

**Winter 2023 - SOCI 5806 Y - Political Economy Of Urban Development In The Global South**

Institute of Political Economy Visitor: Ashima Sood

Tuesday 2:35pm – 5:25pm

Room 1524 Dunton Tower

What is the relationship between planned development and unplanned growth in cities of the Global South? Urbanization in these settings is marked by persistent patterns of dualism and uneven development. Drawing from perspectives across disciplines and global literature, this course analyses the correlates and processes of uneven urban development in four parts.

Key contributions to the literature connecting the local and the global and processes of structural transformation provide the initial frame. Then the course analyzes the major themes in the urbanization experience of the Global South and how they have contributed to patterns of dualism. The next part examines the contested claims to the city, with reference to informality and infrastructure; and the final part examines urban growth in representative cities in light of the foregoing analysis. These city studies allow students the opportunity to analyze how these processes have unfolded in specific urban settings. This course will provide a critical lens on the economic bases of urbanization, including topics such as agglomeration economies and clusters, structural transformation and migration, public economics and local public finance, urban governance institutions and the economics of land.

Upon completing this course students should be able to meet the following learning objectives:

1. Understand the unplanned effects of planned interventions.
2. Understand why and where slums and informal settlements emerge.
3. Develop a vocabulary to understand urban policymaking, which is often highly influenced by economists.
4. Recognize why planned interventions fail.



Ashima Sood is an Associate Professor and Co-Director of the Centre for Urbanism and Cultural Economics at Anant National University. In 2022, she was also Urban Studies Foundation International Fellow and Visiting Research Fellow at the Oxford Department of International Development.

Lying at the intersection of institutional economics and urban and development studies, Sood's work combines qualitative and quantitative methods to examine privatized forms of urban governance and urban informality in India through a political economy lens. Her research has received recognition and/or funding from the India Foundation of the Arts, the Azim Premji University Foundation, the Indian Institute of Advanced Study, the Centre de Sciences Humaines and the Regional Studies Association. A co-edited volume entitled *India's Greenfield Urban Future: The Politics of Land, Planning and Infrastructure* is forthcoming at Orient BlackSwan. She has served as International Corresponding Editor at *Urban Studies*, as part of the Editorial Board at the *Journal of Urban Affairs*, and as an editorial advisory group member with the *Economic and Political Weekly's Review of Urban Affairs*. Her previous affiliations include the Tata Institute of Social Sciences in Hyderabad, NALSAR University and the Indian School of Business. She earned her PhD in Economics from Cornell University.

**Register via carleton central or email [peco@carleton.ca](mailto:peco@carleton.ca) or [soc-anthro@carleton.ca](mailto:soc-anthro@carleton.ca) if you have issues. This course is open to all graduate level students.**