

Module Title: Public Life of Cities

Module Code: GEG6148

Credit Value: 15

Level: 6

Pre-requisite modules:

Content Description

Focusing on the public life of contemporary cities, this module provides an engagement with urban geography and urban studies. Students will be introduced to a range of ideas, concepts and key thinkers that help to understand and analyse urban environments. Topics and case studies draw on cities from around the globe, centring on: matters of public space and publicness; urban transformation and social innovation; government and regulation; relations between social life and urban form; and the social production of space through encounters among people, objects, infrastructures and (im)material forces. Key questions examine how people manage common problems, share resources (or not) and organise different forms of collective culture. The aim is that students become better equipped to comprehend and weigh in on the problems and potentials of an increasingly urbanised world.