

E-Urbs

E-urbs is a 60 ECTS European Master course on Comparative Urban Studies. It is based on the long lasting experience of a group of scholars of nine prestigious European Universities and Research Institutions, who jointly designed the curricula. E-Urbs provides a solid knowledge of the main approaches in the field of urban studies. Its multidisciplinary and European comparative nature is provided by an international teaching staff. This will develop the students' ability to understand and interpret urban changes and to design appropriate strategies and policies to address metropolitan issues and problems.

Objectives

The main objective of E-urbs is to create a truly "international virtual campus" for the study of urban issues. Its extensive online teaching and tutoring, together with the residential Summer School, are aimed at encouraging and facilitating the physical and virtual mobility between higher education systems and institutions across Europe. Thanks to this organization, it will be possible to take advantage of the multitude of experiences and competences of internationally known scholars. At the same time, students will have the opportunity to develop an in depth comparative approach to the study of different urban contexts and policies.

Innovative

E-urbs develops a learning approach, based on the integration of virtual and physical mobility and the use of ICT devices, supporting new interaction methodologies. Face-to-face lectures are complemented by online teaching, and advantage is taken of both approaches. Traditional ICT distance learning techniques will be enriched by highly innovative visual and heuristic approaches.

International

The Council of Europe-UNESCO joint convention (1997) and the Bologna declaration (1999) have changed the higher education scenario in Europe. E-Urbs promotes virtual and physical mobility through coherently designed and truly international curricula and by adopting a comparative and interdisciplinary approach in its teaching activities.

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Partners

University of Urbino "Carlo Bo" (Italy)
 University of Amsterdam (Netherlands)
 University of Barcelona (Spain)
 Humboldt University at Berlin (Germany)
 University of Birmingham (United Kingdom)
 University of Copenhagen (Denmark)
 Catholic University of Leuven (Belgium)
 University of Milan Bicocca (Italy)
 Polish Academy of Sciences (Poland)

E-learning Platform



Structure

The E-Urbs MA provides an integrated teaching structure in order to deliver its 60 ECTS curricula. The MA is divided into three main periods beginning in August 2006 and ending in July 2007, for a total of 12 months.

- 1 The first period (~1 month) will consist of six intensive face to face courses to be held in Urbino (Italy) during the summer school.
- 2 The second period (~6 months) will consist of six intensive and tutored online courses in e-learning. During this period, the student may stay in his or her country of origin. Invited guest scholars will provide additional insights.
- 3 The third period will be a stay (~3 months) at one of the partner institutions during which students will be tutored in their field work and the writing of the thesis. Ideally, the master's thesis has to be based on empirical research in at least two urban contexts.

Online Courses

- Competitiveness and economic change in urban Europe
- Built environment and mobility
- Social and cultural issues in changing urban contexts
- Identity and diversity: immigrant integration and public space
- Governance, citizenship and participation in changing urban contexts
- Quality of life: traditional and innovative issues

M. Pareja, M. Garcia (University of Barcelona, Spain)
 R. Kloosterman, M. Bontje, S. Musterd, E. Engelen, A. Brandellero, W. Salet, J. Rath, A. Bodaar (University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands),
 L. Winther, H. T. Andersen, F. Hansen, B. Mazanti (University of Copenhagen, Denmark),
 G. Weclawowicz (Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw), A. Barber, R. Rowlands, E. Ferrari, A. Tice, A. Murie (University of Birmingham, UK), H. Meert (Catholic University, Leuven, Belgium), S. Frank (Humboldt University at Berlin, Germany), Y. Kazepov, G. Torrisi (University of Urbino, Italy), O. de Leonardis, G. Nuvolati (University of Milan-Bicocca, Italy), A. Scott (University of Innsbruck, Austria).

Online Guest Lectures

P. Le Galès (Sciences Po, Paris, France), A.J. Scott (UCLA, USA), J. Sirgy (Virginia Tech, ISQOLS – USA), S. Zukin (CUNY, USA).

Summer Courses

- The key issues in urban studies
- Frameworks for understanding urban change in Europe
- Introducing comparative studies
- Urban governance in transition: debates and practices
- Using quantitative and qualitative methods
- Urban research design

H. Haussermann and B. Glock (Humboldt University at Berlin) C. Kesteloot (Catholic University of Leuven), Y. Kazepov, E. Barbiani (University of Urbino) H. T. Andersen (Copenhagen University) G. Nuvolati, M. Colleoni, M. D'Ovidio, M. Pisati (University of Milan Bicocca), D. Cologna (University of Pavia) W. Ostendorf (Amsterdam University).

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