

**City University of Hong Kong**

**Information on a Course  
offered by Department of Public Policy  
with effect from Semester A 2013/14**

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**Part I**

Course Title:	Comparative and International Housing Policy
Course Code:	POL5701
Course Duration:	One semester
No. of Credit Units:	3
Level:	P5
Medium of Instruction:	English
Prerequisites:	Nil
Precursors:	Nil
Equivalent Courses:	Nil
Exclusive Courses:	Nil

**Part II**

**1. Course Aims:**

This course aims to provide students with an opportunity to analyze the role of the state and the market in meeting housing needs from both an international and comparative perspective. Students are expected to integrate conceptual and theoretical frameworks with major housing policies in the analysis.

## 2. Course Intended Learning Outcomes (CILOs)

*Upon successful completion of this course, students should be able to:*

No.	CILOs	Weighting (if applicable)
1.	Describe and analyse housing systems in Western industrial economies and East Asian countries, including China in a creative and innovative way and creatively and innovatively compare these housing systems, and demonstrate an ability to discover.	
2.	Analyse in a creative and innovative way key issues in international housing policies, for instance, in the areas of state intervention and the role of government, privatisation, housing and welfare housing market etc. and demonstrate an ability to discover.	
3.	Outline policy and practice of urban regeneration in local and international dimensions in a creative and innovative way and demonstrate an ability to discover;	
4.	Apply housing theories in the analysis of housing policy and practice and its relation with welfare capitalisms in a creative and innovative way and demonstrate an ability to discover.	

## 3. Teaching and learning Activities (TLAs)

*(designed to facilitate students' achievement of the CILOs)*

CILO No	TLAs	Hours/week (if applicable)
ALL	Lectures	2 hours per week
ALL	Seminars	1 hours per week
ALL	Preparation of the seminars and presentations	

## 4. Assessment Tasks/Activities

*(designed to assess how well the students achieve the CILOs)*

Students are required to pass BOTH the coursework assessment AND the examination before they can be awarded an overall passing grade of the course.

CILO No	Type of assessment tasks/activities	Weighting (if applicable)	Remarks
ALL	Seminar presentation, participation and Group	50%	
ALL	Seminar paper: 3,000 – 4,000 words		
ALL	Examination: 2 hours	50%	

**5. Grading of Student Achievement:** Refer to Grading of Courses in the Academic Regulations for Taught Postgraduate Degrees.

Letter Grade	Grading criteria in relation to CILOs
A+ A A-	The student has read widely and has impressive knowledge about housing systems in Western industrial economies and East Asian countries, including China, comparing these housing systems, key issues in international housing policies, for instance, in the areas of state intervention and the role of government, privatisation, housing and welfare housing market etc, urban regeneration in local and international dimensions, and housing theories in the analysis of housing policy and practice and its relation with welfare capitalisms. The student demonstrates creativity, innovation and a ability to discover to a very high standard
B+ B B-	The student has read relatively widely and has a good knowledge about housing systems in Western industrial economies and East Asian countries, including China, comparing these housing systems, key issues in international housing policies, for instance, in the areas of state intervention and the role of government, privatisation, housing and welfare housing market etc, urban regeneration in local and international dimensions, and housing theories in the analysis of housing policy and practice and its relation with welfare capitalisms. The student demonstrates creativity, innovation and a ability to discover to a good standard
C+ C C-	The student has a read only superficially and has a rudimentary knowledge about housing systems in Western industrial economies and East Asian countries, including China, comparing these housing systems, key issues in international housing policies, for instance, in the areas of state intervention and the role of government, privatisation, housing and welfare housing market etc, urban regeneration in local and international dimensions, and housing theories in the analysis of housing policy and practice and its relation with welfare capitalisms. The student demonstrates poor creativity, innovation and a ability to discover
D	Obvious limitation in reading and consequently knowledge about housing systems in Western industrial economies and East Asian countries, including China, comparing these housing systems, key issues in international housing policies, for instance, in the areas of state intervention and the role of government, privatisation, housing and welfare housing market etc, urban regeneration in local and international dimensions, and housing theories in the analysis of housing policy and practice and its relation with welfare capitalisms. No demonstration of creativity, innovation or ability to discover
F	The student knows almost nothing about anything related to this course, and seems to have discovered little more than the venues in which class activities take place.

### **Part III**

#### Keyword Syllabus:

Comparative housing systems in western industrial economies. Comparative East Asian housing systems. The role of government in housing development in East Asia. The growth of home ownership and the policy on owner-occupation. International trend in housing finance. Urban regeneration, Urban renewal and Urban planning. Public Participation in planning. Housing and social theories. Housing, social policy and social justice.

#### Recommended Reading:

- Agus, Razali; Doling, John & Lee, Dong-Sung (Eds.) (2002) *Housing Policy Systems in South and East Asia*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Castells, M, Goh, L and Kwok R Y W (1990) *Shek Kip Mei Syndrome* (London: Pion).
- Clapham, D, Kemp, P & Smith, S J (1990) *Housing and Social Policy* (London: MacMillan).
- Doling, J (1997) *Comparative Housing Policy* (London: Macmillan).
- Forrest, R. & Lee, J. (2003) (eds) *Housing and Social Change: East West Perspectives*. Routledge: London.
- Lee, J (1999) *Home Ownership and Social Change in Hong Kong* (Aldershot: Ashgate.)
- Saunders, P (1990) *A Nation of Home Owners* (London: Unwin Hyman).
- Wong, R (1998) *On Privatizing Public Housing* (Hong Kong: CityU Press).
- Smart, A (2006) *The Shek Kip Mei Myth*, Hong Kong: Hong Kong University Press.