University of Gdańsk

Subject card

Subject name and code	WDW Recent findings in urban socio-economic development, PG_00179370		
Field of study	Socio-economic geography with elements of GIS		
Date of commencement of studies	October 2024	Academic year of realisation of subject	2025/2026
Education level	Master's studies	Subject group	Obligatory subject group in the field of study Optional subject group Humanistic-social subject group
Mode of study	full-time studies	Mode of delivery	at the university
Year of study	2	Language of instruction	English
Semester of study	3	ECTS credits	2.0
Learning profile	academic	Assessment form	credit
Conducting unit			
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor	dr Stabak Roy	
	Teachers	dr Stabak Roy	

Lesson types

Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
Number of study hours	30.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30

E-learning hours included: 0.0

Learning activity and number of study hours

Learning activity	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan	Participation in consultation hours	Self-study	SUM
Number of study hours	30	0.0	0.0	30

Subject objectives

Providing students with the opportunity to learn about innovative solutions to problems in the field of spatial planning and urban policy that are currently being researched and/or applied abroad, familiarising them with the latest achievements of foreign scientists in the field of spatial planning, and teaching them specialised English.

Learning outcomes

Course outcome	Subject outcome	Method of verification
	refers to theories and trends in solving problems in spatial planning and development as well as in urban policy applied in other countries based on knowledge of research conducted by foreign scientists/practitioners	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	reports on theories and trends in solving problems in spatial planning and development as well as in urban policy based on knowledge of research conducted by foreign scientists/practitioners	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	critically analyses and selects English-language literature on the discussed methods of solving problems in the field of spatial planning and development and urban policy	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written
	uses specialist terminology in the field of planning and spatial development as well as urban policy to create analyses in English	[SK4] test/exam - oral or written

Subject contents	A1. Key urban studies debates Cities, place and the global economy (relating soc. theory to real existing cities and the Global South East) A2. Cohesion, Security and Urban Development A3. The European Unions Urban Agenda A4. Suburbanisation and the Smart City concept in Poland and in selected countries A5. Urban Development Debates and Issues in Poland A6. New Urban Agendas in Poland and Waterfront development
Prerequisites and co-requisites	
Assessment methods and criteria	

Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
Esay	51.0%	100.0%

Recommended reading	Basic literature	Bednarska-Olejniczak, D., Olejniczak, J., & Svobodová, L. (2019). Towards a Smart and Sustainable City with the Involvement of Public ParticipationThe Case of Wroclaw. Sustainability, 11(2), 332, doi: 10.3390/su11020332 Dąbrowski M. (2014). Towards place-based regional and local development strategies in Central and Eastern Europe? EU cohesion policy and strategic planning capacity at the sub-national level. Local Economy 29(4-5):378-393. doi:10.1177/0269094214535715 Grossi, G, and D. Pianezzi (2017). Smart cities: Utopia or neoliberal ideology? Cities, 69:79-85, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cities.2017.07.012. Kiełb-Stańczuk, M. (2009) Suburbanisation in Practice Situation in Poland. Presentation of the REFINA project in Gdańsk, 06 December 2009, REFINArefina-info.de, 2009-11-06-gdansk-kielb-stanczuk. Kitchin, R. (2015). Making sense of smart cities: addressing present shortcomings, Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society, Volume 8, Issue 1, March 2015, Pages 131136, https://doi.org/10.1093/cjres/rsu027 Kola-Bezka M., Czupich M., Ignasiak-Szulc A. (2016). Smart cities in Central and Eastern Europe: viable future or unfulfilled dream? Journal of International Studies, 9 (1): 76-87, doi 10.14254/2071-8330.2016/9-1/6 Lisowski, A., Mantey, D. and Wilk, W. (2014). Lessons from Warsaw. In: K. Stanilov and L. Sýkora (eds) Confronting Suburbanization. Urban Decentralization in Postsocialist Central and Eastern Europe. Chichester: Wiley Blackwell , pp. 225-255. Łupiński, W. (2014) Suburbanisation in Poland. Geografické informácie (Geographical Information), 18 (2), 104-113. Masik, G., Sagan, I. and Scott, J. W. (2021). Smart City strategies and new urban development policies in the Polish context. Cities, 108, https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cities.2020.102970. Sikora-Fernandez, D. (2018). Smarter cities in a post-socialist country: Example of Poland. Cities, 78: 52-59. Spórna, T. (2018) The Suburbanisation Process in a Depopulation Context in the Katowice Conurbation, Poland. Environmental & Socio-economic Studies, 6(1), 57-72. Wiktorska-Swiecka, A. (2016). Towards urban governance in Poland European Capital of Culture Wroclaw 2016 as a driver of change? International Public Management Review, 17 (2), 59-88. Zabawa-Krzypkowska, J. (2014). Problems of Polish Cities. The Influence of Suburbanization Processes on Shaping Spatial Structure. European Scientific Journal, ESJ, 9(10). https://doi.org/10.19044/esj.2013.v9n10p%p Zaucha, J. (2013). Place-Based Territorially Sensitive and Integrated Approach 2013, Warsaw: Ministry of Regional Development (Department of Spatial Development), Download at: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/330293378_Place_based_Territorially_Sensitive_and_Integrated_Appro Zębik, G. (2011) Typology of Suburban Communities in Poland. Bulletin of Geography. Socio-economic Series, 16(16), 173-188

	Supplementary literature	Strong Towns https://www.strongtowns.org/ Journal of Urban Technology Journal of Transport Geography
	eResources addresses	
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed		
Work placement	Not applicable	

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