

**URBANIZATION IN THE PACIFIC:
SEMINAR IN PLANNING PRACTICE
PLAN 741 (SEC 02) OR PACS 690 (SEC 02)**

Spring Semester 2011

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Thursdays 1:30-4:15 p.m. Saunders 119**

Overview

Honolulu, Auckland, Port Moresby, Noumea, Apia, Koror, Pape‘ete, Ebeye, and Funafuti. Each of these Pacific places, as well as many other centers of agglomeration in Oceania, offer fascinating insights about processes of urbanization in a globalized age. PLAN 741 / PACS 690 focuses on enhancing our understanding of Oceania in light of the Pacific region’s rapid urban growth. Is it inevitable that cities across the Pacific will evolve in a manner that parallels global cities elsewhere, or is it possible that urban growth in Oceania will evolve differently, and if so, how?

Our seminar will examine the distinguishing socioeconomic and cultural contexts of Pacific urbanization through the study of topics including land rights, migration, settler populations, rascalism, remittances, environmental degradation, tourism, social equity and foreign investment. We will question who makes the choices about various forms of urbanization and enquire about how urban growth affects Pacific island societies? Who gains, and who loses? How can planners influence alternative directions and choices?

Readings, discussions, media and research assignments on the structure of urbanization processes in Oceania will be complemented by several special guest lectures. Through projects that require careful interrogation of the nature of urban issues in the Pacific, seminar participants will gain new conceptual models and analytical skills for addressing contemporary urban planning challenges.

Requirements

Course requirements include weekly readings, active class participation, a midterm exercise that focuses on preparation of a technical assistance planning paper, and a research paper that is due at the end of the term. Papers must be submitted in draft form for review and comment prior to being finalized and graded.

In addition, at the beginning of the semester each student will select an urban center for the purpose of becoming a “specialist.” During the term each specialist will periodically provide briefings about urban issues affecting the particular place in which they specialize. Evaluation will be based on class participation, oral presentations, and the two written assignments.

Schedule

Week

- 1 Introduction and Overview: The Pacific Islands Region**

Selina Tusitala Marsh, "Here Our Words" in Moshe Rapaport (ed.) *The Pacific Islands: Environment and Society*. Honolulu: Bess Press, 1999, pp. 166-178.

Ben Finney, "The Other One-Third of the Globe." *Journal of World History*, 5(1) 1994, pp. 273-341.

"Living in Cities," *The Pacific Islands: An Encyclopedia*, Brij Lal and Kate Fortune (eds.) Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2000, pp. 88-106.
- 2 Theories of Urbanization and Development**

Armartya Sen, *Development as Freedom*. New York: Anchor Books, 2000, pp. 1-34

Gideon Sjoberg, "The Origin and Evolution of Cities." In *Cities: A Scientific American Book*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1968. pp. 25-39.

Roger Cohen, "Paris vs. Havana" *The New York Times*, December 8, 2008.
- 3 Urban Planning and Development in Perspective: A Grounding**

James C. Scott, *Seeing Like a State: How Certain Schemes to Improve the Human Condition Have Failed*. New Haven: Yale, 1999. pp. 1-52, 342-357.

Albert O. Hirschman, *Development Projects Observed*. Washington DC: Brookings, 1967. pp.vii - 85.

Steven Pollard and David Abbott, *Hardship and Poverty in the Pacific*. Manila: Asian Development Bank, 2004, passim
- 4 Land Issues in the Pacific**

Lilikala Kame'eleihiwa, "Land and the Promise of Capitalism: A Dilemma for the Hawaiian Chiefs of the 1848 Malele." University of Hawaii Dissertation, 1986 (became *Native Land and Foreign Desires*, University of Hawaii Press).

Jonathan Kamakawiwo'ole Osorio, *Dismembering Lahui: A History of the Hawaiian Nation to 1887*. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2002, pp.24-43.

Stuart Banner, *Possessing the Pacific: Land, Settlers and Indigenous People*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2007, pp. 260-286.

Solomon Islands Film: *Since the Company Came*

5 Settler Populations and Urban Plans

Candace Fujikane and Jonathan Okamura, *Asian Settler Colonialism*. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 2008, pp. 1-42.

Ruth Liloqula and Alice Aruhe'eta Pollard, "Understanding Conflict in Solomon Islands: A Practical Means to Peacemaking. Australian National University, State Society and Governance in Melanesia Discussion Paper 00/7.

Keiko Ono et al., "A Study of Urban Morphology of Japanese Colonial Towns in Nan'yo Gunto. *Japan Architecture, Planning and Environmental Engineering*, 562, 2002, 317-322.

6 Technical Assistance Planning Exercise

Asian Development Bank: Logframe Analysis: Project Performance Management System, Manila: ADB, 2005.

Albert O. Hirschman, *Getting Ahead Collectively*. New York: Pergamon Press, 1984.

Asian Development Bank, *What Works: Better Policies and Practices for a Better Pacific*. Manila: ADB, 2009

7 Ghettos, Squatter Settlements, and Rascalism: New Perspectives

Monica La Briola, "Ien Ippan Doon: Celebrating Survival in an 'Atypical Marshallese Community.'" University of Hawai'i, MA Thesis (revised) 2007, pp.1-141.

Patrick Kaiku, "The Youth Bulge Theory Reexamined." University of Hawai'i, MA Thesis, 2011.

Vanuatu Film: *Kilim Taem*

8 Governing Cities

Donovan Storey, "Urban Governance in Pacific Island Countries: Advancing an Overdue Agenda." ANU State, Society and Governance Discussion Paper 2005/7.

Sarah Kernot and Lai Sakita, "The Role of Chiefs in Peacebuilding in Port Vila. ANU State, Society and Governance Discussion Paper 2008/4.

Fran X. Hezel, "Make Me Be Good: Education Reform for the Islands." *Micronesian Counselor* 28, 2011.

World Bank, "Cities, Seas and Storms: Managing Pacific Towns." Papua New Guinea Country Unit, 2000.

9 Urban Unrest in Oceania

Tarcisius Kabutaulaka, "Failed State and the War on Terror: Intervention in the Solomon Islands." AsiaPacific Issue Paper no. 72, 2004

Gerard Finin and Terence Wesley Smith, "Coups, Conflicts and Crises: The New Pacific Way?" *Race and Class*, 2001, 42(4)1-16.

Eric Wittershein: *Vanuatu election documentary*.

10 Women's contributions to Urban Life

Lola Bautista, "Understanding Domestic Space in an Urban Setting: Views from Migrant Women from the Federated States of Micronesia." *City and Society* (forthcoming).

Gerard Finin and Dean Alegado, "Exporting People: The Philippines and Contract Labor in Palau," *The Contemporary Pacific*, 12(2) 2000, pp. 359-370

11 Planning for Climate Change and Global Warming in Atoll Nations

Gerard Finin, Small is Viable: The Global Ebbs and Flows of a Pacific Atoll Nation. Pacific Islands Development Series No.15. 2002. pp.1- 29

Melissa L. Finucane, "Why Science Alone Won't Solve the Climate Crisis: Managing Climate Risks in the Pacific. East-West Center, AsiaPacific Issues Paper no. 89, 2009.

Tuvalu Film: *Time and Tide*

12 Making Pacific Cities Green: Planning Options and Opportunities

Eugene Birch and Susan Wachter, *Growing Greener Cities: Urban Sustainability in the Twenty-First Century*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2008.

Porus Olpadwala et al., "The Sustainability of Privilege"

13 Research Paper Presentations

**14 Pacific Cities of the Future: A Bias Toward Hope
Research presentations (cont.)**