Cities provide a useful window into many of the contemporary challenges facing an increasingly globalized world, but they are often seen through binary lenses: North vs South, developed vs developing, city vs slum and formal vs informal. In this course, we will seek to disrupt such dichotomous views. Instead, we will practice with adopting a global approach to thinking about cities ranging from Los Angeles, London and Tokyo to São Paulo, Johannesburg and Mumbai that is both relational and territorial. What are the differences and similarities in which processes such as globalization and gentrification manifest themselves in these cities? And what does this mean for the ways in which people can claim their right to the city? This an upper division undergraduate class open for students interested in social justice and inequality in cities across the world.