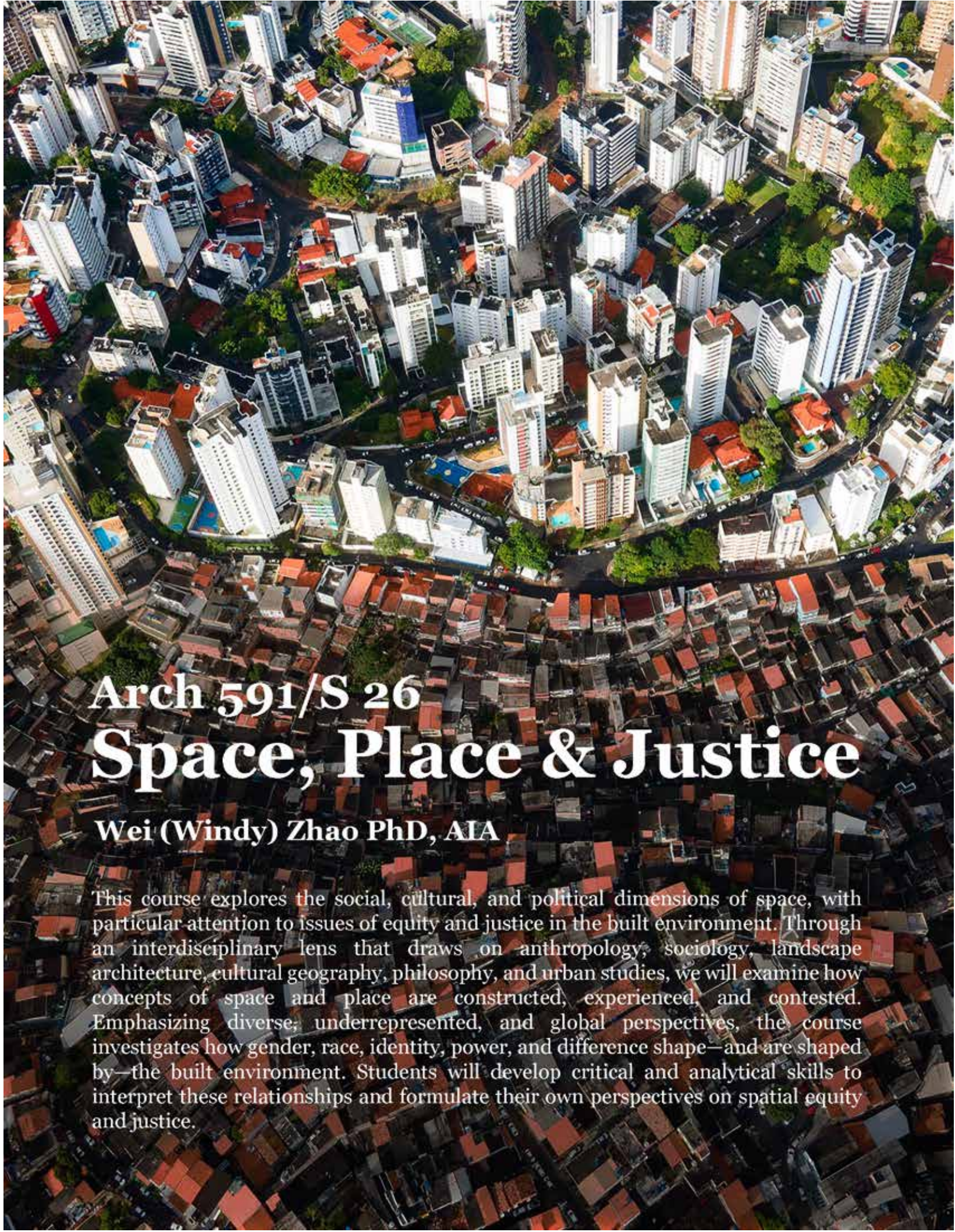


An aerial photograph of a city, likely Hong Kong, showing a stark contrast between modern high-rise apartment buildings and a dense, older neighborhood with low-rise buildings and red-tiled roofs. The modern buildings are clustered in the upper half of the image, while the older neighborhood occupies the lower half. A road or boundary line runs horizontally across the middle, separating the two areas. The text is overlaid on the lower half of the image.

Arch 591/S 26 Space, Place & Justice

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This course explores the social, cultural, and political dimensions of space, with particular attention to issues of equity and justice in the built environment. Through an interdisciplinary lens that draws on anthropology, sociology, landscape architecture, cultural geography, philosophy, and urban studies, we will examine how concepts of space and place are constructed, experienced, and contested. Emphasizing diverse, underrepresented, and global perspectives, the course investigates how gender, race, identity, power, and difference shape—and are shaped by—the built environment. Students will develop critical and analytical skills to interpret these relationships and formulate their own perspectives on spatial equity and justice.