International Conference

THE INS AND OUTS OF SOCIALISM: Visions and Experiences of Urban Change in the Second World

August 25—27, 2017 Center for Urban History | Lviv, Ukraine The theme of transition into and out of socialism and the (un-)making of socialist cities serves as entry points into broader discussions about the specificity of urban change in the Second World and its relationship to similar currents in the global North and South. The conference examines the content of the socialist city - its "ins and outs" - from power grids and housing stocks to museums and places of worship at these points of transition. Looking at the series of junctures that produced new forms of urbanity can help create a fresh narrative of socialist urban experiences and visions at the crucial moments of their realizations and reconceptualizations as both the future and the past of the socialist project.

The conference brings together scholars who study different time periods and cities where socialist projects were either launched or collapsed in the 20th century, as well as those that are still in place. It engages scholars who focus on vastly different periods and locations of the socialist city's past and present. Presented papers include but are not limited to the following points of entry or exit: late imperial and the early Soviet period; the continuities and ruptures of 1939/40 and 1944/45 in the making of the "socialist bloc" and the "Soviet west"; the years of launching and leaving socialist projects in the Global South; and most recently, 1989/91 as a major divide in socialism's "before" and "after" as a state, a geopolitical actor, and a vision of the future. Participants will specifically examine the role of cities and their transformation during the transition periods in or out of socialism.

Focusing on these turning points in the history of Second World urbanity can help us to look in more detail at the key resources and materials, both symbolic and physical, and the major actors, both human and non-human, that engaged in the making and unmaking of socialism. Coming on the heels of the 25th anniversary of 1991 and in the context of the centennial of the 1917 Revolutions, this conference will tap into many parallel reflections and insights about these turning points in 20th century history. We hope that bringing together a wide range of cases, both chronologically and geographically, will help generate stimulating discussions and allow participants to assess the characteristic peculiarities and ramifications of the societies and cities that embraced and later abandoned socialism all across the Second World.

Lviv is the designated city for this conference since it is one of the chief locations that features and highlights several moments of such transitions in/out of socialism.

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Lviv. Main city prospect and Opera Theater with the new ideological symbols. August 1944.

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# **PROGRAM**

Conference Venue: Center for Urban History 6 Bohomoltsia St | Lviv

August 25, friday

9:30

10:00

registration

welcome from organizers

10:15 - 11:45

Panel 1. "Managing Change"

Chair:

Andres Kurg (Estonian Academy of Arts, Tallinn)

Speakers:

**Viktoria Antonenko** (Taras Shevchenko National Museum, Kyiv, Ukraine) "Cities' Budgets of the Ukrainian SSR in the 1920-s: Theory and Practice of Their Functioning"

**Liliana luga** (Central European University, Budapest, Hungary) "Constructing the Socialist City from the Margins: Communist Rhetoric, Housing Policies and Slum Clearance in Postwar Cluj, Romania"

**Jelena Prokopljević** (Barcelona Architecture Centre, Spain) "The Speed of Pyongyang: Social and Spatial Narratives in Pyongyang Urban Transformation"

**Discussant: Sofia Dyak** (Center for Urban History, Ukraine)

12:00 - 13:30		Panel 2. "Infrastructure into Connections"
	Chair:	Svetlana Boltovskaja (Herder-Institut, Germany)
	Speakers:	Christina Schwenkel (University of California, Riverside, USA) "Global Architectural Transfers and the Worlding of Socialist Cities: East German Reconstruction of Vietnam"
		Piotr Bujas (TRACE, Central European Architectural Research Think-tank,
		Poland) "Spreading Socialist Model of City? Curricula of Polish International Course for Urban and Regional Planning for Developing Countries (1966-92)"
		<b>Tom J. Cinq-Mars</b> (Duke University, USA) "Varieties of Socialism and Urban Environments: Following the Druzhba Oil Pipeline Network"
	Discussant:	Daria Bocharnikova (The Center for Fine Arts BOZAR / KU Leuven, Brussels,Belgium)
14:30 - 16:00		Panel 3. "Bits of Socialist Cities: Symbols, Buildings, Spaces"
	Chair:	Florian Urban (Mackintosh School of Architecture, Glasgow School of Art, UK)
	Speakers:	<b>Elitza Stanoeva</b> (European University Institute, Italy) "Sofia's Uneven Transition to a Socialist Capital: Bricolage Fixtures of Collective Memory in Urban Space"

Michał Murawski (Queen Mary, University of London, UK)

"Actually-Existing Success: Economics, Aesthetics and the (Still-)Socialist City"

João Felipe Gonçalves (University of São Paulo, Brazil)

"The Monumental State in Hayana"

Discussant: Iryna Sklokina (Center for Urban History)

16:00 - 18:00 Presentations of the projects from the Summer School

"Sykhiv: Practices, Memories, Spaces"

Moderator: Natalia Otrishchenko (Center for Urban History, Ukraine)

**18:00** Closing Ceremony for the Summer School

August 26, 10:30 - 12:00 saturday

Panel 4. "Modes of Production, Trajectories of Change"

Chair: João Felipe Gonçalves (University of São Paulo, Brazil)

**Speakers:** Svetlana Boltovskaja (Herder-Institut, Germany)

"Nuclear Power Plants, Socialist Urbanization and the Population Change in the Ukrainian Polesia, 1965-2015"

Elke Beyer (Technical University Berlin, Germany)

"Cuts and Seams: Urban Effects of Transnational Clothing Production in

South-East Bulgaria from the 1980s to the Present"

**Jure Ramšak** (Science and Research Centre, Koper, Slovenia) "Showpiece of Socialism under Neon Lights: The Emergence of Gambling Industry in the Late-socialist Nova Gorica (Yugoslavia)"

Discussant: Steven E. Harris (University of Mary Washington, USA)

12:00 - 13:30

Panel 5. "(Im)possible Change"

Chair: Natalia Otrishchenko (Center for Urban History, Ukraine)

**Speakers:** Andres Kurg (Estonian Academy of Arts, Tallinn)

"The Production of the Forms of Communication 1966/1983: Critical

Discussions in Architecture Before Perestroika"

Florian Urban

(Mackintosh School of Architecture, Glasgow School of Art, UK)

"The Postmodern City in the German Democratic Republic"

Petr Roubal (Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic)

"Preparing for Neo-liberal Urban Order: Changes in the Urban Planning

of Prague 1985 - 1995"

Discussant: Michał Murawski (Queen Mary, University of London, UK)

14:30 - 16:00

Panel 6. "Into the Future... Divergences and Paths"

Chair:

Svitlana Shlipchenko

(Center for Urban Studies, Kyiv-Mohyla University, Ukraine)

**Speakers:** Anna Balázs (University of Manchester, UK)

"A Second Wave Transition: Urban Revival in Post-Soviet Mariupol"

Alena Pfoser (Loughborough University, UK)

"Narratives of Peripheralisation: Place, Agency and Generational

Cohorts in Post-industrial Estonia"

Stanislav Holubec (University of Ostrava, Czech Republic)

"Lenin, Marx and Local Heroes: Socialist and Postsocialist Memorial Landscapes in Eastern Germany and Czechoslovakia, Case Study of Jena and Hradec Králové"

**Discussant: Christina Schwenkel** (University of California, Riverside, USA)

16:15 - 17:00

concluding discussions

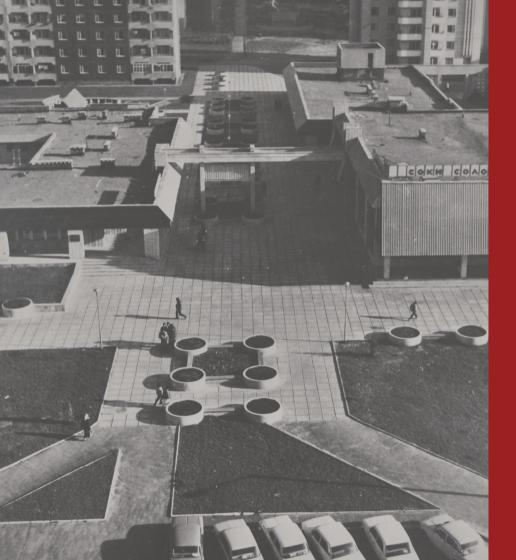
sunday

August 27, 10:00 - 14:00

Citywalk

"Multiple Urbanities of the 20th Century City"

with Natalia Mysak and Sofia Dyak (Center for Urban History, Ukraine)



#### **Conveners:**

Daria Bocharnikova

(KU Leuven /

The Center for Fine Arts BOZAR)

Sofia Dyak

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