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THREE DECADES OF POST-SOCIALIST TRANSITION

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

After the collapse of state socialism in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE), the former socialist countries' inclusion into the competitive global economies advanced as both; temporally and spatially uneven processes. These uneven processes presented myriad diversities, thereby implying significant shifts and high levels of creativity in finding ways of adapting to new forms of socio-political realities, which in turn offered a multitude of opportunities for urban research. Subsequently, scholarly attention has been paid particularly on examining interconnections between historical-, sociological-, and market-related aspects of transitioning processes. However, the exact implications of their spatial transformations have been largely absent within systematic research. Contrary to the often more adaptable socio-political structures of cities, built urban environment requires more time to adapt to changes and consequently reflect the new ideological concepts. This thereby warrants thirty years of comprehensive transition (1989-2019) as an optimum point of departure for undertaking a thorough and in-depth reflection. Hence, the international conference "Three Decades of Post-socialist Transition" seeks to bring together leading urban academics to discuss issues of post-socialist transition and a multitude of its effects on built urban environment from diverse perspectives. In addition, we also aim to challenge and advance both our knowledge and practice around the complex links within the neoliberal development agenda, socio-political changes, post-socialist identity formation, representation of cities and the urban space.

Conference venue

TU Darmstadt, Maschienehaus S1 | 05
Magdalenenstraße 12
64289 Darmstadt, Germany

Registration INFO

*The registration to the conference is only possible via the online registration platform:
<https://urbanmorphosis.wixsite.com/urbanlab/conference-2019>
The conference participation is limited to max. 150 people. Registration fee is 50 EUR.*

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| 08:45-09:30 | Reception and registration |
| 09:30-09:45 | Opening remarks Dr. Mirjana Ristic Trograncic, Dr. Nebojša Camprag Welcome address Prof. Dr. Annette Rudolph-Cleff |
| 09:45-10:45 | Inaugural lecture Prof. Dr. Oleg Golubchikov |
| 10:45-11:00 | <i>Break</i> |
| 11:00-12:40 | Parallel Sessions I 1. How Long Does The 'Post' Last? Spatial Dynamics in Post-Socialist Transition 2A. Socialist Legacy—Emerging Heritage? 3A. The Urban Morphology of Post Socialism |
| 12:40-13:40 | <i>Lunch break /room 22/</i> |
| 13:40-15:00 | Parallel Sessions II 2B. Socialist Legacy—Emerging Heritage? 3B. The Urban Morphology of Post Socialism 4A. Contested functions of (socialist) architecture in post-socialist cities |
| 15:00-15:15 | <i>Coffee Break</i> <i>the Book promotion: Post-Socialist Urban Infrastructures</i> |
| 15:15-17:05 | Parallel Sessions III 4B. Contested functions of (socialist) architecture in post-socialist cities 5A. 1989-2019 CEE urban transformation revisited: city visions, self-made transitions and alternative development models 6. Culture-led urban transformation and tourism potential in post-socialist Europe and beyond |
| 17:05-17:20 | <i>Break</i> |
| 17:20-18:20 | Closing Lecture Prof. Dr. Nina Gribat |

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| 09:00-09:45 | Registration |
| 09:45-10:45 | Opening Lecture Prof. Dr. Kaliopa Dimitrovska Andrews |
| 10:45-11:00 | <i>Break</i> |
| 11:00-12:40 | Parallel Sessions IV 5B. 1989-2019 CEE urban transformation revisited: city visions, self-made transitions and alternative development models 7. Contentious Mobility Governance: Mobility as an entry point to understanding urban governance in post-socialist cities 8. Rural Areas in the Post-Socialist Context |
| 12:40-13:40 | <i>Lunch break</i> |
| 13:40-15:00 | Parallel Sessions V 9. New patterns of land appropriation in post-socialist space 10. Innovating the Post-socialist City: Challenging Legacy. Emerging Fears? 11. Promises of Strategic Urban Planning |
| 15:00-15:15 | <i>Coffee Break</i> <i>the Book promotion: Reinventing Eastern Europe: Imaginaries, Identities and Transformations</i> |
| 15:15-16:15 | Closing Lecture Prof. Dr. Ludek Šykora |
| 16:15-16:30 | <i>Break</i> |
| 16:30-17:30 | Plenary session |
| 17:30-18:30 | Closing remarks & summation Prof. Dr. Sybille Frank Farewell and Outlook Dr. Nebojša Camprag |

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ORGANISATION TEAM AND PARTNERS

urban morphosis lab

Urban Morphosis Lab is a research lab established in 2018, based at the Department of Architecture in TU Darmstadt and places its focus on investigating complexity and diversity in contemporary urban changes. The Lab aims to provide a research platform for investigating diverse phenomena in urban change, and fostering connections between international researchers with similar research foci, thereby enabling networks that can provide more comprehensive knowledge.

The organizing team

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