Summer 2015

**Time**: Tue & Thu 10 – 12:30

Classroom: 1D

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# <u>Urban Management</u> **ECON S-1472**

## **Course Description**

European urban systems are in a stage of transition. A number of factors, such as the shift towards a knowledge society, globalization and the ITC revolution, are offering them a number of challenges. The opportunities that these challenges offer can only be used if the metropolitan regions are managed adequately. The course offers its students the principal ingredients of such a modern urban policy that renders development of cities both competitive and sustainable: from strategic planning to city marketing; from project financing to infrastructural policies. Venice, an urban laboratory, will serve as a permanent point of reference during the course.

## **Prerequisites**

Basic course in Economics

# Required readings

PWC & EURICUR Innovative City Strategies for Delivering Sustainable Competitiveness Rotterdam, April 2014

#### **Recommended Readings**

Edward Glaeser The Triumph of the City New York Penguin 2011 Peter Hall, Ulrich Pfeiffer (2000) Urban Future 21: a Global Agenda for Twenty-First Century Cities. London: Routledge. (updated 2013)

### **Field Trips**

Marghera, July 23rd

## Grading

Participation	20%	This part of the grading will be evaluated based on the	
		demonstration of having done the readings, willingness to	
		answer questions, and attention and response to classmates.  Students are expected to behave properly in class: eating and drinking are not allowed. Cell phones are not allowed. Active	
		participation is recommended. Readings must be done in advance	
		so as to stimulate lively debates in class.	

Short	20%	Report of the excursion	
individual			
assignment			
Final Research	60%	The final research paper is to address one or more of the	
Paper		theoretical issues discussed during classes, and should include an	
		international comparative analysis of concrete cases. Although	
		the research paper is to be written and presented in groups, the	
		individual contributions to the paper will be made clear and will	
		be individually graded.	

# Seminar outline

Lesson	Title and Description	Date	
1	Introduction to the course	Tue 23 June	
Readings			
2	Principles of Urban Management	Thu 25 June	
Readings			
Readings	NO CLASS	Tue 30 June	
3	Ingredients of Urban Management	Fri 3 July	
Readings			
4	Strategic Planning in European Cities and in Venice	Tue 7 July	
Readings			
5	City Marketing in European Cities	Thu 9 July	
Readings			
6	Financing Urban Change	Tue 14 July	
Readings			
7	Creative Cities and Attractive Cities	Thu 16 July	
Readings			
8	Energy Efficient Cities	Tue 21 July	
Readings			
9	Field Trip - Marghera	Thu 23 July	
Readings			
10	Smart Cities	Tue 28 July	
Readings			
11	Urban Governance	Thu 30 July	
Readings			