HOUSING & URBANISM READING LIST 2013/14
HOUSING AND THE INFORMAL CITY (Term 2)
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Introductory Readings:

Architectural Design, 2011, Latin America at the Crossroads, Profile N. 211, Wiley

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LOTUS, Learning from Favelas, Lotus International N.143, 2011

UNCHS (Habitat), The Challenge of Slums, Earthscan/UN-HABITAT, UK, 2003

Lectures:

SESSION 1:
Housing: Mimesis and the Loss of Identity
An overview of the rise and fall of housing as an object of public policy


SESSION 2:
Housing Policy and the Crisis of Modernisation: Abandoning the House
An analysis of the shift from conventional to non-conventional “self-help” housing policies and the emergent preoccupation with the informal. The loss of scale.


SESSION 3:
Housing Policy and Structural Adjustment: Abandoning the Poor?
A discussion of the growing focus of housing policy on institutional reform and market enablement. The loss of space.


World Bank, Housing: Enabling Markets to Work, Washington DC, 1993

SESSION 4:
Housing Policy and the Search for Scaling-up: Towards a New Generation of Policies, Programmes and Projects
A discussion of the potential and limitations of an emergent new generation of housing policies and upgrading programmes informed by new perspectives on poverty, the informal and the place of space.


UNCHS (Habitat), The Challenge of Slums, Earthscan/UN-HABITAT, UK 2003

SESSION 5:
Integration or a City of Integrity? Housing and Squatter Upgrading in Rio de Janeiro
A discussion of the experience of the Favela-Bairro programme, the most advanced and comprehensive example of the new generation policies with an strong emphases on spatial processes and design.


**Seminars:**
The seminars will be presented by students, with reference to cases. Readings will be provided later.

**SESSION 6:**
**Seminar: The Changing Place of “Communities” - From Territory to Identity**

**SESSION 7:**
**Seminar: Ghettos, Enclaves and Enclosures – the Question of Connectivity**

**SESSION 8:**
**Seminar: Multisectoriality, Space and Scale**

**SESSION 9:**
**Seminar: Urban Diversity and City Integrity: Towards Another Urbanism?**

**Additional Bibliography for Term 2:**


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De Soto, H, Constraints on People: The Origins of Underground Economies and Limits to Their Growth (mimeo), 1990
De Soto, H., The Other Path, Taurus, UK, 1989
Environment & Urbanisation, Meeting the millennium Development Goals in Urban Areas, Vol 17, N. 1, 2005
Garau, P. et. al., A Home in the City, UN Millennium Project, Task Force on Improving the Lives of Slum Dwellers, Earthscan, London, 2005
Gerxhani, K., “The Informal Sector in Developed and Less Developed Countries: A Literature Review”, in Public Choice, Vol. 120, No. 3-4, Amsterdam, 2004
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Keivani, R. & E. Werna, “Refocusing the Housing Debate in Developing Countries from a Pluralist Perspective”, in Habitat International, 25 2001
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Lowe, S, Urban Social Movements: The City after Castells, MacMillan, UK. 1986
Jenkins, R., 1996, Social Identity, Routledge
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Sandercock, Cosmopolis II: Mongrel Cities in the 21st Century, Continuum, London 2003
Sandercock, L., Towards Cosmopolis, Chaps. 4,5 & 6, Wiley, 1998
Satterthwaite, D., Reducing Urban Poverty: Some Lessons From Experience, IIED


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UNCHS, 1997, The Istanbul Declaration and the Habitat Agenda, UNCHS, Nairobi


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UNCHS (Habitat), 1988, Roles, Responsibilities and Capabilities of Governmental and Non Governmental Sectors in the Field of Human Settlements, Nairobi

UNCHS (Habitat), 1987, Shelter for the Homeless: the Role of the Non-Governmental Organisations, Nairobi.

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