

	UNIVERSITY OF NOVI SAD FACULTY OF TECHNICAL SCIENCES	
COURSES IN ENGLISH		

Course:	Cities in Transition - Cultural, Social and Spatial Aspects				
Course code:	RPR14				
ECTS credits:	5				
Lecturers:	Nedučin Dejana				
Number of classes(per week)					
Lectures: 2	Practice: 1	Other forms of classes: 0	Academic research: 0	Other: 0	
Prerequisite courses:					
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1. Educational objectives:					
<p><i>During this course, the students will gain knowledge on contemporary theoretical and methodological approaches to studying urban transformations in the period of transition, with the aim of identifying the impact of socio-spatial restructuring on city's cultural and social functions. Themes relevant to these processes will be presented through several case studies, e. g. critical analysis and evaluation of the causes and/or projection of their positive and negative effects. The main objective of the course is to provide a better understanding of the interdependence between socio-economic transition and urban development, by taking into account cultural, social and spatial implications of these processes. This approach would also provide an adequate methodological and practical framework for planning and management of urban transformations.</i></p>					
2. Educational outcomes (acquired knowledge):					
<p><i>The students who successfully fulfill their responsibilities will be equipped with skills of analytical and critical thinking, enabling them to critically analyze causes and consequences of the transitional processes in the context of cultural, social and spatial changes on the city level. They will also gain theoretical and practical competencies that are important for establishing an interdisciplinary model of continuous and active cooperation in defining criteria and guidelines for long-term planning and successful implementation of city's socio-spatial transformations during the period of transition.</i></p>					
3. Course content/structure:					
<p><i>- Transformation of cities in the period of transition - a regional context; Transformation of capitalist cities; From socialist to post-socialist city - the role of transition; Cultural functions of the city and their significance; Transition as an incentive for improving the urban culture; Social aspect of transition - critical analysis; Continuity and change in urban development - the impact of transition; Case studies.</i></p>					
4. Teaching methods:					
<p><i>- Method of critical analysis; - illustrative-demonstrative methods; - methods of synthesis of acquired knowledge; - interaction between participants in the learning process.</i></p>					
Knowledge evaluation (maximum number of points 100)					
Pre-exam assignments	Compulsory	Points	Final examination	Compulsory	Points
Exercise attendance	YES	5	Written part of the exam-tasks and theory	YES	50
Colloquium exam	YES	20			
Lecture attendance	YES	5			
Term paper	YES	20			
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Literature					
<i>Relevant literature in English</i>					



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