

Elective course Spring 2019: Urban Studies

Teacher: Nicolas Escach (Docteur de l'ENS de Lyon et agrégé de géographie)

5 ECTS (BA) / 10 ECTS (Cand.), 20 hours

Assessment: Take-home essay

Curriculum: 500 pages

Period: April - May

Course description (*tentative*)

By 2050, 7 out of 10 people will live in a city. Urban areas are responsible for 78% of greenhouse gas emissions. If they take part to the systemic crisis in our societies, they are also active sources of territorial innovation. The city-making now comes from various actors, eclectic spatial patterns and hybrid tools. How to think and imagine the city at different scales at the time of climate change? How to plan from the district to the metropolitan area an urbanism in transition? The course will draw on the example of several northern and Arctic cities in comparison with other world cases.

Learning objectives

After following the course, the student must be able to:

- Explain the subject's relevant issues
- Make relevant theoretical choices in the explanation of the subject's problems

Prerequisites

Active participation is expected, ie. student meetings well prepared and ready to attend classes.

Readings