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The course is intended to introduce all the theoretical and rational dimensions in urban planning. Through a historical projection the course discusses the different impacts of all the factors that determine and orient city development and redevelopment. The course also focus in the historical turning points that transformed the process of structuring the built environment, with special focus on the industrial revolution, impact of different phenomena "such as Haussmanization, Fordism, ... etc." on changing the intellectual environment of city building. There is also a special section discussing in detail the different theories of urban planning both in local and regional levels and infer the key issues and environment that gave birth to every single theory. In addition to the study of great planning movements and influencing reformers and pioneers

Course Outline

1- 1st midterm: Evolution and Symbolism of urban reform
   - Urban Origins and Ancient civilizations.
   - Greco-Roman City.
   - Medieval City.
   - Baroque City.
   - The Industrial Age
   - The City Beautiful movement
   - The Garden City movement.
   - The New Town movement.

   - An approach to the study of urban planning theories.
   - Theories of urban evolution
   - The planning theory as a conceptual framework.
   - Evolution of theoretical thinking and its impact on urban planning.
   - Concept of "Centrality" in urban theory.
   - The urban theory between form and essence.
   - Epilogue.
Requirements

- Regular attendance and active participation
- Oral assignments (e.g., brainstorming and presentations)
- Written assignments (e.g., research paper, quiz, exercises)
- Midterm examination.
- Final examination.

Evaluation

- Attendance 10%
- Research 20%
- Midterm exam 20%
- Final exam 50%

Readings and References

- The text book edited by Dr. Mohsen Salah Eldin Youssef.

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