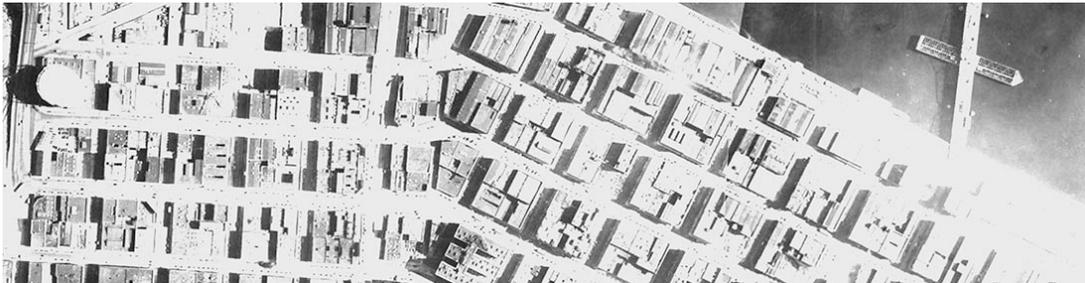


# ARCH 607 *FUTURES OF THE CITY*

Fall 2018 Track II Portland Architecture Urban Research Seminar (3 credits)  
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## ***What is the power of design to realize new urban potentialities?***

This research-based theory seminar will explore how evolving trends will impact the the future of the city and what implications these will have on architectural and urban design. The topics we will discuss include but are not limited to: growing inequalities, rapid urbanization, emerging transit paradigms, climate change, growing water crises, adaptive reuse, and lack of affordability. The focus will be on Portland, and yet we will study other urban environments as well. And while we will have an eye to the future(s), our efforts will also be grounded in understandings of the past(s).

The course requires individuals to assume a proactive stance in considering these issues. The goal will be for each course participant to articulate a clear sub-interest within the larger topic of the seminar. Such an effort will have value in an of itself; it is also intended to help positively shape educational goals and professional aspirations moving forward. To that end, the role of the instructor and guests will be to guide participants to resources that will enable them to further cultivate their interests.

With the acquisition of research skills in mind, the seminar is organized in a manner akin to a conference. This will include the submission of draft abstracts for blind review, research workshops, and ultimately the development of manifestos that will be presented at an end-of-quarter symposium *FUTURES OF THE CITY*.

Learning outcomes:

- Participants will develop more critical and informed attitudes about evolving trends impacting the city and how these will affect architectural and urban design
- Participants will gain awareness of various research methodologies relevant to the discipline and practice of architecture
- Participants will demonstrate awareness of the value of systems thinking
- Participants will be able to articulate clear, relevant, and specific research hypotheses corresponding to the theme “the future of the city”
- Participants will understand how their efforts complement those of others and contribute to an enriched learning culture and understanding of the city