

Spring 2010

ARC 598 SHP Media Urbanism

M. Shepard :: MW 3:00pm – 4:50pm :: CFA 246

Reg# 108305

4 credits

This hybrid studio-seminar focuses on contemporary media art situated in urban space. Through a series of urban research experiments and transdisciplinary readings, students develop skills to critically engage the city and explore alternative urban activities and experiences enabled by a range of mobile, embedded, pervasive, networked and distributed media, communication and information systems. Drawing on a broader discourse involving the technological mediation of urban life, weekly discussions are organized around readings in social and spatial theory, open systems, participatory structures, computer science, human geography and urban form as well as presentations and analyses of contemporary projects in locative media, ambient informatics, and urban computing. Periodic critiques provide a platform for discussing students' ongoing project development and prototyping, with an emphasis on producing a project proposal at the end of the semester that can be submitted to exhibition venues and funding organizations.