

## **METHODS IN URBAN PRACTICE: Blog Post Instructions**

At your own pace and discretion, you are required to submit **at least five blog posts during the semester**. You may choose which of the 10 eligible weeks of the semester you will submit a post. (“Eligible weeks” are those for which we have readings assigned.) However, **you must post your response to readings on the week those readings are due and by the class meeting during which we will discuss those readings**. In other words, you cannot write a blog post about readings you did three weeks ago, nor can you wait until the last week of the semester to retroactively write five blog posts.

All blog posts will be made to the class web site and should be between 500 and 750 words.

### **Content:**

Each post will respond to the readings for that week and cover such elements as argument, assessment of argument, relevance to your anticipated research, and relevance to other assigned readings. The idea is not simply to summarize the main ideas of each reading (although that is important), but also to ruminate upon the strength of the argument, its practicality, and its relationship to other ideas we are covering in class. Here, I would like you to focus on reasoning through the argument, rather than reflecting on how you personally *feel* about it. You may include your own experiences in the post, but they should add to the strength of your analysis, not distract us from the texts themselves.

You should be sure to include the author’s full name and the full title of the works you discuss in your post.

### **Instructions for Posting:**

You must be signed into NYU Home to post. Your own NetID (minus the @nyu.edu) is your username. If you are not already signed in, go to the course web site and scroll down to the bottom right-hand corner and click in “login.”

A black bar should show up at the top of the web site with a menu of options. The last option should read “+New”. Hover your arrow over this and you will see the option to post or add media. You are welcome to add relevant media, but this will not satisfy your blog requirement. Adding a “post”, however, will!

Once you arrive at the “Add New Post” screen, you will need to complete the following:

→ Title

- Content (proofread)
- Choose Categories or Tags, if you like
- Set a featured image, if you like
- Click “Publish”

When you have made the post, read it over and make sure you are happy with it. You can go back an edit, but not after the class meeting when it is due.

**Grading:**

Blog posts are 50% of your total grade, 10% per post. I will give you a grade of 1-5 for each post, but (of course) not publicly on the post itself!