



SHARING ECONOMY AND COLLECTIVE ACTION IN CITIES Syllabus

Basic information

Field of study Electives		Didactic cycle 2025/26	
Speciality -		Subject code EKOPSW.S.M4.3734.25	
Organizational unit School of Undergraduate and Graduate Studies		Lecture languages English	
Study level graduate studies		Mandatory Elective	
Study form full-time		Block Free choice electives	
Education profile general academic/practical		Department responsible for the subject Department of Spatial and Environmental Economics	
		Subject related to scientific research No	
		Subject shaping practical skills No	
Coordinator	Adam Polko		
Teacher	Adam Polko		
Period Semester 3	Form of teaching, number of hours and method of examination • lecture: 14, Credit with grade	Number of ECTS points 3	
Sustainable Development Goals	inclusiveness / inclusive; cooperation; local society; city; public services		

Goals

Code	Goal
C1	Learning about different forms of the sharing economy and urban commons and understanding how they work.
C2	The ability to develop rules for collective action in cities depending on the local context.

Recommended requirements

Knowledge of English

Subject's learning outcomes

Code	Outcomes in terms of	Major learning outcomes for the subject	Examination methods
Knowledge:			
W1	The student describes various forms of the sharing economy and collective action in cities and explains the social dilemmas arising from the need for cooperation.	DEK.M_W07	End-of-course assessment - case study solved in a group, Participation in class discussion
Skills:			
U1	The student has language skills using specialized language in the field of economics and spatial economics.	DEK.M_U06	End-of-course assessment - case study solved in a group, Participation in class discussion
U2	The student is able to work in a group to solve problems related to the sharing economy and collective action in cities.	DEK.M_U07	End-of-course assessment - case study solved in a group

Study content

No.	Course content	Subject's learning outcomes	Activities
1.	Theoretical Foundations of the Sharing Economy and Urban Commons. (conceptual origins of the sharing economy; commons and common-pool resources; theories of collective action; interactions between market, state, and community in urban contexts)	W1, U1	lecture
2.	Platform Urbanism: Power, Governance, and Inequality in the Sharing Economy. (Digital platforms (e.g. Airbnb, Uber) as urban actors; data extraction, and labor precarity; critical perspectives on the socio-spatial impacts of platformization in cities)	W1, U1	lecture

No.	Course content	Subject's learning outcomes	Activities
3.	Grassroots Sharing Practices and Collective Action in Urban Settings. (community-led initiatives, urban community gardens, housing commons, hackerspaces/makerspaces; mechanisms of trust, reciprocity, and self-governance; comparative case studies from cities)	W1, U1, U2	lecture
4.	Urban Governance and Policy Responses to the Sharing Economy (regulatory frameworks, co-governance, and institutional innovation; the role of local governments in enabling or constraining sharing practices; conflicts, participation, and democratic accountability; inclusive vs. extractive models of sharing; the "right to the city," and pathways toward just and sustainable urban futures)	W1, U1, U2	lecture

Additional information

Activities	Methods of conducting classes
lecture	Lecture using multimedia techniques, Lecture using case studies, Lecture using activating techniques

Activities	Examination method	Percentage
lecture	End-of-course assessment - case study solved in a group	70%
lecture	Participation in class discussion	30%

Activities	Credit conditions
lecture	Positive assessment of the case study.

Literature

Obligatory

1. Foster, S. R., & Iaione, C. (2022). Co-cities: Innovative transitions toward just and self-sustaining communities. MIT Press.
2. Polko, A., Czornik, M., & Ochojski, A. (2021). Understanding the Urban Commons. Economics and governance. Wydawnictwo Naukowe Bogucki, Poznań.
3. McLaren D., Agyeman J. (2015), Sharing Cities: A Case for Truly Smart and Sustainable Cities, MIT Press, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Optional

1. Polko, A. (2024). Governing the urban commons: Lessons from Ostrom's work and commoning practice in cities. Cities, 155, 105476.
2. Polko, A., Ochojski, A., & Czornik, M. (2025). Leadership in Urban Commoning: Why Bridging Social Capital Matters?. International Journal of the Commons, 19(1).
3. Polko, A. (2024). On the nature of the urban commons. Economics and Environment, 91(4), 833-833.

Calculation of ECTS points

Activity form	Activity hours*
lecture	14
Literature study	30
Preparation of the end-of-course assessment - case study solved in a group	30
E-learning - analysis of e-learning materials	16
Student workload	Hours 90
Number of ECTS points	ECTS 3

* hour means 45 minutes

Major learning outcomes for the subject

Code	Content
DEK.M_U06	Ma umiejętności językowe w zakresie wybranego języka obcego zgodnie z wymaganiami określonymi dla poziomu B2+ Europejskiego Systemu Opisu Kształcenia Językowego, z uwzględnieniem języka biznesu.
DEK.M_U07	Potrafi planować i organizować pracę - indywidualną oraz w zespole, w tym kierować zespołami oraz współpracować z innymi zespołami w zakresie rozwiązywania problemów z zakresu ekonomii oraz dyscyplin pokrewnych.
DEK.M_W07	Zna i rozumie w pogłębionym stopniu dylematy ekonomiczne i społeczne współczesnej cywilizacji, zwłaszcza w obszarze gospodarki.