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“A History of the Socialist City:  
Five Blueprints for Modernity from the Second World”

This course is a brief introduction into the history of envisioning and building socialist city across the Second World, from early Soviet experiments and mass construction campaigns in post-war Eastern Europe to the afterlives of socialist infrastructures after 1989/1991. In particular, we will investigate how the task of building a modern Socialist city was interpreted differently in various national and regional contexts across the Second World and how it changed over time. Examining diverse architectural and urban planning blueprints for modernity will allow students to address critically a number of issues lying at the crossroad of such disciplines as history, political science and urban studies.

**Monday  14 August 2017**

9.30-11.00.

**Early Soviet Experiments: Revision of Capitalist City Model and Collectivization of Byt**

“Milka Bliznakov, “Soviet Housing During the Experimental Years 1918-1933,” in Russian Housing in Modern Age: Design and Social History (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993), 85–149  

**Tuesday  15 August 2017**

9.30-11.00.

**Soviet Solution for Housing Question: Mikroraion and Prefabrication**

The Tashkent Model: A Model for the Developing World?

Housing Construction in Postwar Czechoslovakia and Hungary

Second World Infrastructures and Their Afterlives