provide the historical and theoretical background necessary for the discussion of development issues in a broad perspective. Student presentations will focus on independent research including observations, literature reviews and hence critical thinking.

registration: Belvederer Allee 5, room 003, 13.10.2014 – 30.10.2014