



FACTOR-INWENTASH
FACULTY OF SOCIAL WORK
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

NEW COURSE

Divided City / United City INI339H

Winter term, Tuesdays, 10am to noon, January to April, 2017. Innis Town Hall. 3rd/4th year students

Professor: J David Hulchanski, PhD

Divided City / United City focuses on the impact of increased economic inequality and the resulting socio-spatial polarization trends that are reshaping the social landscape of Canada's metropolitan areas, changing neighbourhoods, and affecting the lived realities of an increasingly diverse urban population. The aim is to bring into the classroom the latest research on key urban issues with the opportunity to discuss the research process and findings with the researchers themselves.

The course is in part based on and draws from the research currently being carried out by the Neighbourhood Change Research Partnership based at the University of Toronto funded by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada since 2005. This research helped inspire the *Toronto Star's* Divided City / United City series of articles (from which the name of this course is taken).

The course examines inequality, diversity, and change at the neighbourhood level in Canada's metropolitan areas, with an in-depth focus on Toronto as a case example. We discuss the trends and seek to explain the processes causing the trends, as well as the consequences and their implications for public policies and programs. Many of these trends and processes contribute to segregation and disadvantage on the basis of age, gender, race, ethnicity, Aboriginal identity, and immigration status.

The aim of the course is to provide the latest research findings and policy implications about the major socio-spatial changes affecting metropolitan areas, in particular the:

- nature and causes of neighbourhood restructuring trends and processes, both social and physical;
- human and urban consequences of socio-spatial income inequality and polarization;
- policy and program responses (or the lack of them) at all levels of government; and
- development of new or more effective policies and programs.

David Hulchanski is a professor of housing and community development at the University of Toronto's Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, where he holds the Chow Yei Ching Chair in Housing. He is cross-appointed with the geography and planning program. His PhD is in urban planning (1981). His research and teaching is focused on housing, neighbourhoods, and community development. He was the director of the University of Toronto's Centre for Urban and Community Studies from 2000 to 2008. He is currently the principal investigator of a 7-year \$2.5 million research partnership, the Neighbourhood Change Research Partnership, focused on neighbourhoods and socio-spatial change in Canadian cities with international comparisons. See: www.NeighbourhoodChange. He is the author of a report on Toronto as a "divided city," *The Three Cities Within Toronto: Income Polarization Among Toronto's Neighbourhoods, 1970-2005*. See: <http://3cities.neighbourhoodchange.ca>

This course carries on the theme of the Divided City / United City series launched by the *Toronto Star* in 2014. See: https://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2014/12/15/divided_cityunited_city_the_series_so_far.html

Topics INI339 Divided City / United City, 2017

Divided City What is it? Trends? Why should we care?

Inequality, Polarization, Poverty Each is different

Opportunity Agenda Place-based policies & programs

The Working Poor Service sector work, contracting out

Homelessness Dehousing processes

Climate Change Municipal policy, politics, governance

Policing Urban crime, racial profiling, youth

Neighbourhood Renewal Tower renewal initiative

United City Panel What trends must change? How?

David Rider, Toronto Star's City Hall bureau chief

Colette Murphy, Executive Director Atkinson Foundation

John Lorenc, Toronto urban affairs journalist

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List of topics and presenters following the initial two sessions focused on the “divided city” trends.

Session 3. January 24

Inequality, Polarization and Poverty: What is the difference? How are these measured? Are the trends in the suburbs similar to the city?

Alan Walks, PhD (UofT 2004), Associate Professor, urban geography and planning, Department of Geography, UofT Mississauga. Editor of *Driving Cities*, *Driving Inequality*, *Driving Politics: The Urban Political Economy and Ecology of Automobility*, Routledge; and *The Political Ecology of the Metropolis*. Columbia U Press. 2013.

Session 4. January 31

The Working Poor: Service Sector Workers, Contracting Out, and Privatization. Evidence of implications via qualitative research

Daniyal Zuberi, PhD (Harvard 2004), Associate Professor, social policy, School of Public Policy and Governance, and Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, UofT. Prof. Zuberi's books: *Re(Generating) Inclusive Cities: Poverty and Planning in Urban North America*, Routledge, 2017; *Schooling the Next Generation: Creating Success in Urban Elementary Schools*, UofT Press, 2015; *Cleaning Up: How Hospital Outsourcing is Hurting Workers and Endangering Patients*, Cornell U Press, 2013.

Session 5. February 7

An Opportunity Agenda for a City? Place-based policies and programs. What to do about precarious employment in Toronto? United Way Research

Mihaila Dinca-Panaitescu & Stephanie Procyk, Research, Public Policy & Evaluation, United Way Toronto and York Region; partners with the Neighbourhood Change Research Partnership

Session 6. February 14

Dehousing Processes: Defining, Measuring, and Solutions to Homelessness

Stephen Gaetz, PhD (York U 1990), Professor, Faculty of Education, York U; Director of the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness and the Homeless

Hub; President, Raising the Roof. In 2016 appointed a Member of the Order of Canada for his leadership in providing evidence-based research to policy makers and practitioners in the movement to prevent and reduce homelessness in Canada. In 2015 received the SSHRC Connection Award.

Session 7. February 28

Climate Change: Politics, Policy & Urban Governance. What are municipalities doing on climate change issues and how can they be more successful?

Sara Hughes, PhD in Environmental Science and Management (University of California, Santa Barbara, 2011), Assistant Professor, Political Science, UofT. In 2013 named a Clarence N. Stone Scholar by the urban politics section of the American Political Science Association.

Session 8. March 7

Urban Policing: Crime, Racial Profiling, Youth. Major issues and future prospects.

Scot Wortley, PhD (Toronto), Associate Professor, Criminology, UofT. Professor Wortley served as the Research Director for two major government inquiries into youth violence: The Toronto District School Board's School Community Safety Advisory Panel (chaired by Julian Falconer), and The Ontario Government's Roots of Youth Violence Inquiry (chaired by Roy McMurtry and Alvin Curling, 2008).

Session 9. March 14

Neighbourhood Renewal: Toronto's Tower Neighbourhood Renewal Initiative

Sabina Ali & Graeme Stewart, jointly awarded the 2014 Jane Jacobs Prize.

Sabina Ali <http://www.tp womenscomm.org>; chair and a founding member of the Thorncliffe Park Women's Committee; engaged in program management, volunteer engagement, and community building; named by The Globe and Mail as one of Ten Torontonians Who Got Things Done in 2014.

Graeme Stewart (UofT, architecture) <http://www.eraarch.ca>. Architect and planner, a Principal at ERA Architects, Toronto; and a key initiator of the Tower Neighbourhood Renewal Project