

UČNI NAČRT PREDMETA / COURSE SYLLABUS

Predmet:	Urbana preobrazba: teorija in praksa
Course title:	Urban transformation: theory and practice

Študijski program in stopnja Study programme and level	Študijska smer Study field	Letnik Academic year	Semester Semester
Okoljske in regionalne študije, doktorski študij 3. stopnje	Regionalne študije	Brez letnika	/
Environmental and Regional Studies, doctoral study 3 <sup>rd</sup> cycle	Regional studies	Not specified	/

Vrsta predmeta / Course type: Izbirni / Elective

Univerzitetna koda predmeta / University course code: DIR13

Predavanja / Lectures	Seminar / Seminar	Vaje / Tutorial	Klinične vaje / Clinical work	Druge oblike študija / Other study forms	Samost. delo / Individual work	ECTS
20	10				150	6

Nosilec predmeta / Lecturer: David Bole

Jeziki /  
Languages: Predavanja / Lectures: Slovenščina / Slovene; Angleščina/English  
Vaje / Tutorial: Slovenščina / Slovene; Angleščina/English

Pogoji za vključitev v delo oz. za opravljanje študijskih obveznosti:

Končana druga bolonjska stopnja ali univerzitetni študij VII stopnje.

Prerequisites:

Second-cycle Bologna degree or a university (level VII) degree.

Vsebina:

- Ključni koncepti v urbani geografiji
- Zgodovinski pregled razvoja mest v Sloveniji in tujini
- Prostorska preobrazba mest: urbanizacija, suburbanizacija in regijska mesta
- Ekonomska preobrazba mest: kulturni preobrat in komodifikacija mestnega prostora
- Družbena in politična preobrazba mest: segregacija, izključenost in kakovost bivanja
- Mobilnost in preobrazba mest: prometni problemi in prometne politike
- Načrtovanje mest v preobrazbi
- Kritična urbana geografija: aktualne teme

Content (Syllabus outline):

- Key concepts in urban geography
- Historical overview of urban development in Slovenia and abroad
- Spatial transformation of cities: (sub)urbanisation and regional cities
- Economic transformation of cities: the cultural turn and commodification of urban space
- Social and political transformation of cities: segregation, exclusion and quality of urban life
- Mobility and transformation of cities: transport problems and transport politics
- Planning the transformed city
- Critical urban geography: current topics

### Temeljni literatura in viri / Readings:

- Leitner, H., Peck, J., & Sheppard, E. (2020). *Urban Studies Inside/Out: Theory, Method, Practice*. SAGE Publications Ltd.
- Demazière, C., Dembski, S., & Leducq, D. (2024). Small towns in the metropolitan age: An introduction. *European Journal of Spatial Development*, 21(2).
- Florida, R., Rodríguez-Pose, A., & Storper, M. (2020). Cities in a Post-COVID World. *Papers in Evolutionary Economic Geography (PEEG)* No. 2041. Utrecht University, Department of Human Geography and Spatial Planning, Group Economic Geography.
- Grandin, J., Haarstad, H., Kjærås, K., & Bouzarovski, S. (2018). The politics of rapid urban transformation. *Current Opinion in Environmental Sustainability*, 31, 16–22.
- Latham, A., McCormack, D., McNamara, K., McNeill, D. (2009). *Key concepts in urban geography*. Sage, London.
- Montgomery, J. (2008). *The new wealth of cities: city dynamics and the fifth wave*. Ashgate, Aldershot.
- Power, A. (2018). Regional politics of an urban age: Can Europe's former industrial cities create a new industrial economy to combat climate change and social unravelling? *Palgrave Communications*, 4(1), 97.
- Scott, A. J. (2012). *A world in emergence: cities and regions in the 21st century*. Edward Elgar, Cheltenham.
- Sieverts, T. (2003): *Cities Without Cities: An Interpretation of the Zwischenstadt*. Routledge, New York.
- Storper, M. (2013). *Keys to the city: how economics, institutions, social interaction, and politics shape development*. Princeton University Press, Princeton.
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### Cilji in kompetence:

Namen predmeta je predstaviti novejšje koncepte v urbani geografiji. Sodobna družba je urbana družba, zato mora študent oz. študentka pridobiti znanje o sodobnih urbanih teorijah in urbanemu življenju.

Predmet se bo osredotočil na pet temeljnih sprememb, ki so povezane s preobrazbo mest.

1. Prve so prostorske spremembe, ki se odražajo v (sub)urbanizaciji in novimi prostorskimi zakonitostmi.
2. Druge so urbano-ekonomske spremembe, zlasti t. i. mestne kulturne industrije in komodifikacija mest.
3. Tretje so družbenopolitične spremembe, kjer bo poudarek na družbeni izključenosti in prostorski segregaciji ter kakovosti življenja v mestih.
4. Četrta sklop predstavljajo spremembe v mobilnosti, avtomobilizacija mestne družbe in ukrepi za njeno zaježitev.

### Objectives and competences:

Goal of the course is to introduce newer concepts in urban geography. Modern society is an urban society and so the students should gain new knowledge of modern urban theories and urban life.

The course will focus on five basic changes related to urban transformation.

1. The first are spatial changes reflected in (sub)urbanisation and new spatial patterns.
2. The second are urban-economic changes, especially with the rise of urban cultural industries and the commodification of cities.
3. The third are socio-political changes with the focus on social exclusion, segregation and quality of living in cities.
4. The fourth segment is changes in the mobility of urban population, automobilisation of the society

5. Zadnji tematski sklop so načrtovalske in institucionalne spremembe.

Študente in študentke bomo spodbujali h kritičnemu razmišljanju in samostojnemu raziskovanju, zato bo znotraj vsakega sklopa zahtevana oddaja samostojnega seminarskega dela.

and measures taken to counter the effects of unsustainable urban mobility.

5. The last thematic segment is planning and institutional changes.

We will encourage the students to critical evaluate mentioned urban processes and carry out independent research. For this reason every mentioned segment will require a seminary paper. The lectures will be partly carried out in the field.

**Predvideni študijski rezultati:**

- Razumevanje sodobnih konceptov in raziskovalnih metod v urbanih študijah
- Sposobnost kritičnega ovrednotenja procesov v mestih in iskanja rešitev za urbane izzive
- Sposobnost povezovanja aktualnih urbanih izzivov s širšim razvojnim in načrtovalskim kontekstom

**Intended learning outcomes:**

- Understanding modern concepts and research methods in urban studies
- Ability of critically evaluating urban processes and finding solutions on urban challenges
- Ability to connect contemporary urban challenges with wider development and planning context

**Metode poučevanja in učenja:**

- Oblike dela:**
- Frontalna oblika poučevanja
  - Samostojno delo študentov
  - e-izobraževanje
- Metode (načini) dela:**
- Razlaga
  - Razgovor/ diskusija/debata
  - Delo z besedilom
  - Proučevanje primera
  - Vključevanje gostov iz prakse

**Learning and teaching methods:**

- Types of learning/teaching:**
- Frontal teaching
  - Independent students work
  - e-learning
- Teaching methods:**
- Explanation
  - Conversation/discussion/debate
  - Work with texts
  - Case studies
  - Inviting guests from companies

Načini ocenjevanja:	Delež (v %) / Weight (in %)	Assessment:
Daljši pisni izdelki	50	Long written assignments
Končno ocenjevanje (pisni/ustni izpit)	50	Final examination (written/oral)

**Reference nosilca / Lecturer's references:**

- Mayer, H., Bole, D., Morisson, A., Cima, O., Goluža, M., & Kozina, J. (2025). Going beyond city size: Agency and multiscalarity in the transformation of industrial towns in Slovenia and Switzerland. *Regional Studies*, 59(1).
- Bole, D., Goluža, M., & Kozina, J. (2024). Linking industrial culture and human agency in three (post)industrial towns: Collective and individual agency shaping development paths. *Geoforum*, 150.

- Bole, D., Senčar Mrdaković, M., & Tiran, J. (2023). From a mining town to a town of industrial multinationals: Explaining transformation through human agency and mining assets. *The Extractive Industries and Society*, 14.
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