Global Culture and Diversity – Distributional Electives

Description
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Note: For a course to count towards a requirement, it must be taken in the year that it was listed as valid.

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5419 Hidden Figures: The City, Architecture and the Construction of Race and Gender
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4479 Power & Place Culture and Conflict in the Built Environment
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1323 Tokyo Study Abroad Studio New Topologies of Our Living Environment
Sosuke Fujimoto

3346 Urban Form Transition as Condition
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Kayoko Ota

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Zhang Ke

1308 Architecture as a Tool to Improve Lives Development of a Day Care Centre for
Rohingya Children
Anna Heringer

1403 Alternative Futures for Al-‘Ula, Saudi Arabia
Stephen Ervin, Craig Douglas

1501 The New Selma
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1315 After the Storm Restructuring an Island Ecosystem
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Pei Zhu

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Chris Herbert

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(Prior to 2016, this Distributional Elective was known as “Non-Western.” The description of that elective type is included below)

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1501 When the Future Looked Bright We Didn’t Wear Shades
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1502 The MLK Way Building on Black America’s Main Street
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4329 Urbanization in the East Asia Region
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5502 Urban Governance and the Politics of Planning in the Developing World
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