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THE AMERICAN CITY

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Time: Tuesday 10:30 – 12.20 Venue: CPD 4.17

In 1800 only 6% of Americans lived in cities; in 2000 this number was more than 80%. As a center of growth, power and cultural diversity, the American city has always occupied a crucial place in envisioning itself as a new modern nation on the global stage. In this course, students will watch films related to the historical, racial, and cultural dynamics of cities such as New York City, Philadelphia, Chicago, New Orleans, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. Through examining these film clips, as well as pieces of music, literature, art, and photography, this course draws comparisons to Hong Kong itself to understand the relationship between our city and some of the greatest as well as the “baddest” American metropolises that continue to define our time.

Prerequisite: Nil Assessment: 100% coursework