Are you a slow or a fast person? Do you like to take your time or is rushing the lifestyle for you? This course can explain why you may be inclined to look at speed as a more valuable thing in comparison with slowness, which tends to be exiled to the Eastern part of the world by the modern culture. We will start as early as the 60,000s BCE, with the first time-keeping record, and continue through today by learning about the important connections between time keeping, organizing space, and identifying our lifestyle. Technology, science and economic ideas will further add to the large portrait of speed’s influence on global culture. Speed united remote places across the globe through better and faster technology (steamships and, later, planes) but it also created unsurpassable barriers between them due to the modern belief in speed as the final answer to everything. Speed shaped our countries, our cities, our relationships and our minds. Enclosed between space and time humans have tricked themselves to assign more value to fast living, especially in the Western world, but also to reserve the slow and “exotic” parts of the world for much needed relaxing moments, thus perpetuating a fragmented vision of our planet. Weekly short responses and a final project will fulfill the need for speed in this summer session.