

SEMESETR-V

GEOG. 612:

GEOGRAPHY OF SETTLEMENTS

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Course Objectives

This course will provide a comprehensive knowledge of the location, spatial pattern, and process of settlements formation and models of settlements development.

Learning Outcomes

On the completion of this course, the students would be able to comprehend the establishment and development of human settlements in addition to the process of urbanization, and other related issues of settlements in the developed and developing worlds.

Course Outline

1. Introduction

- Nature, scope and evolution of settlements
- Significance of settlement geography
- Basic Terminology; Census, town, city, legal city, geographic city, desa-kota, dying city, edge town, corporate and incorporated area, metropolis, megalopolis, cosmopolitan, acropolis.

2. Rural Settlements

- Dispersed settlements, nucleated and ribbon settlements;
- Their contrasts between More Developed Countries (MDCs) and Less Developed Countries (LDCs)
- Forms and patterns of settlements, house types and their evolution in rural areas
- Commercial functions of rural settlements and their role as a market town
- Infrastructure and services in rural settlements.

3. Urban Settlements

- Historical evolution of urban settlements,
- Urbanization, urbanism, counter-urbanization, pseudo-urbanization, causes, stages and world pattern.
- Western and non-western urbanization
- Rural-urban fringe, suburbs and satellites

4. Locational Factors

- Site and Situation

5. Urban Functions

- Economic Base concept
- Cities' Functional classification

6. Towns and Villages as Central Places

- Christaller's Central Place theory

7. Theories of Urban Structure

- Concentric Zone Theory
- Sector Theory,
- Multiple Nuclei Theory
- Herd's Land Value Theory
- CBD: Delineation Methods

8. Intra-city Population Distribution

- Colin Clarke's Model
- City-size: Rank Size Rule

9. Urban Development

- Slums and squatter settlements

- Blighted areas
- Green belt.

Note: Field trips and exercise to study land use of major cities in Pakistan, and visits to Quetta Development Authority (QDA) to observe the city's plans.

Recommended Books

1. Neuworth.R.(2004)"Shadow Cities: A Billion Squatters," A New Urban World", Rutledge
2. Hudson, (2003) "Settlement Geography", McGraw hill UK.
3. Raymond M. (2002) "The American City", New Ed. New York McGraw – Hill
4. Hopkinson, (2002) "The Geography of Settlements", UK.
5. Lewis C. (2001) "Village Hamlet and Field", Wind Gather Press. UK
6. Mayer & Kohn (1998) "Reading in Urban Geography", Chicago Univ; Press.
7. UNO (1996) "An Urbanizing World", Oxford University Press.
8. UNDP (1996) "Living in Asian Cities", New York, USA