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The aim of this course is to focus the development of cities and urbanisation throughout the Ages and with special reference to the turn to post-industrialism by the end of the 20th century. Aspects to consider are urban growth and decline, urban social and economic restructuring, urban governance and the spatial transformation of cities. The concept of globalisation mainly refers to the international economic development by the end of the 20th century. International urban net-working is supposed to have increased parallel to economic deregulations, European integration, deindustrialisation, and the rise of producer services. Urban growth has been concentrated to major metropolises and many old industrial cities have declined. Polarisation within cities seems at the same moment to have increased.