

# Experience Day Urban Studies 27 March 2020



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## Lecture:

### **Lecturer:**

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### **Preparation:**

'What's the Greatest Risk Cities Face?', Politico Magazine, July / August 2017

URL: <https://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2017/06/30/biggest-challenge-american-cities-policy-experts-215308>

Read the article and answer the questions below. Bring your answers to the Experience day.

### **Questions:**

1. The Politico article focusses on urban issues and problems in the United States. To what extent do cities in other parts of the world face identical or different issues, especially in Europe and the Global South?
2. What is meant by gentrification in the context of contemporary urban development? Could you give examples and mention the pros and cons of these processes of urban change?
3. Which specific issues have triggered your interest in Urban Studies? What specific skills and knowledge do you think that academically trained urbanists could contribute to effectively deal with the future challenges of urban life?