This seminar examines the dualism in urban planning between East and West Berlin chronologically. Seminar presentations and two field trips trace the diverse targets and demands of capitalist and socialist urban planning. For the analysis, we do not only consider architectural and formal aspects. Cultural contexts, political ideas and funding strategies will be looked at as well.

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Course date: Monday
12.00 ct – 14.00 ct
starts Monday, April 13, 2015; ends Monday July 13, 2015

Place: HU Berlin – Berlin Perspectives
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The two field trips are planned as four-hour blocks. In order to prevent absence on other seminars for more than one time, the starting time for the trips vary.

Field trip dates and rendezvous points will be presented in the first session.

The field trips involve travelling with public transport. Please ensure, that you will have a valid ticket.

Course requirements

a. Active participation in class discussions and field trips.

b. Attendance Policy: You may not miss more than 20% of seminar time, that is 2 sessions. If you do know you have to miss a class, let me know in advance in order to arrange a make-up task, if necessary. In the case of illness or other unforeseen situations, do e-mail me as soon as possible. You are asked to send some written confirmation of the emergency/sick certificate to the admin team as well (berlinperspectives@hu-berlin.de).

Do become familiar with public transport in Berlin. Especially for the field trips: work out how to get to the sites in advance. It is the students’ responsibility to get to the sites on time.

c. Participation in a presentation or a group presentation on a field site

d. A summary of a text including the moderation of the discussion (max. 2 students)

e. Written assignments: You are asked to hand in one written assignment – one printed copy and one copy as a PDF via email to me. For your essay you may choose one of three topics. Essay topics will be presented during the first session.

Requirements: 1800 – 2000 words
double spaced, Times New Roman
MLA-style citation

Written work can be submitted in English or German.

f. Plagiarism Policy: The presentation of another person’s words, thoughts, ideas, judgements, images or data as though they were your own, whether intentionally or unintentionally, constitutes an act of plagiarism. The penalty for this failure is the course.

Material, presentations and all reading can be found on the Moodle archive, once the seminar has started.
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- course plan -

13.04.2015  I  Introduction
Keywords: Berlin after the war, Ost-Politik, recovery
Admin: Course Plan, Moodle introduction, field trips

20.04.2015  II  Berlin, the Cold War and the conflict of systems
Keywords: Berlin Blockade, Berlin Airlift, Marshall Plan, SMAD
Clelland, Doug (Ed.): Berlin post-war. Berlin 1982

27.04.2015  III  Plans and visions
Keywords: Collective, Cooperative, “Mietskaserne“ and the criticism of Berlin's historic patterns, ideal city, utopia, Brasilia, Canberra
Preparatory literature: Herold, Stephanie; Stefanovska, Biljana (Ed.): 45+: Post-War Modern Architecture in Europe. Berlin 2012

04.05.2015  IV  Prototypes for the New Germany
Keywords: Stalinallee, Ernst-Reuter-Speech, the two German nations, Berlin division
Preparatory literature: Kossel, Elmar: Hermann Henselmann und die Moderne. Eine Studie zur Modernerezeption in der Architektur der DDR. Königstein 2013

11.05.2015  V  The East/West – competition in urban planning
Keywords: Hansaviertel, Interbau, Stalinallee

18.05.2015  VI  After Stalin, Modern East Berlin vs The West exclave
Keywords: Alexanderplatz, Ernst-Reuter-Platz, “Showcase of the West”

25.05.2015  Whitsun Break

01.06.2015  VII  Field trip

08.06.2015  VIII  The modern city's urban politics
Keywords: Urban renewal, Berlin West and the FRG, Klausenerplatz, redevelopment, Block 118, Block 270, Block perimeter design
Berning, Maria: Historical City in New Quality. Berlin 2009

15.06.2015  IX  Re-invent the city EAST
Keywords: Urban Renewal as urban historiography, Problems of wide range redevelopment, WBS 70, Arnimplatz, Nicolai Quarter
Preparatory literature: Neubauer; Barbara (Ed.): A redevelopment area in Prenzlauer Berg Teutoburger Platz : the results of 18 years of redevelopment. Berlin 2013
22.06.2015  X  “Careful Urban Renewal”  
*Keywords:* IBA, International Building Exhibition 1987, Kreuzberg, Kulturforum  
International Building Exhibition (Ed.): First Projects in Careful Urban Renewal. Berlin 1984

29.06.2015  XI  “Critical Reconstruction”  
*Keywords:* International Building Exhibition 1987  
Harald Bodenschatz, Cordelia Polinna: Learning from IBA. Berlin 2010

06.07.2015  XII  Field trip

13.07.2015  XII  Berlin Wonderland  
*Keywords:* reunification, Berlin borderland, reconstruction, Berlin Castle, squatters, city centre, Public private partnerships, “Media Spree”  
*Preparatory literature:* Bernt, Matthias; Grell, Britta; Holm, Andrej (Ed.): The Berlin Reader: a compendium on urban change and activism. Berlin 2013  