

Anthropology of urban space – dr Joanna Bielecka-Prus

Course duration: one semester

Number of ECTS credits: 4.0

Course description: During the course students will develop a sociological and anthropological perspective analyzing different social phenomena located in towns and cities. Using different theories and narratives we will consider how sociologists, anthropologists and writers have described urban space linking it with social issues, as globalization and glocalisation, collective memory, democratization, migration, consumption, power and freedom. We will consider different functions and types of urban space (i.e. personal/public space), but also space as a basis of identification (class, gender, ethnic and minority groups, race) and. We will also study urban codes and ways of their interpretations, local communities of districts in the process of transformation. Students are required to engage in field research using interviews, photography, film, maps, drawings etc. The research may be conducted in different Polish cities and towns.