GEOP1030
Sydney and the Great Australian Dream
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General Information

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Credit points
10

Prerequisites

Corequisites

Co-badged status

Unit description
Mapping is a critical method applied by geographers. While often presented as unbiased, critical geographers have demonstrated the means by which mapping can be employed as a tool of power. In response, methods of counter-mapping and other experimental practices provide alternative understandings of space, expose power and progress socio-spatial justice while new technologies allow participation by 'nonexperts'. In both a historical and contemporary context, this unit asks how can we define and understand Sydney through a critical geographical lens, and whether the archetypal 'Australian dream' still exists? The unit will focus upon methods of counter-mapping Sydney and other cities, and explores what a critical geographical mapping to develop a 'People's Guide to Sydney' might comprise.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

ULO1: Demonstrate an understanding of the contested representations of the 'Australian dream' and its relevance to Sydney.
ULO2: Critically examine the history of mapping, and its use by geographers to explore and visualise contemporary urban problems.
ULO3: Identify and discuss the diverse political motivations, methods and implications of mapping and counter-mapping.
ULO4: Analyse the potential of counter-mapping to reveal different lenses through which
to understand and define cities.

**General Assessment Information**

**Late Assessment Submission Penalty**

Unless a Special Consideration request has been submitted and approved, a 5% penalty (of the total possible mark) will be applied each day a written assessment is not submitted, up until the 7th day (including weekends). After the 7th day, a mark of ‘0’ (zero) will be awarded even if the assessment is submitted. Submission time for all written assessments is set at 11:55pm. A 1-hour grace period is provided to students who experience a technical issue.

This late penalty will apply to non-timed sensitive assessment (incl essays, reports, posters, portfolios, journals, recordings etc). Late submission of time sensitive tasks (such as tests/exams, performance assessments/presentations, scheduled practical assessments/labs etc) will only be addressed by the unit convenor in a Special consideration application. Special Consideration outcome may result in a new question or topic.

**Assessment Tasks**

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**The lies and power of mapping**

Assessment Type 1: Literature review  
Indicative Time on Task 2: 20.00 hours  
Due: 23:55 11/09/2023  
Weighting: 30%

A 1000 word review comprised of weekly readings to explore the lies and power of mapping.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Critically examine the history of mapping, and its use by geographers to explore and visualise contemporary urban problems.
- Identify and discuss the diverse political motivations, methods and implications of mapping and counter-mapping.
Countermapping essay

Assessment Type: Essay
Indicative Time on Task: 40 hours
Due: 23:55 09/10/2023
Weighting: 40%

1500 word essay discussing and critiquing different approaches to mapping and countermapping and their wider implications

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Identify and discuss the diverse political motivations, methods and implications of mapping and counter-mapping.
- Analyse the potential of counter-mapping to reveal different lenses through which to understand and define cities.

A People's Guide to Sydney

Assessment Type: Project
Indicative Time on Task: 30 hours
Due: 23:55 03/11/2023
Weighting: 30%

Group and individual work to and map/counter-map and produce a People’s Guide to Sydney’. Students will produce an individual output in the form of an annotated map of Sydney based on a specific lens of analysis and present as a group on their lens and approach to (counter)mapping.

On successful completion you will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the contested representations of the 'Australian dream' and its relevance to Sydney.
- Critically examine the history of mapping, and its use by geographers to explore and visualise contemporary urban problems.
- Identify and discuss the diverse political motivations, methods and implications of mapping and counter-mapping.
- Analyse the potential of counter-mapping to reveal different lenses through which to understand and define cities.

If you need help with your assignment, please contact:

- the academic teaching staff in your unit for guidance in understanding or completing this type of assessment
the Writing Centre for academic skills support.

2 Indicative time-on-task is an estimate of the time required for completion of the assessment task and is subject to individual variation

**Delivery and Resources**

Learning and teaching activities comprise a mix of recorded lectures, tutorials and discussion activities. Please see iLearn for further details.

**Recommended Texts and/or Materials**

There is no set textbook for this unit; however, independent reading and tutorial discussions are integral to GEOP1030 and a full reading list will be made available on iLearn, with readings accessible via Leganto. Students are expected to complete the required weekly set readings before each tutorial.

**Unit webpage and Technology used and required**

All enrolled students have access to the unit website at https://iLearn.mq.edu.au/login/MQ/. Access to the website is essential to complete GEOP1030.

**Policies and Procedures**

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- Academic Appeals Policy
- Academic Integrity Policy
- Academic Progression Policy
- Assessment Policy
- Fitness to Practice Procedure
- Assessment Procedure
- Complaints Resolution Procedure for Students and Members of the Public
- Special Consideration Policy

Students seeking more policy resources can visit Student Policies (https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/policies). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

To find other policies relating to Teaching and Learning, visit Policy Central (https://policies.mq.edu.au) and use the search tool.

**Student Code of Conduct**

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: https://students.mq.edu.au/admin/other-resources/student-conduct
Results

Results published on platform other than eStudent, (eg. iLearn, Coursera etc.) or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in eStudent. For more information visit ask.mq.edu.au or if you are a Global MBA student contact globalmba.support@mq.edu.au

Academic Integrity

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Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit http://students.mq.edu.au/support/

The Writing Centre

The Writing Centre provides resources to develop your English language proficiency, academic writing, and communication skills.

- Workshops
- Chat with a WriteWISE peer writing leader
- Access StudyWISE
- Upload an assignment to Studiosity
- Complete the Academic Integrity Module

The Library provides online and face to face support to help you find and use relevant information resources.

- Subject and Research Guides
- Ask a Librarian

Student Services and Support

Macquarie University offers a range of Student Support Services including:

- IT Support
- Accessibility and disability support with study
- Mental health support
- Safety support to respond to bullying, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault
• Social support including information about finances, tenancy and legal issues
• Student Advocacy provides independent advice on MQ policies, procedures, and processes

Student Enquiries
Got a question? Ask us via AskMQ, or contact Service Connect.

IT Help
For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

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