

Comparative urban geography of post-socialist cities

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Description

Post-socialist urban development is neither uniform nor unilinear, but there are local variations of similar urban transformations depending on historical pathways and socio-economic as well as political framework conditions. Over the last two decades the number of case studies focusing on post-socialist urban transformation has been growing steadily, however, very few of these studies had a comparative perspective.

This session invites papers from the former state socialist countries focusing on one of following topics from a comparative perspective:

- local government reforms and new ways of governance in post-socialism;
- socio-spatial transformation of post-socialist cities;
- residential mobility and evolving new patterns of segregation in post-socialist cities;
- convergence or divergence between East and West;
- upgrading of inner-city neighbourhoods, and the mechanisms of gentrification;
- transformation of large housing estates;
- suburbanisation and urban sprawl in post-socialist cities;
- changing role of planning and planning control in post-socialist cities.

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Presentation n. 1

Title: Neighbourhood dynamics and socio-spatial change in post-socialist cities: a comparative perspective

Author(s): Zoltán Kovács

Presentation n. 2

Title: Universal or unique? Mechanisms and processes of social change in post-socialist cities (the case of Warsaw)

Author(s): Magdalena Górczynska

Presentation n. 3

Title: Urban residential mobility in a post-socialist metropolis: The case study of Riga

Author(s): Maris Berzins, Zaiga Krisjane, Andris Bauls

Presentation n. 4

Title: A multi level analysis of socio-economic differentiation in Lithuania

Author(s): Vytautas Valatka, Danas Zuokas

Slot 2

Chair: Zaiga Krisjane

Presentation n. 1

Title: Gated neighbourhoods in post socialist state (case Vilnius) as a symbol of safety?

Author(s): Dovilė Krupickaitė, Gintarė Pociutė

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Title: Bluefield development in the postsocialist context: the case of Bratislava and Prague

Author(s): Branislav Machala

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Title: Emerging transport land use changes in post-socialist urban environment: example of Slovenia

Author(s): David Bole

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Title: Large housing estate in post-socialist city, revival or decay

Author(s): Dorota Celinska-Janowicz

Presentation n. 5

Title: Urban recycling in post-socialist cities: transformation of brownfield sites into leisure in Poland

Author(s): Marta Derek, Adam Mielczarek

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Presentation n. 1

Title: Urban restructuring in post-war contexts: the Sarajevo case

Author(s): Jordi Martin

Presentation n. 2

Title: Urban renewal as a national political agenda: Skopje, Macedonia versus Ashgabat, Turkmenistan

Author(s): Leonora Grcheva

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Title: Urban Sprawl and suburbanization in Almaty: unique case or central Asian model?

Author(s): Francois Bogliacino

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Title: Urban restructuring in Ukraine: Problems and conflicts

Author(s): Artem Mozgovyi

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