

Geography 120: Urban Geography, A Global Perspective

Review sheet for 3rd exam,

****Friday, November 7th**** (note, this is different from the syllabus)

Key Concepts:

1. Politics and Local Government
 - a. Administrative Structure
 - i. Purpose/role of local government, distinct from State/Federal Government
 - b. Spatial structures (e.g. County, City/township/municipality, Special districts)
 - c. Revenue Sources—know the most important sources
 - d. Fragmentation and re-integration
 - i. Strategies of regional integration and factors making regional integration difficult
2. Power, politics and urban governance
 - a. Multiple perspectives on urban politics (elitism, pluralism, structuralism)
 - b. Public participation and urban social movements
 - i. Hierarchy of participation, formal and informal (social movements)
 - c. Governmental knowledge and power
 - i. Systematic ordering of space
 - ii. Surveillance
3. Economic Change
 - a. Know basic definition of economics and components required for economic activity
 - b. Understand basic transformation from pre-1970s to post-1970s period
 - c. Key characteristics of mass production
 - d. Some key characteristics of information production
 - e. Broad implications of economic transformation for urban structure
4. Division of labor
 - a. Definition
 - b. Key concepts and distinctions between different types of work
 - c. Key trends in information economy labor markets
5. Urban Poverty
 - a. Distinction between relative and absolute poverty
 - b. Some basic patterns of poverty, and implications of multiple deprivations
 - c. Key theoretical models for explaining poverty, and their implications for policy
 - i. Culture of poverty
 - ii. Transmitted deprivation
 - iii. Institutional malfunctioning
 - iv. Maldistribution of resources and opportunities
 - v. Structural class conflict
 - d. Basic geography of poverty

6. Race, class and urban space
 - a. Causes of residential segregation (both personal and structural)
 - b. Geography of basic waves of immigration and internal migration in the U.S.
 - c. Dynamics of separation (defensive, avoidance, protection, social action)
 - d. Understand path dependent trends and importance of structural racism.
7. Gender and urban space
 - a. Understand gender differences in the following areas and how this affects urban structure:
 - i. Employment; Housing; Transportation; Children; Urban governance
8. Queers in space
 - a. What is “gay space”, and how does understanding this relate to the space for other minorities?
 - b. What does the 2000 Census tell us about gays/lesbians in the U.S.? What doesn’t it tell us?
 - c. What are the factors that led to concentration of gays in San Francisco?
 - d. What are the factors that contributed to Harvey Milk’s successful run for the SF Board of Supervisors, and what are some lessons for other minority groups?
9. Top-Down Responses to Economic change
 - a. Broad Federal government approach
 - i. Know key elements of each of the time-periods discussed in class.
 - b. Know stages of state/local government economic development strategies, including positives and potential negatives of economic subsidies
 - c. Know basic characteristics of ‘culture-led’ development, and some of the positives and negatives of this approach
10. Bottoms-up responses to economic change
 - a. Planning approaches
 - b. Community development Movement
 - i. Including experience of Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative
 - c. Urban social movements
 - d. Labor movement and urban development
 - e. Radical approaches
11. Collective Consumption and social justice
 - a. Definition of collective consumption and examples of related services
 - b. Theories of public good/service provision
 - c. Different human needs and mechanisms for meeting that need
 - d. Changing nature of the ‘welfare state’