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Sociology 430
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URBANISM AND URBANIZATION

Course Homepage: http://faculty.washington.edu/charles/430_2010/

This course is a primer on origins and historical development of cities from the perspective of human ecology. One of the classical theoretical orientations in sociology, human ecology originated with Robert Park and the Chicago school of sociology. Human ecology has roots in natural ecology and links to several disciplines including geography, sociology, and anthropology. Within the discipline of sociology, human ecology is closely aligned with demography and the study of urbanization and migration. The content of this course is mostly classical writings from earlier times and selected contemporary empirical studies.

There are three requirements for this course. The first is to write a brief one paragraph synopsis of one of the weekly readings and to post one or more questions for our class discussion. Your comments will be posted on the course Bulletin Board (more about this shortly). The second requirement is to write a 5 to 7 page (less than 2,000 words) research proposal. The research proposal should contain a clear statement of an empirical question and its significance (1 page), a review of the relevant of theoretical and empirical literature (3-4 pages), and a description of the source and measurement of the key variables. The third requirement are mid term and final exams. The exams will be take-home essay exams.

There will be two take-home examinations. The midterm exam will be distributed on February 4 and is due on February 9. The final exam is cumulative over the term and will be distributed on the last day of class and will be due on March 18 at 2:30 p.m.

The final course grade will be a weighted average of weekly comments posted on the website (20%), the mid-term (25%), final exam (25%), and the research proposal (30% each).

Most of the materials for this course are available from the course website http://faculty.washington.edu/charles/430_2010/. I have posted a copy of the course syllabus (this document), a very long list of additional readings for your future study (and references for your research proposal), and a list of useful electronic links. All course readings are on electronic reserve and can be downloaded from the link "Course Readings Online." The website also contains links for "notes" for each week of the course. I will post a set of Power Point slides that will be used to illustrate my presentations in class. There are separate headings (conversations) for students to post notes on course readings and a "Student Forum" where questions and comments can be posted. Active participation on the course bulletin board is encouraged with 20% of the final grade based on weekly contributions to "Notes on Readings" and the "Student Forum."

Electronic Resources:

Defining and Measuring Cities and Metropolitan Areas

United Nations. 1974. "Problems of Definition of Urban Population Change." Pp. 9-13 of *Methods of Projections of Urban and Rural Populations, Manual VIII*. New York: United

Nations. Available from United Nations Demographic Manuals Online at:
<http://www.un.org/esa/population/techcoop/PopProj/manual8/manual8.html>
U.S. Census Bureau Website on Metropolitan and Metropolitan Statistical Areas:
<http://www.census.gov/population/www/metroareas/aboutmetro.html>
U.S. Census Bureau Website on Urban and Rural Definitions:
http://www.census.gov/geo/www/ua/ua_2k.html
Washington State Data Center Website:<http://www.ofm.wa.gov/pop/sdc/default.asp>
William Frey, et al. 2004. *Tracking Metropolitan America into the 21st Century: A Field Guide to the New Metropolitan and Micropolitan Definitions*. Washington, DC: Metropolitan Policy Program, Brookings Institution. Available at:
http://www.brookings.edu/~media/Files/rc/reports/2004/11demographics_frey/20041115_metro_definitions.pdf

General Reference Works and Links

United Nations. World Urbanization Prospects: The 2007 Revision:
<http://www.un.org/esa/population/publications/wup2007/2007wup.htm>
United Nations. International Migration Report 2006: The Global Assessment
http://www.un.org/esa/population/publications/2006_MigrationRep/report.htm
The Cyberhood: a website on urban research and policy with a focus on the race and class divide in the United States. Sponsored by the Urban Affairs Association and the Center for Urban Studies at the University of Buffalo: <http://www.thecyberhood.net/content/pages/home.php>
Metropolitan Policy Program at the Brookings Institution: Many relevant papers, especially those by William Frey and Audrey Singer. <http://www.brookings.edu/metro/About-Us.aspx>
World Bank Urban Development and Publications and Reports:
<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/TOPICS/EXTURBANDEVELOPMENT/0,,contentMDK:20169904~menuPK:337198~pagePK:148956~piPK:216618~theSitePK:337178~isCURL:Y,00.html>
John Logan's American Communities Project at Brown University contains mapping tools, 2000 Census data, and a number of important papers:
http://www.s4.brown.edu/S4/Projects_ACP.htm
National Academy of Sciences. 2003. *Cities Transformed: Demographic Change and Its Implications in the Developing World*. Panel on Urban Population Dynamics Mark R. Montgomery, Richard Stren, Barney Cohen, and Holly E. Reed, eds. The executive summary can be downloaded at: http://books.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=10693 The entire report can be read online at the same location, but it requires clicking to advance each page.
Globalization and World Cities Research Network Website: <http://www.lboro.ac.uk/gawc/>
Richard Florida Creative Class website: http://creativeclass.com/richard_florida/
Census Bureau Population Division Working Papers:
<http://www.census.gov/population/www/techpap.html>
Census Bureau 2009. Population Change in Central and Outlying Counties of Metropolitan Statistical Areas: 2000-2007: <http://www.census.gov/prod/2009pubs/p25-1136.pdf>
Douglas Massey's Mexican Migration Project <http://mmp.opr.princeton.edu/>
The New Immigrant Survey website: <http://nis.princeton.edu/>

Class Topics and Reading Assignments

Week 1: Jan 5 and 7 Human Ecology: Some Classical Statements

Read:

- Amos Hawley. 1950. *Human Ecology: A Theory of Community Structure*. New York: Ronald. Chs. 4 (pp. 66-74.); 12 (pp. 206-233); 19 (pp. 371-404).
- Otis Dudley Duncan. 1959. Human ecology and population studies. In Philip Hauser and Otis Dudley Duncan (eds.) *The Study of Population*, pp. 678-716. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Krishnan Namboodiri. 1988. "Ecological Demography: Its Place in Sociology." *American Sociological Review* 53: 619-633.

Week 2: Jan 12 and 14 The Origins and Growth of Cities and Economic Systems

Read:

- Amos Hawley. 1971. *Urban Society: An Ecological Approach*. New York: Ronald. Chs. 2 & 3 (pp. 18-62).
- G. William Skinner. 1985. "Presidential Address: The Structure of Chinese History." *Journal of Asian Studies* 44: 271-292.
- Anthony Reid. 1980. The structure of cities in Southeast Asia, fifteenth to seventeenth centuries. *Journal of Southeast Asian Studies*. 11: 235-250.
- Samuel H. Preston. 1979. Urban growth in developing countries. *Population and Development Review* 5:195-215.
- Brockerhoff, Martin P. 1999. "Urban Growth in Developing Countries: A Review of Projections and Predictions" *Population and Development Review* 25: 757-778

Week 3: Jan 19-21 Cities and Economic Development

Read:

- Eric Lampard. 1955. The history of cities in the economically advanced areas. *Economic Development and Cultural Change* 3: 81-136.
- Bert F. Hoselitz. 1957. Urbanization and economic development in Asia. *Economic Development and Cultural Change* 6: 42-54.
- Brian Berry. 1961. City size distributions and economic development. *Economic Development and Cultural Change* 9:573-588.
- York Bradshaw. 1987. Urbanization and underdevelopment: a global study of modernization, urban bias, and economic dependency. *American Sociological Review* 52:224-239.
- John Kasarda and Edward Crenshaw. 1991. Third world urbanization: dimensions, theories, and determinants. *Annual Review of Sociology* 17:467-501

Week 4: Jan 26 & 28: The Effects of Cities and Technology on People

Read:

- Louis Wirth. 1938. "Urbanism as a Way of Life." *American Journal of Sociology* 44:1-24.
- Claude Fischer. 1973. "On Urban Alienations and Anomie: Powerlessness and Social Isolation." *American Sociological Review* 38: 311-326.
- Fred Cottrell. 1957. "Death by Dieselization: A Case Study in the Reaction to Technological Change." *American Sociological Review* 16: 358-65.
- William Fielding Ogburn and Otis Dudley Duncan. 1954. "City Size as a Sociological Variable" Pp. 129-147 in Ernest Burgess and Donald Bogue. eds. 1964. *Contributions to Urban Sociology*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Amos Hawley. 1972. "Population Density and the City." *Demography* 9: 521-529.

Week 5: Feb 2 and 4: The Structure and System of Metropolitan Cities and Regions

Read:

- Donald Bogue. 1950. *The Structure of the Metropolitan Community: A Study of Dominance and Subdominance*. Horace Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan. Ann Arbor. Chs. 1 & 2 (pp. 3-30).
- Abrahamson, Mark and Michael A. DuBick. 1977. "Patterns of Urban Dominance in the U.S. in 1890." *American Sociological Review* 42:756-68.
- Feagin, Joe R. 1985. "The Global Context of Metropolitan Growth: Houston and the Oil Industry." *American Journal of Sociology* 90: 1204-30.
- Michael Irwin and John D. Kasarda. 1991. Air passenger linkages and employment growth in U.S. metropolitan areas. *ASR* 56:524-537.
- Alderson, Arthur S. and Jason Beckfield. 2004. "Power and Position in the World City System." *American Journal of Sociology* 109: 811-851.

MID-TERM EXAM DISTRIBUTED ON FEB 4 AND WILL BE DUE ON FEB 9

Week 6: Feb 9 & 11: The Spatial Structure of Cities and Their Hinterlands

Read:

- Leo Schnore. 1957. "Metropolitan Growth and Decentralization." *American Journal of Sociology* 63: 171-80.
- Avery M. Guest and Susan K. Brown. 2005. "Population Distribution and Suburbanization." Pp. 59-86 in Dudley Poston and Michael Micklin. *Handbook of Population* New York: Springer.
- Beverly Duncan, George Sabagh, and Maurice Van Arsdol. 1962. "Patterns of City Growth" *American Journal of Sociology* 67: 418-429
- John Landis. 2009. "The changing shape of metropolitan America." *ANNALS* 626: 154-181.
- Gavin W. Jones. 2002. "Southeast Asian Urbanization and the Growth of Mega-Urban Regions." *Journal of Population Research* 19: 119-136.

Week 7: Feb 16 & 18 Race and Ethnic Segregation

Read:

- Charles, Camille Z. 2003. The dynamics of racial residential segregation. *Annual Review of Sociology* 29:167-207.
- John Logan, Brian Stults, and Reynolds Farley. 2004. "Segregation of Minorities in the Metropolis: Two Decades of Change." *Demography* 41: 1-22
- Cutler, David, Edward L. Glaeser, and Jacob Vigdor. 1999. The rise and decline of the American ghetto. *Journal of Political Economy* 107:455-50
- Maria Krysan, Mick P. Couper, Reynolds Farley, Tyrone A. Forman. 2009 "Does Race Matter in Neighborhood Preferences? Results from a Video Experiment" *American Journal of Sociology* 115: 527-529.
- Douglas S. Massey, Jonathan Rothwell, and Thurston Domina. 2009. "The Changing Bases of Segregation in the United States" *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 626: 74-90

Week 8 Feb 23 & 28: Ecological Models of Migration and Population Distribution

Read:

- William McNeill. 1984. Human migration in historical perspective. *Population and Development Review* 10:1-18.
- Wilbur Zelinsky. 1971. The hypothesis of the mobility transition. *Geographical Review* 61:219-249.
- Frey, William. 1979. "Central City White Flight: Racial and Nonracial Causes." *American Sociological Review* 44: 425-48.
- William H. Frey and Alden Speare. 1992. The revival of metropolitan growth in the United States: an assessment of findings from the 1990 Census. *Population and Development Review*. 18: 129-146.
- Kam Wing Chan. 2009. "The Chinese *Hukou* System at 50." *Eurasian Geography and Economics* 50: 197-221.

Week 9: March 2 & 4 Collective Efficacy, Social Capital, and the New Urban Ecology

[I will be out of town on March 2 and will try to arrange an alternative lecturer]

Read:

- Sampson, Robert J., Stephen Raudenbush, and Felton Earls. 1997. Neighborhoods and Violent Crime: A Multilevel Study of Collective Efficacy. *Science* 277:918-24.
- Sampson, Robert J. and Steve Raudenbush. 1999. "Systematic Social Observation of Public Spaces: A New Look at Disorder in Urban Neighborhoods." *American Journal of Sociology* 105: 603-651.
- Sampson Robert J. Jeffrey Morenoff, and Felton Earls. 1999. Beyond Social Capital: Spatial Dynamics of Collective Efficacy for Children. *American Sociological Review* 64: 633-660.
- Morenoff, Jeffrey, Robert J. Sampson, and Stephen Raudenbush. 2001. Neighborhood Inequality, Collective Efficacy, and the Spatial Dynamics of Urban Violence. *Criminology* 39:517-560.

Week 10: March 9 and 11 Recent Studies of Ecological and Neighborhood Effects

Read:

Andrew Gelman, Boris Shor, Joseph Bafumi and David Park. 2007. "Rich State, Poor State, Red State, Blue State: What's the Matter with Connecticut?" *Quarterly Journal of Political Science* 2: 345–367.

Moving to Opportunity: A Symposium

Susan Clampet-Lundquist and Douglas Massey. 2008. "Neighborhood Effects on Economic Self Sufficiency: A Reconsideration of the Moving to Opportunity Experiment." *American Journal of Sociology* 114: 107-143.

Jens Ludwig et al.. 2008. "What Can We Learn about Neighborhood Effects from the Moving to Opportunity Experiment?" *American Journal of Sociology* 114: 144-188.

Robert Sampson. 2008. "Moving to Inequality: Neighborhood Effects and Experiments." *American Journal of Sociology* 114: 189-231.