

METU FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE, DEPARTMENT OF CITY AND REGIONAL PLANNING

CRP 372 Planning Theory, Spring 2010

Instructor: Asst.Prof.Dr.Bahar Gedikli

Time: 9.40-12.00, Thursday

The purpose of the course is to provide students with an overview on the evolution of planning theory starting from the late 19th century. The course starts with discussing how the planning thought had emerged, and then continues with how and why it has evolved through time. It elaborates past and present core theories, which have shaped thinking within the field of city and regional planning. The emphases will be on both planning process and substantive outcomes. Students are expected to identify how changing theories have guided planning practice and research.

Week 1 (February 18th): Introduction to Planning Theory

Course Description

Week 2 (February 25th): Theory and Planning Theory

The use of theory in planning

Week 3 (March 4th): The Pioneering Figures in Planning

Circumstances that led to the planning thought

Utopian Thinkers: Ebenezer Howard, Frank Lloyd Wright, Le Corbusier

Assignment: Review of a reading on Garden City to be submitted in the 4th week

Week 4 (March 11th): Early Planning Schemes

Neighbourhood Unit

Radburn Plan

Assignment: Review of a reading on the Radburn Plan to be submitted in the 5th week

Week 5 (March 18th): Early Planning Schemes

City Beautiful Movement

Video Demonstration

Week 6 (March 25th): Midterm Examination I

Week 7 (April 1st): Instrumental Rationality and Rational Thought in Planning

The Rational Comprehensive Planning

Week 8 (April 7th): Criticisms towards the Rational Comprehensive Planning

Disjointed Incrementalism (Charles Lindblom)

Week 9 (There is no class on the 15th of April; 9th week is held on the 22nd of April): Criticisms towards the Rational Comprehensive Planning

Advocacy Planning (Paul Davidoff)

Assignment: Review of a reading on Paul Davidoff's Advocacy Planning to be submitted in the 10th week

Week 10 (April 29th): Communicative Rationality and Collaborative Planning

How communicative planning has emerged and evolved

Week 11 (May 6th): Midterm Examination II

Week 12 (May 13th): Strategic Spatial Planning

Theory and practical examples

Assignment: Review of a reading on the strategic spatial planning to be submitted in the 12th week

Week 13 (May 20th): New Urbanism

Theory and practical examples

EVALUATION

Midterm Examinations

Assignments

Final Examination