

**American University of Beirut - Department of Architecture & Design, Fall 2003-4**

**ARCH 031 CITIES OF DISCRIMINATION**

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## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

The purpose of this course is to evoke an invaluable discourse on the understanding and development of current design and planning issues dealing with landscapes of discrimination and of marginalization, and their imprint on the built environment. The study of this urbanity of injustice focuses on the social, political and economic as generators of the physical, and aims at establishing a theoretical framework for a landscape of diversity, accessibility, and flexibility through the examination of people and places, and the complex relationships that bind them. As such, the course offers a cross-disciplinary study of the city as a complex reflection of the negotiated spaces of diversity and difference, and therefore does not restrict the understanding and analysis of the city to the spatial. It draws on various disciplines with the purpose of demonstrating that the making of space is beyond its design and construction, but rather in its conception, use and application. Space, is therefore, analyzed as a facilitator of difference, and as a tool for the creation of dichotomies; conception/habitation, oppression/ privileging, exclusion/inclusion and limiting/freedom.

## **FORMAT**

The course will be structured as a series of seminar lectures. To instigate discussion and debate, and in order to maximize participation and contribution to the seminars, required and recommended readings will be assigned weekly; the former will be issued in the form of a reader, and the latter in the form of a supplementary bibliography.

## **REQUIREMENTS & EVALUATION**

The timely completion of the required weekly readings is essential, as these will be the basis of 1-page reflective paper assignments. There are a total of 11 reflective papers, the best 8 grades of which will count towards your final grade. As for the final research paper, an interim, brief presentation of the topics for approval, as well as the submittal of a complete draft, are mandatory by the assigned dates. These will precede the final presentation of your research in the form of a written paper and a visual/oral presentation at the end of the semester. The choice of the topic of the final research paper and presentation is left to the student; however, the subject matter has to draw on the material covered during the course and as applicable to the local context. All late submissions will be subject to grade deductions as applicable.

Attendance	5%
Class participation	15%
Reflective Papers	40%
Draft of Research Paper	10%
Research Paper & Presentation	30%

## TENTATIVE COURSE SCHEDULE

### Course Overview

Session 1: Thurs. Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Cultural and Ethnic Diversity: Marginality, Identity and Difference

Session 2: Thurs. Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> The Urbanity of Exclusion and Inclusion

**Reflective Paper #1**

Session 3: Thurs. Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> Invisible People: Race, Religion, Ethnicity

**Reflective Paper #2**

### Domestic Environments as Reflections of Social and Economic Segregation

Session 4: Thurs. Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> Housing Prototypes of Discrimination

Public Housing: Ghettos of Design or Planning Disasters?

**Reflective Paper #3**

Session 5: Thurs. Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> Homelessness: Perceptions of Domestic Environments

**Reflective Paper #4**

Session 6: Thurs. Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> NIMBY: Discrimination by Individuals, Legislation and Policy

The Promotion of Equity through the Design of the Built Environment

**Reflective Paper #5**

### The Gendered City

Session 7: Thurs. Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> Gendered Space: A Cultural and Social Blueprint

**Reflective Paper #6**

Session 8: Thurs. Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> Feminist Perspectives on Spatial Cognition: From City to Suburbia

**Reflective Paper #7**

Session 9: Thurs. Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> **Final Research Paper Topic Presentations**

### Urban Apartheid: Security and Society

Session 10: Thurs. Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> Defensible Space: Crime Prevention through Design and Planning

**Reflective Paper #8**

Session 11: Thurs. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> Architecture of Fear: Fortified Enclaves and Beyond

**Reflective Paper #9**

Mon. Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> **Final Research Paper Draft**

### Accessible Cities

Session 12: Thurs. Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> Barrier-free Environments: Designing for the Challenged

**Reflective Paper #10**

Session 13: Thurs. Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> Cities for the Elderly, Cities for Children

**Reflective Paper #11**

Session 14: Thurs. Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> **Final Presentations**

Session 15: Thurs. Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> **Final Presentations**

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**Massey, D. Space/Power, Identity/Difference: Tensions in the City" in *The Urbanization of Injustice*. Merrifield, A. & Swyngedouw, E. eds. New York: New York University Press, 1997, pp137-160.**

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