

## **The Making of Modern Cities**

As the settlements of production and inhabitation of humans, cities normally emerge and form as the physical result of the economy and social transformation. changes in production and collaboration brought by the industrial revolution, transnational trades and globalization system had been projecting essential impact through the formation of modern cities. This seminar takes the physical space morphology of cities as the start point, discusses the diverse meaning as well as the existing status of urban community nowadays. It concerns historical issues that can help to excavate the explanation in political economics level for the process of modernized production of the urban space. Moreover, the discussion will extend to the identification of “development” regarding the influence of industrialization and globalization, the relationship between urban and rural will also be reconsidered eventually.

Introducing the students to concern and consider the formation, existence and operation principle of cities as spatial-socio complex, practicing their capability of observation and analysis on specific urban community cases, constructing their historical scope of city interpretation, expanding their rethinking about development under the context of globalization and recognition of urban-rural relationship.