

GES225-2017 SPACE, PLACE AND MOBILITY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

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OVERVIEW:

This second-year human geography module builds upon content and skills from GES111 and is tied together by the concept of socio-spatial contestation, the dynamics of trans-local relationships, and related changes in human/environmental relationships. Incorporating concepts such as mobilities, migration, urbanisation and landscape, this module explores the ways that space and place are shaped and understood in the context of Southern Africa.

Pre-requisite modules: GES111 and GES121

Credits: 20

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

At the end of the module, students should be able to:

- ☐ Understand the concept of contested spatialities;
- ☐ Demonstrate a theoretically informed understanding of changing space/time relationships in the 'global village';
- ☐ Discuss the function of mobility in the contemporary world;
- ☐ Demonstrate a critical understanding of global and local migration and its implications;
- ☐ Demonstrate an understanding of the processes of urbanization in the Global South;
- ☐ Demonstrate a clear understanding of socio-economic and environmental challenges facing African cities;
- ☐ Demonstrate a clear understanding of contestations over land in South Africa

MAIN CONTENT:

This module will focus on developing an understanding of socio-spatial contestation. We focus on mobility, migration, urbanisation and land issues in an African context. The content will include:

Mobility:

- ☐ Mobility in the contemporary world with a specific focus on the global South and the ways in which humans, animals, objects, information and capital move;
- ☐ Mobilities in African cities

Urban geography:

- ☐ The African city
- ☐ Globalization and urbanization
- ☐ Urban sustainability

Migration:

- ☐ Migration in the African context;
- ☐ Migration and trans-national identities;
- ☐ Forced migration and the concept of diaspora;

Land issues:

- ☐ The politics of land and landscape
- ☐ Naming and landscape
- ☐ The South African land reform programme

COMMUNICATION:

All communication regarding the module, including announcements, reminders and changes to venues or required meetings will be issued via iKamva. Please check your UWC email and visit the GES225 iKamva site for any queries.

WEEKLY TIMETABLE:

LECTURES: Monday 08:30-09:30, Venue: SC2
 Thursday 10:50-11:50, Venue: GH3

TUTORIALS: Various tutorial times are offered. You MUST only attend the tutorial to which you are assigned.

<u>GROUP</u>	<u>DAY/TIME</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>TUTOR</u>
Tut GR1	TBA	TBA	TBA
Tut GR2	TBA	TBA	TBA
Tut GR3	TBA	TBA	TBA
Tut GR4	TBA	TBA	TBA
Tut GR5	TBA	TBA	TBA
Tut GR6	TBA	TBA	TBA
Tut GR7	TBA	TBA	TBA
Tut GR8	TBA	TBA	TBA
Tut GR9	TBA	TBA	TBA
Tut GR10	TBA	TBA	TBA

NB: See your individual timetable for your tut group/day/venue and the detailed lecture timetable on the last page of this outline.

ASSESSMENT

There are a number of opportunities to achieve a good class mark in this module. The ratio of class mark to exam mark is 50:50. Your class mark is made up as follows:

Class Tests x 2 Test 1 - 25% Test 2 - 20%	45% of CAM
Assignment x 1	25% of CAM
Tutorial tasks	30% of CAM
	100%

Class Tests

There are 2 class tests in this module, to be written during the lecture period on the following dates:

Class Test 1: Thursday 11 May during lecture period

Class Test 2: Thursday 01 June during lecture period

Tutorials

There are a total of 10 small-group tutorials scheduled for the semester. Tutorials take place according to your individual timetable. You will be assigned a group and tutor. In preparation for the tutorial, you will be expected to read an article and be prepared to submit tasks for marking and to discuss questions based on this. Tutorials are designed to supplement and support material from lectures. Tutorial attendance is mandatory and work submitted counts toward 30% of your CAM. During the tutorial sessions themselves, you will be working with a senior (Honours, Masters or PhD) student and participating in small group discussions. These sessions are intended to improve your understanding of the concepts, as well as your ability to communicate and express yourself both in writing and verbally. Tutorials should be enjoyable and informative, and it is up to you to participate in your group!

NB: ATTENDANCE AT TUTORIALS IS COMPULSORY

Lectures and tutorials are closely integrated and cannot be considered separately. Information you gain from reading and preparing for tutorials is just as important as the topics and material we discuss in lectures. You may also be given extra readings to read outside of class.

Absence at tests or tutorials

You are not allowed to skip tests or tutorials.

Should you be unable to attend due to a serious illness, you must bring a valid medical certificate from a qualified medical professional within a period of 48 hours from the date/time of the test or tut.

Assignment

The assignment provides an opportunity for you to develop your writing skills and combining theory and practice through your own reflections on mobility. Writing skills and the ability to work with secondary literature to develop your own, well-supported arguments, are an important part of what you need to learn as an undergraduate student. It is crucial that you use correct referencing and citation techniques, and there will be extra help given with this.

NB: The assignment must be submitted electronically through Turnitin by Friday 31 March 2017 at 17:00 South African time. Late submissions will be penalised (10% up to three days late; 20% up to one week late; no submission allowed thereafter) unless accompanied by a valid medical certificate.

Field Trip

This module includes a field trip that will include an assessment for marks. Details on the field trip will be provided.

REQUIRED READINGS:

There is not a prescribed text book for this course. Readings below are available on our iKamva site. It is expected that you will read the required readings in preparation for lectures. Please consult the folders for each section under 'Course Resources'.

TUTOR AND LECTURER CONSULTATIONS:

Your tutors are available to answer questions you might have. Please discuss tutor consultation times with your tutor. You may also consult with your lecturers outside of class, but only during consultation hours as below and posted on office doors:

Student consultation hours:	
Dr Bradley Rink	
Office:	Room 148 Old Arts
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Consultations:	Mon, Tues, Thurs 12:00-13:00 or by special arrangement
Prof Daniel Tevera	
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LECTURES AND TUTORIALS:

Week	Date	Lectures, Venue & Content	Tutorial (see your individual timetable)	Theme
1	27 February	Overview of module (SC2)	No tutorial	Overview
	02 March	Lecture 1 (GH3):		Part I: Understanding mobilities
2	06 March	Lecture 2 (SC2):	Tut 1	
	09 March	Lecture 3 (GH3):		
3	13 March	Lecture 4 (SC2):	Tut 2	
	16 March	Lecture 5 (GH3):		
4	20 March	Lecture 6 (SC2):	Tut 3	
	23 March	Lecture 7 (GH3):		
5	27 March	Lecture 8 (SC2):	No tutorial (consult with tutors for help with assignment)	
	30 March	No Lecture: Assignment due on Turnitin before 17:00 on Friday 31 Mar		
6	03 April	Lecture 9 (SC2):	Tut 4	
	06 April	Lecture 10 (GH3):		
7	10 April	Lecture 11 (SC2):	Tut 5	
	13 April	Lecture 12 (GH3):		
14-23 April MID-SEMESTER SHORT VACATION				
8	24 April	Lecture 13 (SC2):	Tut 6 (On-line)	
	27 April	No lecture: Freedom Day		
9	01 May	No lecture: Worker’s Day	Tut 7	
	04 May	Lecture 14 (GH3):		
10	08 May	Lecture 15 (SC2):	No tutorial (consult with tutors for test preparation)	
	11 May	Class Test 1		
11	15 May	Lecture 16 (SC2):	Tut 08	Part III: Land Issues
	18 May	Lecture 17 (GH3):		
12	22 May	Lecture 18 (SC2):	Tut 09	
	25 May	Lecture 19 (GH3):		
13	29 May	Lecture 20 (SC2):	No tutorial (consult with tutors for test preparation)	
	01 June	Class Test 2		
14	05 June	Lecture 21 (SC2):	Tut 10	
	08 June	Lecture 22 (GH3):		