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THE URBAN ANTHROPOCENE

2026-27



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1. LOGISTICS

TIME: Lectures: Mondays 10:00-12:00; Seminars: check timetable below.

LOCATION: Lectures and seminars: Thoday F25 (except seminar in week 3 – F1).

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2. MODULE TIMETABLE

WEEK	LECTURE THEME	LECTURE	SEMINAR/FIELDTRIP
1	**Introduction**	Mon 28/09/2026 10:00-12:00 F25	
2	**Planetary Urbanization**	Mon 05/10/2026 10:00-12:00 F25	
3	**Metropolitan Explosions**	Mon 12/10/2026 10:00-12:00 F25	Seminar: Fri 16/10/2026 14:00-16:00 F1
4	**Infrastructure Networks**	Mon 19/10/2026 10:00-12:00 F25	
5	**Extractive Hinterlands**	Mon 26/10/2026 10:00-12:00 F25	Seminar: Thu 29/10/2026 10:00-12:00 F25
Reading week			
6	**Urban Breakdown**	Mon 09/11/2026 10:00-12:00 F25	
7	**Urban Exploration**	Mon 16/11/2026 10:00-12:00 F25	Seminar: Thu 19/11/2026 10:00-12:00 F25
8	**Urban Dreamworlds**	Mon 23/11/2026 10:00-12:00 F25	Fieldtrip: Tue 24/11/2026 10:00-12:00 Dinorwig
9	**Urban Revolutions**	Mon 30/11/2026 10:00-12:00 F25	Seminar: Thu 03/12/2026 10:00-12:00 F25
10	**Conclusion**	Mon 07/12/2026 10:00-12:00 F25	Seminar: Thu 10/12/2026 10:00-12:00 F25

3. MODULE OBJECTIVES

The human geography of the twenty-first century is marked by the dawn of two unprecedented epochs: the Anthropocene, a new geological era in which humanity's impact on the planet is having catastrophic ecological consequences; and the 'urban age', when for the first time in human history, over half of the world's population live in cities. This module explores the relationship between these twin processes of accelerating urbanization and environmental breakdown, which together define our planetary present. It begins with a review of the critical theoretical frameworks through which the urban Anthropocene is currently being conceptualised, including urban political ecology, historical geographical materialism, planetary urbanization, and capitalist world ecology. It then focuses on the interrelated processes of urban

agglomeration, infrastructural expansion, and the proliferation of extractive hinterlands, through which the Earth is being produced as a single densely intermeshed albeit highly uneven urban space. The second half of the module introduces a range of experimental research methodologies and creative writing methods through which scholars are seeking to grasp and convey the urban Anthropocene, and puts these methods to work in a fieldtrip through a ruined landscape of extractive violence. The module concludes by exploring diverse political ecologies of socioecological collapse, urban utopianism, and struggles of survival, resistance, and revolution, and drawing lessons for how to transform our planetary urban epoch.

4. LEARNING OUTCOMES

On successful completion of the module a student will be expected to be able to:

1. Analyse and interpret the interrelated processes of urban agglomeration, infrastructural expansion, and natural resource extraction that characterise the urban Anthropocene.

2. Demonstrate knowledge of competing critical perspectives on the nature and stakes of the socioecological crisis of planetary urbanization, and on how it is being contested and transformed.

3. Deploy qualitative research methodologies and creative writing techniques grounded in relevant critical literatures on the urban Anthropocene.

4. Synthesise and evaluate a range of critical literatures in human geography and cognate disciplines on the theme of our planetary urban present.

5. COURSE CONTENT

1. Introduction
2. Planetary Urbanization
3. Metropolitan Explosions
4. Infrastructure Networks
5. Extractive Hinterlands
6. Urban Breakdown
7. Urban Exploration
8. Urban Dreamworlds
9. Urban Revolutions
10. Conclusion

6. ASSESSMENT METHODS

1: Essay (60% of final grade)

- Drawing on your own research on one or more empirical cases, and demonstrating engagement with the literature and concepts addressed in the module, answer ONE of the following questions:

1. What does the case of _____ tell us about the urban Anthropocene?
2. 'The urban Anthropocene is caused by humanity as a whole': discuss.
3. What is the role of the city in processes of planetary urbanization?
4. What is the role of infrastructure in processes of planetary urbanization?
5. What is the role of extractivism in processes of planetary urbanization?
6. 'The urban Anthropocene spells the end of the world': discuss.
7. What can unconventional methodologies reveal about the urban Anthropocene?
8. To what extent can utopian visions transform the urban Anthropocene?
9. To what extent can radical politics transform the urban Anthropocene?

- Word limit: 3,000 words (+10%).
- **DEADLINE: Friday 22 January 2027 12:00 (midday)**
- Learning outcomes: 1, 2, 4.

2: Learning log (30% of final grade)

- A compilation of your critical reflections on the readings discussed in the fortnightly seminars. (Each fortnight, two days prior to the seminar, you will submit a one-page review of the week's two required readings, which will serve as the basis for our seminar discussions.)
- Word limit: 1,500 words (in practice the word limit is 4 sides of A4 Times New Roman 11/12 point).
- **DEADLINE: Friday 11 December 2026 12:00 (midday)**
- Learning outcomes: 1, 4.

3: Field report (10% of final grade)

- A short piece of creative writing, drawing inspiration from the unconventional research and writing methodologies discussed in Lecture 7, and reporting on your experience of our fieldtrip to the extractive ruins of the Dinorwig slate quarries, as an example of the urban Anthropocene.
- Word limit: 500 words (+10%).
- **DEADLINE: Friday 18 December 2026 12:00 (midday)**
- Learning outcome: 3.

7. ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

1. **Threshold** (Standard ***Pass:*** D– to D+)

   Essay presents accurate empirical information and demonstrates some engagement with the conceptual themes and recommended readings addressed in the module. Learning log is complete, and demonstrates basic comprehension of most required readings. Report demonstrates limited understanding and deployment of the relevant methodologies.

2. **Good** (Average to high standard ***Pass:*** C– to B+)

   Essay presents an appropriate quantity of accurate and well selected empirical information, and demonstrates successful engagement with the conceptual themes and recommended readings addressed in the module, as well as some capacity to reflect critically on these literatures and themes. Learning log is complete, and demonstrates comprehension of all required readings, as well as some ability to think critically across these readings. Report demonstrates reasonable understanding and deployment of the relevant methodologies.

3. **Excellent** (Excellent standard ***First Class:*** A– to A**)

   Essay presents an appropriate quantity of accurate and well selected empirical information, and demonstrates excellent engagement with the conceptual themes and recommended readings addressed in the module, as well as strong capacity to reflect critically and originally on these literatures and themes. Learning log is complete, and demonstrates extensive comprehension of all required readings, as well as an impressive ability to think critically and independently across these readings and in relation to the broader themes of the module. Report demonstrates excellent understanding and imaginative deployment of the relevant methodologies.

8. TEACHING AND LEARNING STRATEGY

1. Lectures: 10 x 2 hours.

2. Seminar: 5 x 2 hours.

3. Fieldtrip: 1 x 8 hours.

4. Self-directed learning: 162 hours.

9. MODULE MONITORING

As part of our commitment to your pastoral care we will be monitoring your attendance at selected timetabled events throughout the semester, including lectures and seminars.

It is imperative that if any absences occur due to special circumstances (e.g. illness, family bereavement or other circumstances) you fill in a ‘special circumstances’ form on Request Centre as soon as possible so that your records can be annotated.

10. READING LIST

Useful Books

Note: *There is no set text for this module. The following are classic and cutting-edge volumes on various aspects of the Urban Anthropocene, some of which are likely to be of use in your essay preparations.*

Arboleda, M (2020) *Planetary Mine: Territories of Extraction Under Late Capitalism* London: Verso.

Brenner, N (ed.) (2014) *Implosions/Explosions: Towards a Study of Planetary Urbanization* Berlin: Jovis.

Davis, Mike (2017) *Planet of Slums* London: Verso.

Dawson, Ashley (2019) *Extreme Cities: The Peril and Promise of Urban Life in the Age of Climate Change* London: Verso.

Dikec, M (2017) *Urban Rage: The Revolt of the Excluded* New Haven: Yale University Press.

Ernstson, H and Swyngedouw, E (eds.) (2019) *Urban Political Ecology in the Anthropo-Obscene: Interruptions and Possibilities* Abingdon: Routledge.

Garrett, B (2013) *Explore Everything: Place-Hacking the City* New York: Verso

Heynen, N, et al (eds.) (2006) *In the Nature of Cities: Urban Political Ecology and the Politics of Urban Metabolism* Abingdon: Routledge.

Kaika, M, et al (eds.) (2024) *Turning Up the Heat: Urban Political Ecology for a Climate Emergency* Manchester: Manchester University Press.

Schmid, C and Topalovic, M (2023) *Extended Urbanisation: Tracing Planetary Struggles* Zurich: Birkhauser. Open access e-book: https://birkhauser.com/en/book/9783035623031

Weekly Readings

Note: *These are optional readings relevant to each main week's theme. You are encouraged to read widely, and it is vital to demonstrate engagement with readings on the list that are relevant to your essay question. A reading will also be selected from each week for inclusion in our seminars and your learning log.*

Week 1: Introduction

There are no set readings for this week. Please refer to the core reading list above.

Week 2: Planetary Urbanization

Angelo H (2017). From the city lens toward urbanisation as a way of seeing: country/city binaries on an urbanising planet. *Urban Studies* 54(1): 158–178.

Brenner, N., & Ghosh, S. (2025). "The monster 'within': Capitalist urbanization as geometabolic escalation" *Development and Change*, *56*(4-5), 668-728.

Brenner, N and Ghosh, S (2026). "Environments *of* urbanization" *Urban Political Ecology*, 2:1, 14-29.

Brenner, Neil and Christian Schmid (2015) "Towards a new epistemology of the urban?" *City* 2-3 151-182.

Castriota, Rodrigo and Joao Tonucci (2018) "Extended urbanization in and from Brazil" *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 36:3 512-528.

Conroy, W. (2024) "Constitutive outsides or hidden abodes? Totality and ideology in critical urban theory" *Urban Studies*, 61:10 1827-1848.

Chwałczyk, F. (2020). Around the Anthropocene in eighty names—Considering the Urbanocene

proposition. *Sustainability*, 12:11, 4458.

Derickson, Kate (2015) "Urban Geography I: Locating Urban Theory in the 'Urban Age'" *Progress in Human Geography* 39:5 647-657.

Elmqvist, T et al (2021) "Urbanization in and for the Anthropocene" *Urban Sustainability* 1:1 1-6.

Goonewardena, Kanishka (2018) "Planetary urbanization and totality" *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 36:3 456-473.

Phillips, M., Smith, D., Brooking, H., & Duer, M. (2022). The gentrification of a post-industrial English rural village: Querying urban planetary perspectives. *Journal of Rural Studies*, *91*, 108-125.

Roy, A. (2016). What is urban about critical urban theory? *Urban Geography* 37:6 810-823.

Ruddick, Sue (2015) "Situating the Anthropocene: planetary urbanization and the anthropological machine" *Urban Geography* 36:8 1113-1130.

Ruddick, Sue et al (2018) Planetary Urbanization: An urban theory for our time? *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 36:3 387-404.

Schmid, Christian (2018) "Journeys through planetary urbanization: decentering perspectives on the urban" *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 36:3 591-610.

Swyngedouw, Erik (2017) "More-than-human constellations as immuno-biopolitical fantasy in the urbicene." *New Geographies* 1 20-27.

Vegliò, S. (2021). Postcolonizing planetary urbanization: Aníbal Quijano and an alternative genealogy of the urban. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, *45*(4), 663-678.

Wang, Chi-Mao et al (2023) "Planetary rural geographies" *Dialogues in Human Geography* 15:3 394-413.

Wilson, D., and Jonas, A.E.G. (2018). Planetary urbanization: new perspectives on the debate. *Urban Geography* 39:10 1576-1580.

Wilson, J and Bayon, M. (2015) "Concrete Jungle: The Planetary Urbanization of the Ecuadorian Amazon" *Human Geography* 8.3 1-23.

Week 3: Metropolitan Explosions

Angelo, H., & Wachsmuth, D. (2015). Urbanizing urban political ecology: A critique of methodological cityism. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 39(1), 16-27.

Brenner, Neil and Swarnabh Ghosh (2022) "Between the Colossal and the Catastrophic: Planetary Urbanization and the Political Ecologies of Emergent Infectious Disease" *Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space* 54:5 867-910.

Cook, Nicole and Sophie-May Kerr (2024) "Assembling high-rise: The uneven agencies of air in suburban densification in the Anthropocene" *Urban Studies* 61:7 1308-1326.

Connolly, Creighton et al (2021) "Extended urbanization and the spatialities of infectious disease: Demographic change, infrastructure and governance" *Urban Studies* 58:2 245-263.

Dorries, Heather, David Hugill and Julie Tomiak. (2022). "Racial capitalism and the production of settler colonial cities" *Geoforum* 132 263-270.

Gandy, Matthew (2021). "The Zoonotic City: Urban Political Ecology and the Pandemic Imaginary" *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 46:2 202-239.

Gandy, Matthew (2023). "Zoonotic urbanization: multispecies urbanism and the rescaling of urban epidemiology" *Urban Studies* 60:3 2529-2549.

Gururani, S. (2020). Cities in a world of villages: Agrarian urbanism and the making of India's urbanizing frontiers. *Urban Geography*, 41:7, 971-989.

Kanai, Juan Miguel (2014) "On the peripheries of planetary urbanization: globalizing Manaus and its expanding impact" *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 32:6 1071-1087.

Keil, Roger (2020) "An urban political ecology for a world of cities" *Urban Studies* 57:11 2357-2370.

Keil, R. (2018). Extended urbanization, 'disjunct fragments' and global suburbanisms. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 36:3 494-511.

Orford, Scott et al (2023) "Urban public health emergencies and the COVID-19 pandemic part 1: social and spatial inequalities in the COVID city" *Urban Studies* 60:8 1329-1345.

Roy, A. 2011. "Slumdog Cities: Rethinking Subaltern Urbanism" *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 35:2, 223-238.

Sawyer, L., et al. (2021). Bypass urbanism: Re-ordering center-periphery relations in Kolkata, Lagos and Mexico City. *Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space*, 53:4, 675-703.

Simone, A., et al. (2025). Inhabiting the extensions. *Dialogues in Human Geography* 15:1 5-37.

Swyngedouw, Erik (2006) "Circulations and Metabolisms: (Hybrid) Natures and (Cyborg) Cities" *Science as Culture* 15:2 105-121.

Tzaninis, Y., Mandler, T., Kaika, M., and Keil, R. (2021). "Moving urban political ecology beyond the 'urbanization of nature' *Progress in Human Geography*, 45:2, 229-252.

Van Speybroeck, K. and Targa, J. (2026) Contested natures in the city: rewilding, othering and more-than-human perspectives, *Urban Geography*, 47:5, 1100-1122.

Wilson, J. (2025). Mortal Feast: Cannibal Capitalism Meets Covid-19 in the Urban Peruvian Amazon. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 49:2 229-245.

Wolf, Meike (2016) "Rethinking Urban Epidemiology: Natures, Networks and Materialities" *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 40:5 958-982.

Week 4: Infrastructure Networks

Apostolopoulou, E and Pizarro, A (2025) "Contesting the Anticipated Infrastructural City: A Grounded Analysis of Silk Road Urbanization in the Multipurpose Port Terminal in Chancay, Peru" *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*, 115:1, 223-241.

Arboleda, Martin (2016) "In the Nature of the Non-City: Expanded Infrastructural Networks and the Political Ecology of Planetary Urbanization" *Antipode* 48:2 233-251.

Bathla, N. (2024). Extended Urbanisation and the politics of uncertainty: The contested pathways of highway corridors in India. *The Geographical Journal* 190:1 e12441.

Bebbington, Denise et al (2018) "The Infrastructure-Extractives-Resource Governance Complex in the Pan-Amazon: Roll Backs and Contestations" *European Review of Latin American and Caribbean Studies* 106 183-208.

Campbell, Jeremy M (2012) "Between the Material and the Figural Road: The Incompleteness of Colonial Geographies in Amazonia" *Mobilities* 7:4 481-500.

Dalakoglou, D. and Harvey, P. (2012). Roads and Anthropology: Ethnographic Perspectives on Space, Time and (Im)Mobility. *Mobilities* 7:4 459-465.

Foli, A and Justuc Uitermark (2024) "The politics of drains: Everyday negotiations of infrastructure imaginaries in Accra" *Urban Studies* 61:11 2099-2117.

Harvey, Penny, and Hannah Knox (2012) "The Enchantments of Infrastructure" *Mobilities* 7:4 521-536.

Hope, J. (2022). Driving development in the Amazon: Extending infrastructural citizenship with political ecology in Bolivia. *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space* 5:2 520-542.

Kochore, Hassan (2016) "The road to Kenya? Vision, expectation and anxieties around new infrastructure development in Northern Kenya" *Journal of East African Studies* 10:3 494-510.

Knox, Penny (2017) "Affective Infrastructures and the Political Imagination" *Public Culture* 29:2 363-380.

Larkin, B (2013) The Politics and Poetics of Infrastructure *Annual Review of Anthropology* 42:3 327-343.

Lesutis, Gediminas (2022) "Disquieting ambivalence of mega-infrastructures: Kenya's Standard Gauge Railway as spectacle and ruination" *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 40:5 941–960.

Sidaway, James D., and Chih Yuan Woon (2017) "Chinese narratives on "One Belt, One Road"(一带一路) in geopolitical and imperial contexts." *The Professional Geographer* 69.4 591-603.

Stewart, Kathleen (2014) "Road registers" *cultural geographies* 21:4 549-563.

Twidle, H (2017) "Reading, writing, walking the South African highway" *Social Dynamics* 43:1, 59-81.

Uribe, Simon (2019) "Illegible infrastructures: Road building and the making of state-spaces in the Colombian Amazon" *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 37:5 886-904.

Williams, Joe et al (2020) "China's Belt and Road Initiative and the emerging geographies of global urbanisation" *The Geographical Journal* 186:1 128-140.

Wilson, Japhy and Manuel Bayón (2017) 'Fantastical Materializations: Interoceanic Infrastructures in the Ecuadorian Amazon' *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 35:5, 775-796.

Wilson, Japhy (2024) "Space Out of Joint: Absurdist Geographies of the Anthropocene" *cultural geographies* 31:1 67-80.

Week 5: Extractive Hinterlands

Arboleda, Martin (2016) "Spaces of extraction, metropolitan explosions: planetary urbanization and the commodity boom in Latin America" *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 40:1.

Arboleda, Martin and Daniel Banoub (2018) "Market Monstrosity in Industrial Fishing: Capital as Subject and the Urbanization of Nature", *Social and Cultural Geography*, 19:1 120-138.

Baglioni, Elena and Liam Campling (2017) "Natural resource industries as global value chains: Frontiers, fetishism, labour and the state" *Environment and Planning A* 49:11 2437-2456.

Basbous, Monica (2024) "The Violence of Extractive Urbanization: Dying to Live in Lebanon*", Middle East Critique* 33:4, 571-592.

Bathla, N (2023) "Nature and the extended city: Wasteland governmentality, the sacred, and anti-wasteland politics in the Aravalli region" *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space* 7:2 814-833.

Bayón Jiménez, Manuel and Michael Janoschka (2025) **"**Rethinking rent gaps from the Amazon: urban contestation and extractive frontiers in Ecuador" *Urban Geography* 46:8, 1671-1690.

Brenner, Neil and Katsikis, Nicos, (2020). “Operational landscapes: Hinterlands of the Capitalocene”. *Architectural design*, 90:1 22-31.

Caroca, Armando (2025) "The monster has landed: Shifting land tenure regimes and the political ecology of a Chilean mining ‘wasteland’." *Geoforum* 159 104202.

Castriota, Rodrigo (2024) “Housing Beyond the Metropolis: Inhabiting Extractivism and Extensions in Urban Amazonia” *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 48:1 32-52.

Chusaini, H. A., Buchori, I., & Setyono, J. S. (2023). Petroleumscapes and the urban fabric: a study of hinterland development in Cepu, Indonesia. *Planning Perspectives*, 38:6, 1213-1232.

Cowan, T. (2025). Urbanization without guarantees: articulation, rentier capitalism and occupancy on the agrarian urban frontier. *Urban Geography* 46:8, 1691-1714.

Erickson, B. 2024. “The Salvage Frontier: Place, Nature and Neoliberalism in a Small Northern Town” *Antipode* 56:6 2087-2111.

Hanaček, K. et al. (2026). “Climate change, extractivist infrastructure and environmental conflicts at the Northern Sea-Polar Silk Road intersection” *Energy Research & Social Science*, 133, 104600.

Jamieson, William (2025) “Demarcating the granular frontier: planetary urbanization without an inside” *Urban Geography* 46:8, 1715-1734.

Kipfer, S. (2018). Pushing the limits of urban research: Urbanization, pipelines and counter-colonial politics. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*, 36:3, 474-493.

Kirshner, J., & Power, M. (2015). Mining and extractive urbanism: Postdevelopment in a Mozambican boomtown. *Geoforum*, 61, 67-78.

Lerner Patron, Adrian (2024). “The Ruins of a Steel Mill: Planetary Urbanization in the Brazilian Amazon*”* *Journal of Urban History* 50:3 541-562.

Silverstein, S.M. (2022). “Narco-Infrastructures and the Persistence of Illicit Coca in Loreto” *Journal of Latin American and Caribbean Anthropology* 6:3-4, 427-450.

Watts, Michael (2016) “Accumulating Insecurity and Manufacturing Risk Along the Energy Frontier” *Research in Political Economy* 31 197-236.

Wigdel-Bowcott, Seb (2020) “Mining Things: Confronting Loss and Flux in the Slate Industry Ruins of Northwest Wales” *Refract: An Open Access Visual Studies Journal* 3:1 143-166.

Week 6: Urban Breakdown

Anderson, Christian M and Amanda Huron (2023) “The Mixed Potential of Salvage Commoning: Crisis and Commoning Practices in Washington DC and New York City*”* *Antipode* 55:4 1004-1023

Bathla, Nitin. 2026. “Salvage urbanization as earthwork: unsettling anticipatory ruination at the agrarian-urban frontier”, *Urban Geography* (Early View)

Caldeira, T. 2017. “Peripheral urbanization: Autoconstruction, transversal logics, and politics in cities of the global south” *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 35:1 3-20.

Cunningham, David and Alexandra Warwick (2013) “Unnoticed Apocalypse” *City* 17:4, 433-448.

De Boeck, Filip (2005) “The Apocalyptic Interlude: Revealing Death in Kinshasa” *African Studies Review*.

DeSilvey, Caitlin (2012) and Tim Edensor, “Reckoning with ruins” *Progress in Human Geography* 37:4 465-485.

Dovey, K. (2025). “Informality as the Ur-Form of Urbanity: Keeping the *Ur*- in Urban Studies” *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 49:1 39-51.

Galindez, K. (2023). Planetary urbanization and imperialism: a view from Guåhan/Guam. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 47:1, 5-21.

Gandy, Matthew (2005) “Learning from Lagos” *New Left Review* 33 36-55.

Gandy M (2013) Marginalia: aesthetics, ecology, and urban wastelands. *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 103:6: 1301–1316.

Khalvashi, T. (2026). The patchwork city: scrap metal gleaning and the production of anthropological knowledge from the margins. *History and Anthropology*, 1-22 (Early View)

Koolhaas, Rem (2002) “Junkspace” *October* 100 175-190.

Landecker, Hannah (2019), “A metabolic history of manufacturing waste: food commodities and their outsides” *Food, Culture and Society* 22:5 530-547.

Pohl, Lucas (2019) “The sublime object of Detroit” *Social and Cultural Geography* 22:8, 1063-1079.

Pohl, Lucas (2021) “Ruins as pieces of the Real: Images of a post-apocalyptic present” *Geoforum* 127, 198-208.

Schwenkel, Christina (2015) “Spectacular infrastructure and its breakdown in socialist Vietnam” *American Ethnologist* 42:3 520-534.

Shaw, Debra Benita (2013) “Strange Zones: Science Fiction, Fantasy and the Posthuman City” *City* 17:6, 778-791.

Simone, A. 2006. “Pirate towns: Reworking social and symbolic infrastructures in Johannesburg and Douala.” *Urban Studies*, 43:2, 357-370.

Soderman, B. and R. Carter. 2008. “The Auto Salvage: A Space of Second Chances” *Space and Culture* 11:1, 20-38.

Wilson, Japhy (2023) “Apocalyptic Urban Surrealism in the City at the End of the World” *Urban Studies* 60:4 718-733.

Week 7: Urban Exploration

Arnold, Emma (2019) “Aesthetic practices of psychogeography and photography” *Geography Compass* 13 1-17.

Bekteshi A and Mino F (2019) Walking through Tirana: spatio-temporal unfoldings in the cul-de-sacs. *Entanglements* 2:1 34–40.

Bennett, Luke (2011) “Bunkerology – a case study in the theory and practice of urban exploration” *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space* 29 421-434.

Bonnett, Alastair (2017) “The enchanted path: magic and modernism in psychogeographical walking” *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers* 42:3 472-484.

Cheng YE (2013) Telling stories of the city: walking ethnography, affective materialities, and mobile encounters. *Space and Culture* 17:3 211–223.

Daniels, Stephen and Hayden Lorimer (2012) “Until the end of days: narrating landscape and environment” *cultural geographies* 19:1 3-9.

Diamond E (2018) Reactivating the city: Kibeho, Black Lives Matter, and the Situationist derive. *Theatre Journal* 70:3 349–367.

Dickinson P (2017) Raja Shehadeh's Palestinian Walks and the concrete ecology of settlement. *Interventions* 20:2 294–307.

Gandy, M (2024) "Attentive Observation: Walking, Listening, Staying Put" *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*, 114:7, 1386-1404

Hanson S (2007) "Mind the gap: psychogeography as an expanded tradition." *Street Signs* 6 10–13.

Hill, Lisa (2013). "Archaeologies and geographies of the post-industrial past: Landscape, memory and the spectral." *cultural geographies*, 20:3, 379-396.

Hubbard, Phil and Eleanor Wilkinson (2019) "Walking a lonely path: gender, landscape and 'new nature writing' *cultural geographies* 26:2 253-261.

Mason, Olivia et al (2023) "Interventions in walking methods in political geography" *Political Geography* 106 1-14.

Pinder D (2005) "Arts of urban exploration" *cultural geographies* 12(4): 383–411.

Pohl, L. (2020). Object-disoriented geographies: The Ghost Tower of Bangkok and the topology of anxiety. *cultural geographies*, 27:1, 71-84.

Sidaway, James D (2022) "Psychogeography: Walking through strategy, nature and narrative" *Progress in Human Geography* 46:2 549-574.

Stratford E, Waitt G and Harada T (2020) Walking city streets: spatial qualities, spatial justice, and democratising impulses. *Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers* 45: 123–138.

Smith, P. (2010) "The contemporary *dérive*: a partial review of issues concerning the contemporary practice of psychogeography" *cultural geographies* 17:1 103-122.

Wilson, Japhy (2025) "Disintegration Highway: Towards a Psychogeography of Planetary Urban Breakdown" *Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography* 46:1, 138-156.

Wilson, J. (2025). The Rotting City: Surrealist Arts of Noticing the Urban Anthropocene *Space and Culture* 28:3 283-294.

Week 8: Urban Dreamworlds

Adams, Ross (2010) "Longing for a Greener Present: Neoliberalism and the Eco-City." *Radical Philosophy* 163 2-7.

Adams, R. E. (2014). Natura urbans, natura urbanata: Ecological urbanism, circulation, and the immunization of nature. *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*, 32:1, 12-29.

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Week 10: Conclusion

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Search these journals for additional cutting-edge articles on themes of relevance to this module:

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