LAW, GEOGRAPHY AND THE CITY: COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES
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Overview:
At the center of the course lies the question of the relationship between the spaces we live in – the material, the social and the mental – and our legal systems. Does space construct law, is it constructed by the law, or maybe they shape each other. Philosophical, sociological, and political theories, as well as urban planning schemes were developed in order to understand the ways space influences both the human subject and its social forms of organization. The course will explore these theories in light of the legal, economic, political and social processes that have been taking place in the last centuries. In class, we will discuss the dialectical relationships between law and space and its impact on central social and political issues such as class relations, racial segregation, gender relations, religious associations, political participation and the environment. Because the course will be co-taught with a Colombian professor, most discussions will touch upon cities in Latin America.

Course Policies
Attendance: Attendance for every class is required. If some personal hardship prevents you from attending a particular class, please review the rules to present medical or other excuses accepted by Universidad de Los Andes. You must read all the reading materials and prepare to discuss them in class.

Grading: Your grade will be based on the following:

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Reading List

Unit 1 – INTRODUCTION: WHY LAW AND GEOGRAPHY? UNDERSTANDING THE DISCUSSION IN LATIN AMERICA

Unit 2 – PHILOSOPHICAL INQUIRIES INTO LAW AND GEOGRAPHY

Michel Foucault, "Questions on Geography" in Power/Knowledge 63 (Colin Gordon ed., 1980) pp. 70-73

Unit 3 – THE TYPES OF SPACES WE INHABIT: MATERIAL, SOCIAL AND MENTAL


Unit 4 – SPACE AND CLASS

Mike Davis, City of Quartz (1992) pp. 226-228, 240-244

Unit 5 – SPACE, GENDER AND SEXUALITY

Carol Sanger, "Girls and the Getaway: Cars, Culture and the Predicament of Gendered Space" in The Legal Geographies Reader 31 (Nicholas Blomley et al. eds., 2001) pp. 31-41
** In order to better understand Ford and Schragger's competing arguments you are invited to read Romer v. Evans 517 U.S. 620 (1996) and Equality Foundation of Greater Cincinnati v. City of Cincinnati 128 F. 3d 289 (6th Cir. 1997)

**Unit 6 – Space and Religion**

Davina Cooper, "Out of Space: Symbolic Domains, Religious Rights and the Cultural Contract", in The Legal Geographies Reader 42 (Nicholas Blomley et al. eds., 2001) pp. 42-48


**Unit 7 – Space and Race**

Richard Ford, "The Boundaries of Race: Political Geography in Legal Analysis", in The Legal Geographies Reader 87 (Nicholas Blomley et al. eds., 2001) pp. 87-99


**Unit 8 – Space and the Environment**


**Unit 9 – Space and Political Participation**


Gill v. Whitford, Supreme Court of the United States, Docket No. 16-1161 [Motion to Affirm and Opposition to Motion to Affirm]

**Unit 10 – Space and Nationalism**

Issachar Rosen-Zvi, "National Geographies: The Role of Ideology in the Production of Space" (unpublished manuscript).

**Unit 11 – Federalism and Subsidiarity**


Unit 12 – URBANIZATION AND SUBURBANIZATION


Unit 13 – SPACE AND THE CITY

Iris M. Young, Justice and the Politics of Difference (1990) pp. 226-252

Unit 14 – GLOBALIZATION OR GLOCALIZATION


Unit 15 – THE GLOBAL CITY