



## Fall 2018 Course

### **206 (01, 51179) – Global Cities**

**Day/Time:** Tuesday – 3:10 – 6:00 PM

**Building/Room:** Powdermaker Hall 115

**Instructor:** Rafael de Balanzo Joue

**Course Description:** Over-population, Climate change, bankruptcy, changes, or urban hazards—all caused by different systemic crisis in the environment, the economy and the society— have affected the evolution of the quality of urban life in global cities. These short and long-term stresses and shocks have brought substantial changes in the sustainability of urban systems. Global sustainability is increasingly an issue considering the impact that people living in cities have on the rest of the globe and the local sustainability of the cities themselves. Therefore, there is a need to analyze and modify the urban sustainable planning policies towards new strategies aiming to transform the shrinking global city through resilient processes. In order to achieve urban sustainability, the analytical focus in "*crisis and restructuring*" (Soja, 2003) or *expansion and retraction phase* (Beauregard, 2006) using the **heuristic of the of the adaptive cycle** (Holling, 1986) become highly relevant for critical urban studies and help us to evaluate different models of urban development and highlight social innovation network key role for urban change (Pares et al, 2017).