

UPADM-GP.215: THE POLITICS OF NEW YORK
Spring 2016 Syllabus -- New York University

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Course Description:

This course will explore how politics influences everyday life in New York City. We will examine how New York City differs from other large cities in the United States, the role of the mayor and other elected officials, how the state government affects the city, the way in which the media shapes public policy and public policies for public safety, planning and preservation, economic development, transportation, public health and education. We will focus on current conflicts and debates concerning Times Square, Central Park, and neighborhood change.

Required Texts:

- Caro, Robert. *The Power Broker: Robert Moses and The Fall of New York*. New York: Knopf Books, 1974.
- Hamill, Pete. *Downtown: My Manhattan*. New York: Little, Brown and Company, 2004.
- Kurlansky, Mark. *The Big Oyster: History on the Half Shell*: Random House Large Print, 2006.
- White, E. B., and Roger Angell. *Here is New York*. New York: Little Bookroom, 1999. Print. (Included as a pdf on the classes site.)

Recommended:

- Glanz, James. *City in the sky: the rise and fall of the World Trade Center*. New York: Times Books, 2014. Print.
- Hammack, David C. *Power and Society: Greater New York at the Turn of the Century*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1982.
- Homberger, Eric. *The Historical Atlas of New York City: A Visual Celebration of 400 Years of New York City's History*. New York: Henry Holt and Co., 2005.
- Hood, Clifton. *722 miles : the building of the subways and how they transformed New York*. Baltimore, Md: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2004. Print.
- Kroessler, Jeffrey A. *New York year by year : a chronology of the great metropolis*. New York: New York University Press, 2002. Print.
- Kurlansky, Mark. *The Big Oyster: History on the Half Shell*: Random House Large Print, 2006.
- Mahler, Jonathan. *Ladies and gentlemen, the Bronx is burning : 1977, baseball, politics, and the battle for the soul of a city*. New York: Picador Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2006. Print.
- Scobey, David. *Empire City: The Making and Meaning of the New York City Landscape*. Pennsylvania: Temple University Press, 2002.

Students are expected to do the required reading, accessible through purchase of the required books and the NYU Classes site (<https://newclasses.nyu.edu/>) for this course. Due to the nature of this class, students should expect for news articles to be added to the class reading list on a rolling basis through e-mail or on the course Facebook group as outlined below. Students are expected to check their NYU email and the course Facebook group with frequency.

Assignments & Grading

I. Journals –25% of final grade

Students should compose a total of 7 one-page journal entries over the course of the 15 week semester. Journal entries may be published digitally on a blog, video blog, or kept on a simple word processor. If the student chooses to compose video entries, they must be a minimum of 3-minutes long. Journal entries must be submitted online through the NYU Classes site. Text documents should be uploaded; blog or video entries should be linked to.

Journal entries should explore and respond to subjects covered in-class and should refer or connect to relevant class readings and news articles. One journal entry should take the form of a book or film review. Journal entries should be checked for grammar and punctuation.

****Please note:** The first journal entry must be written and is due in hard copy in class on February 2nd and should be a discussion of "New York Values." What are New York values? How do they relate to the rest of the nation?

II. Final Paper –50% of final grade

Students will be expected to compose a 10-page final paper on a topic of their choosing from the course syllabus. Papers should be double-spaced and use 12 point font. Citation format may be APA, MLA, etc., but must be consistent throughout. Final papers must be submitted online through NYU Classes; due date will be announced in-class.

III. Participation –25% of final grade

Students should come to class prepared to discuss assigned readings and topics. Students should share news articles, blog posts, maps, etc. that relate to class topics and discussions on the course Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/998272306918791/>). In-class and online participation and engagement will contribute to the student's participation grade.

IV. Optional Class Outing

A class outing, **date TBA**, will be scheduled on a weekend day after spring break to begin at Hudson Yards and take the #7 train out to Flushing.

Course Schedule:

- 1 | January 26: New York and the Nation: What are New York values?
- 2 | January 28: How Politics Shape New York
- 3 | February 2: What Makes New York Different from Other Cities
- 4 | February 4: Demographic and Ethnic Change: How Immigration Replenishes the city
- 5 | February 9: Municipal Government: Structure & Organization
- 6 | February 11: The Power of the Mayor
- 7 | February 16: Political Parties and Elections
- 8 | February 18: How New York City Raises and Spends Money
- 9 | February 23: State Government and its Power over NYC
- 10 | February 25: The Impact of 9/11/2001 on New York City
- 11 | March 1: Public Safety: How New York Became the Safest Large City in the U.S.
- 12 | March 3: How Public Safety Influences Public Policies
- 13 | March 8: Media & New York City Politics
- 14 | March 10: The Transformation of Brooklyn
- 15 | *March 15: No class; Spring recess.*
- 16 | *March 17: No class; Spring recess.*
- 17 | March 22: The Legacy of Robert Moses
- 18 | March 24: Politics of Planning & Preservation
- 19 | March 29: Density and Rezoning Neighborhoods
- 20 | March 31: Politics of Transportation: Pedestrian Plazas, Bike Paths, and Vision Zero
- 21 | April 5: Large-scale Transportation Projects
- 22 | April 7: The Uber & Taxi Wars
- 23 | April 12: The Politics of Homelessness
- 24 | April 14: Conflict at Times Square
- 25 | April 19: Politics of Public Schools
- 26 | April 21: Animal Politics: Horses, Carriages, Dogs, & Geese
- 27 | April 26: Redevelopment of the NYC Waterfront
- 28 | April 28: Economic Development: How NYC Won the 2012 Olympics
- 29 | May 3: Politics of Public Health– Sugar, Smoking & Circumcision
- 30 | May 5: Politics of Parks and Public Spaces

Reading schedule:

1 | January 26: New York and the Nation: What are New York values?

Required Reading:

1. Gabbatt, Adam. "What's wrong with 'New York values'? Cruz's charge against Trump misplaced." *The Guardian*. January, 15, 2016.
<http://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2016/jan/14/republican-debate-donald-trump-ted-cruz-new-york-values>
2. Goldberg, Michelle. "'New York Values' Are Dominating This Election." *Slate*. January, 15, 2016.
http://www.slate.com/articles/double_x/doublex/2016/01/trump_bests_cruz_in_debate_over_new_york_values.html?wpsrc=sh_all_dt_em_bot
3. Daly, Michael. "9/11 Widower Invites Ted Cruz to Ground Zero to See 'New York Values'" *The Daily Beast*. January, 15, 2016.
<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2016/01/15/9-11-widower-invites-ted-cruz-to-ground-zero-to-see-new-york-values.html>

2 | January 28: How Politics Shape New York

Required Reading:

1. Hamill, Pete. *Downtown: My Manhattan*. New York: Little, Brown, 2004.

3 | February 2: What Makes New York Different from Other Cities

Required Reading:

1. White, E. B., and Roger Angell. *Here is New York*. New York: Little Bookroom, 1999. Print. (Available on NYUClasses site as a pdf.)
2. Glaeser, Edward L. "The Reinventive City, New York Remains Rich in the Ultimate Resource: Human Capital." *City Journal*. Special Issue 2009. http://www.city-journal.org/2009/nytom_reinventive-city.html

Optional:

1. Foner, Nancy. "How Exceptional Is New York? Migration and Multiculturalism in the Empire City." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 30 no. 6 (2007): pp 999-1023. <http://macaulay.cuny.edu/eportfolios/peoplingnyc2012wednesday/files/2012/01/Foner-how-exceptional-new-york.pdf>

4 | February 4: Demographic and Ethnic Change: How Immigration Replenishes the city

Required Reading:

1. Lobo, Arun P., and Joseph J. Salvo. "The Newest New Yorkers: Characteristics of the City's Foreign-born Population." The City of New York: Department of City Planning, 2013. Chapters 2 and 3. pp 9-94. http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcp/pdf/census/nny2013/nny_2013.pdf

Explore:

1. Maps: "Then As Now—New York's Shifting Ethnic Mosaic" *The New York Times*

Optional:

1. Mollenkopf, John. "The Rise of Immigrant Influence in New York City Politics." In *New York and Amsterdam: Immigration and the New Urban Landscape*, edited by Nancy Foner. New York: NYU Press, 2014. pp 203-27. <http://muse.jhu.edu/books/9780814738221/9780814738221-15.pdf>

5 | February 9: Municipal Government: Structure & Organization

Required Reading:

1. Berg, Bruce F. 2007. *New York City Politics: Governing Gotham*. New Jersey: Rutgers University Press. Chapters 3, 7 and 8. ***Online Access: Through NYU Libraries NYU Ebrary and ProjectMUSE*
2. Fine, Elizabeth, and James Caras. "Twenty-Five Years of the Council-Mayor Governance of New York City: A History of the Council's Powers, the Separation of Powers, and Issues for Future Resolution." *New York Law School Law Review* 58 (2013): 119 - 136. <http://www.nylslawreview.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/16/2013/10/Fine-and-Caras.pdf>
3. Hammack, David C. *Power and Society: Greater New York at the Turn of the Century*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1987. Chapters 7 & 8.

Watch:

1. [Communications-Based Train Control MTA Video](#)

Optional:

1. City of New York, City Charter. Introduction (1-2), Mayor (3-19), Council (21-49) and Organizational Chart Charter: http://www.nyc.gov/html/records/pdf/section%201133_citycharter.pdf
2. Chart: <http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/home/downloads/pdf/reports/2014/NYC-Organizational-Chart.pdf>

3. Somers, James, "Why New York Subway Lines Are Missing Countdown Clocks" *The Atlantic*, 2015.

6 | February 11: The Power of the Mayor

Required Reading:

1. Mollenkopf, John. "A Changing City." In *New York Comes Back: The Mayorality of Edward I. Koch*, edited by Michael Goodwin. New York: Powerhouse Books: 2006.
2. Mahler, Jonathan. *The Bronx Is Burning: 1977, Baseball, Politics, and the Battle for the Soul of a City*. New York: Picador, 2005. Section 37, pp 217-234.
3. McNickle, Chris. *To Be Mayor of New York: Ethnic Politics in the City*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1993. Chapters 5, 11, and 13.

Explore:

1. NYC Mayor's Office Youtube Channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCInI1zhyzv_BPb-VSHEtniw

Optional:

1. Cannato, Vincent J. "Assessing the Lindsay Years." In *The Ungovernable City: John Lindsay and His Struggle To Save New York*. New York: Basic Books, 2001.
2. Polner, Rob. *America's mayor : the hidden history of Rudy Giuliani's New York*. Brooklyn, N.Y: Soft Skull Press Distributed by Publishers Group West, 2005. Print. Chapter: "Legacy"
3. McNickle, Chris. "Measuring Mayor Dinkin's Mettle." In *The Power of the Mayor: David Dinkins, 1990-1993*. New Jersey: Transaction Publishers, 2013.

7 | February 16: Political Parties and Elections

Required Reading:

1. TBA

8 | February 18: How New York City Raises and Spends Money

Required Reading:

1. "City of New York Executive Budget Fiscal Year 2016: Budget Summary." In *Fiscal Year 2016 Executive Budget*. Office of Management and Budget, 2015.
http://www.nyc.gov/html/omb/downloads/pdf/sum5_15.pdf
2. New York City Independent Budget Office. "Understanding New York City's Budget: A Guide." 2013.
<http://www.ibo.nyc.ny.us/iboreports/understandingthebudget.pdf>
3. Buchanan, Larry. "Mayor de Blasio's Private Advisers: Who Gives the Money and Who Gets It." *The New York Times*, 2015. **View online; not on classes.
<http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2015/11/04/nyregion/mayor-de-blasios-shadow-cabinet.html>

Explore:

1. CBC Budget Navigator: <http://www.cbcny.org/summary>

9 | February 23: State Government and its Power over NYC

Required Reading:

1. Dearstyne, Bruce, "The Mayor and the Governor: A History of Tension and Cooperation." *Gotham Gazette*, August, 13, 2015.
<http://www.gothamgazette.com/index.php/opinion/5846-the-mayor-and-the-governor-a-history-of-tension-and-cooperation>
2. Hawkins, Andrew. "Cuomo throws cold water on two de Blasio plans" *Crain's*, 2015.
<http://www.crainsnewyork.com/article/20150203/BLOGS04/150209944/cuomo-throws-cold-water-on-two-de-blasio-plans>

3. Dague, Jamison. "How is the Port Authority Doing?" *Citizens Budget Commission*, 2014. <http://www.cbcny.org/cbc-blogs/blogs/update-port-authority-budget-reform>
4. Moss, Mitchell and Hugh O'Neill. "A Port Authority That Works." *NYU Rudin Center*. March 2014. http://wagner.nyu.edu/rudincenter/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/PortAuthorityFINAL_Web.pdf
5. Clarke, Katherine. "[The city that Shelly built](#)" *The Real Deal*, 2016.

Optional:

1. New York State Senate. "Branches of Government in New York State." <http://www.nysenate.gov/branches-government>
2. Pecorella, Robert. "The Two New Yorks in the Twenty-first Century: The City and State." In *Governing New York State*, edited by Jeffrey M. Stonecash, John Kenneth White, and Peter W. Colby. New York: State University of New York Press, 2006. Online Access: Available through NYU Libraries NYU Ebrary and Project Muse
3. Creelan, Jeremy M. and Laura M. Moulton. "The New York State Legislative Process: An Evaluation and Blueprint for Reform." New York: The Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law, 2004. Executive Summary, pp. vii-xiv. http://www.brennancenter.org/sites/default/files/legacy/d/albanyreform_finalreport.pdf
4. Feldman, Daniel L. and Gerald Benjamin. "The New York State Legislature—On Balance." In *Tales from the Sausage Factory: Making Laws in New York State*. New York: State University of New York Press, 2010. Chapter XI, 307-332, Online Access: Available through NYU Libraries NYU Ebrary
5. Norden, Lawrence, David E. Pozen and Bethany L. Foster, "Unfinished Business: New York State Legislative Reform 2006 Update." New York: The Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law, 2006. http://brennan.3cdn.net/0961322f1132c4f8b4_u9m6ivo30.pdf

10 | February 25: The Impact of 9/11/2001 on New York City

Required Reading:

1. Goldberger, Paul. "Shaping the Void." *The New Yorker*, September 12, 2011. <http://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2011/09/12/shaping-the-void>
2. Mahler, Jonathan. "The Bloomberg Vista." *The New York Times Magazine*, September 10, 2006. <http://www.nytimes.com/2006/09/10/magazine/10bloomberg.html?pagewanted=all>
3. Report: Surprise! The World Trade Center Rebuilding Pays Off for the Port Authority –and the Region. NYU Rudin Center and Appleseed
4. Report: Surging Ahead –Downtown Alliance
5. The New World Trade Center (powerpoint).

Optional:

1. Huxtable, Ada Louise. "The Death of the Dream for the Ground Zero Site." *The Wall Street Journal*, April 20, 2005. <http://www.wsj.com/articles/SB111395250748411350>
2. Clarke, Katherine. "Downtown is looking up: The post-9/11 rebirth of the Financial District is here." *NY Daily News*, May 16, 2014. <http://www.nydailynews.com/life-style/manhattan-post-9-11-rebirth-works-article-1.1794305>

3. "The Plan for Lower Manhattan." *Lower Manhattan Development Corporation*. Renew NYC, 2007.
http://www.renewnyc.com/ThePlan/general_project_plan.asp
4. Salvo, Joseph J., Lobo, Arun Peter, and Alvarez, Joel A. "A Pre- and Post-9/11 Look (2000-2005) at Lower Manhattan." Population Division, New York City Department of City Planning.
http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcp/pdf/census/pre_post_911.pdf
5. Glanz, James. *City in the sky : the rise and fall of the World Trade Center*. New York: Times Books, 2014. Print. ***Not on classes site.*

11 | March 1: Public Safety: How New York Became the Safest Large City in the U.S.

Required Reading:

1. Baker, Kevin. "'Welcome to Fear City' – the inside story of New York's civil war, 40 years on." *The Guardian*. May 18, 2015.
<http://www.theguardian.com/cities/2015/may/18/welcome-to-fear-city-the-inside-story-of-new-yorks-civil-war-40-years-on>
2. Zimring, Franklin E. *The City That Became Safe: New York's Lessons for Urban Crime and Its Control (Studies in Crime and Public Policy)*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2012. Chapter 5: Policing in New York City.
3. Kelling, George. "How New York Became Safe: The Full Story." *City Journal*, Special Issue 2009. http://www.city-journal.org/2009/nytom_ny-crime-decline.html

Optional:

1. Massing, Michael. "The Blue Revolution." *The New York Review of Books*, November 19, 1998.
<http://www.nybooks.com/articles/archives/1998/nov/19/the-blue-revolution/>

12 | March 3: How Public Safety Influences Public Policies

Required Reading:

1. Auletta, Ken. "Fixing Broken Windows: Bill Bratton wants to be America's top cop. His critics say that his legacy is tainted." *The New Yorker*, September 7, 2015.
2. Goldstein, Joseph. "Judge Rejects New York's Stop-and-Frisk Policy." *The New York Times*, August 12, 2013.
<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/08/13/nyregion/stop-and-frisk-practice-violated-rights-judge-rules.html>
3. US District Court Judge Scheindlin. "Behind the Decision on the Stop-and-Frisk Policy." *The New York Times*, August 12, 2013.
<http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2013/08/12/nyregion/10-years-of-stop-and-frisk.html>
4. Bergner, Daniel. "Is Stop and Frisk Worth it?" *The Atlantic*, April 2014.
<http://www.theatlantic.com/features/archive/2014/03/is-stop-and-frisk-worth-it/358644/>
5. Steier, Richard. "Bloomberg Alarmed for his Legacy, Not Safety." *The Chief*, August 19, 2013. <http://www.nycpba.org/archive/ch/13/ch-130819-razzle.html>

Optional:

1. Levine, Harry. "The Epidemic of Pot Arrests in New York City." *Alternet*, August 9, 2009.
http://www.alternet.org/story/141866/the_epidemic_of_pot_arrests_in_new_york_city

13 | March 8: How Media Influences Political Life in NYC

Watch:

1. "Hers to Lose." NYTimes Documentary Video Feature.
<http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2013/09/26/nyregion/christine-quinn-documentary.html>

14 | March 10: The Transformation of Brooklyn

Required Reading:

1. Lange, Alexandra. "New Improved Brooklyn." *New York Magazine*
http://nymag.com/nymetro/realestate/urbandev/features/n_10288/#
2. Bagli, Charles. "Ruling Lets Atlantic Yards Seize Land" *The New York Times*, 2009.
<http://www.nytimes.com/2009/11/25/nyregion/25yards.html?pagewanted=print>
3. The Rebirth of Downtown Brooklyn. Forthcoming report preview. Pdf available on NYUClasses.
4. Fox, Justin. "Want a Job? Go to Brooklyn." *BloombergView*.
<http://www.bloombergview.com/articles/2016-01-21/want-a-job-go-to-brooklyn>

Explore:

1. Photographs. "Brooklyn Changing" by Kristy Chatelain.
<http://www.brooklynchanging.com/brooklyn-flux/>
2. Photographs. "Crown Heights in Color" by Alicia Atterberry
<http://crownheightsincolor.com/>
3. Brooklyn Matters. <http://brooklynmatters.com/>
4. Curbed NY: "A Guide to All the Megaprojects Transforming New York City"
http://ny.curbed.com/archives/2015/04/28/a_guide_to_all_the_megaprojects_transforming_new_york_city.php

Watch (Optional):

1. The View on Real Estate: Will Brooklyn's Industry City be the Next Chelsea Market? <http://bcove.me/k9nuuxhm>

15 | March 15: No class; Spring recess.

16 | March 17: No class; Spring recess.

17 | March 22: The Legacy of Robert Moses

Required Reading:

1. Caro, Robert. *The Power Broker: Robert Moses and The Fall of New York*. New York: Knopf Books, 1974 *****Chapters TBD**
2. Burkeman, Oliver. "The Power Broker: Robert Moses and the Fall of New York by Robert Caro review – a landmark study" *The Guardian*, 2015.
<http://www.theguardian.com/books/2015/oct/23/the-power-broker-robert-moses-and-the-fall-of-new-york-robert-caro-review>

Optional:

3. Flint, Anthony. "The Battle of Washington Square Park." In *Wrestling with Moses: How Jane Jacobs Took On New York's Master Builder and Transformed the American City*. New York: Random House, 2009.

18 | March 24: Politics of Planning

Required Reading:

1. Hammack, David M. "Comprehensive Planning before the Comprehensive Plan: A New Look at the Nineteenth-Century American City." In *Two Centuries of*

American Planning, edited by Daniel Schaffer. Maryland: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1988.

2. Scobey, David. *Empire City: The Making and Meaning of the New York City Landscape*. Pennsylvania: Temple University Press, 2002. Chapter 7.
3. Spann, Edward K. "The Greatest Grid: the New York Plan of 1811." In *Two Centuries of American Planning*, edited by Daniel Schaffer. Maryland: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1988. <http://corlears-hook-studio-ii.wikispaces.com/file/view/the+greatest+grid+the+new+york+plan+of+1811.pdf>

Explore:

1. [Urban Reviewer NYC Master Plans Map](#)
2. The Municipal Art Society NYC's [Accidental Skyline Map](#)
3. The History of Greene Street <http://www.greenestreet.nyc/>

19 | March 29: Zoning, Housing, & Density

Required Reading:

1. Freeman, Belmont. "Unfinished New York," *Places Journal*, 2015.
2. Wisnieski, Adam "Housing Plan Targets Vacant Lots; Some Neighbors Leery" *City Limits*, 2014.

Explore:

1. Block by Block Videos, *The New York Times*.
<http://www.nytimes.com/video/new-york-city-neighborhoods-block-by-block>

20 | March 31: Politics of Transportation: Pedestrian Plazas, Bike Paths, and Vision Zero

Required Reading:

1. NYC's Vision Zero Action Plan and Map.
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/visionzero/pages/the-plan/the-plan.shtml>
<http://www.visionzeroview.nyc/>
2. Petro, John and Lindsey Ganson. "Vision Zero - How Safer Streets in New York City Can Save More than 100 Lives a Year." *Transportation Alternatives*, June 2011. <https://transalt.org/issues/enforcement/visionzeroreport>
3. Baker, Kevin. "De Blasio Wants to Strike Fear in the Hearts of New York's Reckless Drivers." *The New Republic*, March 18, 2015.
<http://www.newrepublic.com/article/121327/vision-zero-challenges-new-yorks-history-fatal-traffic-anarchy>
4. The City of New York, "PLANYC: A Greener, Greater New York." Section on Transportation, pp. 86-99
https://web.archive.org/web/20150628084413/http://s-media.nyc.gov/agencies/planyc2030/pdf/planyc_2011_planyc_full_report.pdf

Watch:

1. "Green Light for Midtown" on NYC DOT Youtube Channel.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BEFRL_NxOJg
2. Wired Video's: "NYC's Best and Worst Ways to Commute"
<http://video.wired.com/watch/nyc-s-best-worst-ways-to-commute>

Optional:

1. The City of New York, "OneNYC: The Plan for a Strong and Just City." pp. 84-99
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/onenyc/downloads/pdf/publications/OneNYC.pdf>
2. "Streets to Live By: How Livable street design can bring economic, health and quality of life benefits to New York City." *Transportation Alternatives*, August, 2008. http://transalt.org/sites/default/files/news/reports/streets_to_live_by.pdf

3. Lindsey, Joe. "This Woman Built 400 Miles of Bike Lanes in New York City." *Bicycling*, 2015. View online here, not included on classes site: <http://www.bicycling.com/culture/advocacy/this-woman-built-400-miles-of-bike-lanes-in-new-york-city>
4. Report: "A People's History of Recent Urban Transportation Innovation" by TransitCenter
5. Forthcoming: Khan, Janette. *Streetfight : a handbook for an urban revolution*. Place of publication not identified: Viking, 2016. Print.

21 | April 5: Large-scale Transportation Projects

Required Reading:

1. Gelinas, Nicole. "Fifteen Stories Under." *City Journal*
2. Cuozzo, Steven. "NY Can't Afford a New Penn Station" *NY Post*.
3. Smith, Stephen. "Vanity Project: Why Fancy Architecture Won't Save Penn Station." *Observer*, August 13, 2013. <http://observer.com/2013/08/vanity-project/>
4. Magnet, Myron. "Hey, Traffic Planners! It's the Twenty-first Century!" *CityJournal*. <http://www.city-journal.org/2016/eon0119mm.html>

Optional:

1. Brecher, Charles and Jamison Dague, "Who Pays When "The City" Gives Money to the MTA?" *Citizens Budget Commission*, May 06, 2015. <http://www.cbcny.org/cbc-blogs/blogs/who-pays-when-%E2%80%9C-city%E2%80%9D-gives-money-mta>
2. Schaller Consulting. "Necessity or Choice? Why People Drive in Manhattan." Prepared for Transportation Alternatives, September, 2005. http://www.transalt.org/sites/default/files/news/magazine/2006/winter/schaller_Feb2006.pdf
3. NYC Independent Budget Office. "Ferries, Select Bus, Vision Zero: Capital Funds Added, More Will Be Needed." March 2015. http://www.ibo.nyc.ny.us/iboreports/ferries_sbs_vision_zero_capital_funds_march2015.pdf
4. NYC Independent Budget Office. "How Much Would the City's Annual Contribution Be Today If Aid for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Capital Projects Had Kept Pace with Inflation?" <http://ibo.nyc.ny.us/cgi-park2/?p=944>

22 | April 7: The Uber & Taxi Wars

Required Reading:

1. January 2016 Report: "For-Hire Vehicle Transportation Study"
2. Goldwyn, Eric. "Why UberX Will Win in the End," *CityLab*, 2014.
3. Bialik, Carl, Andrew Flowers, Reuben Fischer-Baum, and Dhruvil Mehta. "Uber Is Serving New York's Outer Boroughs More Than Taxis Are." *FiveThirtyEight Economics*, August 10, 2015. <http://fivethirtyeight.com/features/uber-is-serving-new-yorks-outer-boroughs-more-than-taxis-are/>
4. Flegenheimer, Matt and Emma G. Fitzsimmons. "City Hall and Uber Clash in Struggle Over New York Streets." *The New York Times*, July 16, 2015. <http://www.nytimes.com/2015/07/17/nyregion/city-hall-and-uber-clash-in-struggle-over-new-york-streets.html>

Optional:

1. Badger, Emily. "Uber Triumphs as New York City officials abandon plans to limit transportation company." *The Washington Post*, July 22, 2015. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonkblog/wp/2015/07/22/uber->

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2. Bialik, Carl. "Is Uber Making NYC Rush-Hour Traffic Worse?" *FiveThirtyEight Economics*, 2015. <http://fivethirtyeight.com/features/is-uber-making-nyc-rush-hour-traffic-worse/>
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