

***How is urban space(saund: sound) produced (skeip: scape) , controlled, and contested in contemporary cities? Why are some neighborhoods subject to heightened policing, surveillance, and racial profiling? And how do communities resist such forms of spatial injustice(anarchism..)?***

**You want to know more? Then join us in the course**

## **Space and territory in times of multiples: Case study of the Berlin's Kriminalitätsbelastete Orte**



This interdisciplinary course investigates the political and social production of urban territories through the case of Berlin's *Kriminalitätsbelastete Orte* (KBOs), zones officially designated by the police as having higher criminality rates. These spatial designations allow for extended policing powers, including stop-and-search without suspicion. **But what lies beneath this practice?**

Framed through the concept of “**multiples**” (crises, actors, rationalities, and resistances) we will critically examine how these zones are not only constructed and governed, but also racialised, securitized, and contested, inviting students to engage with urgent questions about power, visibility, and spatial inequality in modern cities.

By the end of this course, students will be able to understand how urban space is shaped by legal, political, and social forces; To analyze *Kriminalitätsbelastete Orte* (KBOs) as spatial expressions of broader dynamics of control, fear, and exclusion, to explore the intersections of race, policing, and urban governance through theoretical and empirical lenses, to examine how affected communities navigate, challenge, and resist spatialized state power, and finally to apply spatial theory to case studies from Berlin and connect them to global urban phenomena.

The course is open to Bachelor's and Master's students interested in urban issues, critical theory, spatial politics, or social justice. No prior expertise in urban theory is required, only curiosity and a willingness to critically engage with complex and contested issues. However, a good knowledge of English is required as the course will be held in English.

**The first meeting is on Thursday, 16 October 2025, 4.30-6.30pm in room 2'108, new building, 2nd floor of HU's Geography Department, Campus Adlershof.**

**Following: 29.10.25 (17-20.30 hr); 20.11.25 (16:30-20:30hrs)... Excursion and “tactile learning : Digital/K.I. included”.**

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