This course engages students with ongoing social, economic, environmental, and spatial challenges facing contemporary urban China in a number of areas, such as migration, urban redevelopment, poverty and inequality, new economic spaces, urban sprawl, and sustainability, and presents China as a case vis-à-vis theoretical debates on economic globalization, neoliberal urbanism, citizenship and rights, and place and space. Course materials will be drawn from a prolific body of literature and popular texts by geographers, urbanists, and social and political scientists, and will be supplemented by media commentary and visual materials, offering both inside and outside perspectives on China’s major changes in the recent decades. This course will also prepare students for success in developing international experience, comparative research projects, or fieldwork-based empirical studies. The course is open to graduate and undergraduate students.

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