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CALL FOR PAPERS AND SESSIONS

**6th INTERNATIONAL URBAN GEOGRAPHIES
OF POST-COMMUNIST STATES CONFERENCE:
25 YEARS OF URBAN CHANGE**



**CHARLES UNIVERSITY IN PRAGUE
23th / 26th SEPTEMBER 2015**

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We are pleased to invite you to attend the 6th International Urban Geographies of Post-Communist States Conference: **25 years of urban change** (i.e., the CATference) to be held **in Prague on 23th-26th September 2015**.

Cities After Transition (CAT) is the largest network of scholars primarily interested in urban issues regarding the 'post-socialist' countries of Central and Eastern Europe and the Former Soviet Union. The majority of CAT network are academic geographers – ranging from early career doctoral students to senior specialists – although there are members from other disciplines as well. Our main goal is to facilitate and promote international scholarly contacts and cooperation within our field.

The 6th CATference follows five successful bi-annual workshops in Lund (2005), Stockholm-Tallinn (2007), Tartu (2009), Bucharest (2011) and Tbilisi (2013). Selected papers presented in the CATferences were published in leading international journals in the field (Geografiska Annaler, Cities, Urban Studies). As usual, the event will showcase high-quality scholarship on the post-communist/post-socialist city, and there will be a dense social programme that includes a field trip. The participation of young researchers and PhD students from within the CEE/FSU region and beyond is strongly encouraged. CATferences offer a relatively small-scale environment, creating excellent opportunities to get acquainted with colleagues that share similar research interests.

CATFERENCE THEME: 25 YEARS OF URBAN CHANGE

We encourage a wide range of contributions on the development of post-socialist cities ('cities after transition'). At the same time, and considering that Prague's Albertov neighbourhood – the venue of the CATference – was the initial place for the 1989 Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia, we intend to grasp the opportunity to look back at the development of the disciplines of urban geography and urban studies more generally during the last 25 years. Therefore, we plan to discuss the variety of theoretical concepts, methodologies, empirical findings and research techniques used in research on different post-socialist cities during this period.

FORMS OF PARTICIPATION

You may either propose full paper sessions, or submit individual paper abstracts to be assembled into thematic sessions by the organizing team. You may also participate without giving a presentation. Each presentation will be given 20-25 minutes, including time for questions, answers and discussion.

ORGANIZING A SESSION

Session organizers are responsible for assembling contributions, and returning a completed session proposal form to the organisers. The proposal should contain the title, abstract, author name(s), affiliation(s) and email address(es) of all speakers. All sessions will be reviewed by the CATference Organisation Committee before being accepted for the conference. We will confirm acceptance of sessions by e-mail before the end of March 2015.

To submit a session proposal, please send your suggestions directly to the organizers by e-mail:

catference2015@natur.cuni.cz

SUBMITTING A PAPER

Each participant is allowed a maximum of one presentation. Please register first for the CATference, by providing the title of your presentation, a short abstract, and the names, affiliations and email addresses of all authors. All abstracts will be reviewed by the CATference Organizing Committee prior to acceptance. Acceptance will be notified via e-mail by the end of March 2015.

To submit a paper, please follow this link:

<https://docs.google.com/a/natur.cuni.cz/forms/d/1sykDhVaGTy8r7ISnZwqX1S3CpLKgXMPen18FtuEZDig/viewform>

THE ORGANIZERS PARTICULARLY WELCOME PAPERS WITHIN THE FOLLOWING FIELDS, BUT THERE IS NO FORMAL THEMATIC RESTRICTION OTHER THAN THE ONE IMPLICIT IN THE HEADING OF THE CONFERENCE:

- > *Theoretical concepts in post-socialist urban research and new theoretical concepts stemming specifically from research on post-socialist cities*
- > *The contribution of post-socialist cities to urban theory and vice versa*
- > *Demographic processes within the city*
- > *Settlement structure, urbanisation, suburbanisation and counterurbanisation*
- > *Patterns, forms and causes of housing inequality and residential segregation*
- > *Mobility (daily mobility, residential change, internal and international in- and out-migration)*
- > *Morphological and functional transformations of metropolitan regions*
- > *Specific communities within the post-socialist city; social environment and social climate*
- > *Functional and population change in inner cities, including gentrification, reurbanization, residentialization, etc.*
- > *Urban governance*
- > *Urban identities in the post-socialist cities*
- > *Lifestyles and the city*
- > *Architecture and materiality of the post-socialist city*
- > *Homelessness and extreme forms of urban social marginalization*
- > *Social movements and urban civil society*
- > *Influences of the ongoing geopolitical unrest on post-socialist urban areas*
- > *Conflict and post-conflict urban geographies in post-socialist cities*

IMPORTANT DATES

Registration opens: **6 January 2015**

Submission of abstracts + registration deadline: **28 February 2015**

Notification of acceptance: **31 March 2015**

Payment due: **15 May 2015 (early bird) / 15 July 2015 (regular)**

PARTICIPATION FEES

- > Basic - regular participant: **160 EUR**
- > Basic - PhD-student: **120 EUR**
- > Full including excursion - regular participant: **250 EUR**
- > Full including excursion - PhD-student: **210 EUR**

The basic fee includes participation in the workshop, three lunches in the conference venue, coffee breaks, excursion in Prague with dinner and ticket to Prague public transportation for the whole period of CATference. In addition to the basic fee, the full fee includes an excursion to Northern Bohemia. Its cost covers transportation by bus, accommodation for one night and a dinner.

VENUE

Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Science, Albertov 6, Prague 2

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information can be found online on:

<http://www.urrlab.cz/en/profile/catference-25-years-urban-change>

Should you have any questions concerning the conference, please contact us by using the official CATference e-mail address: **catference2015@natur.cuni.cz**

We are looking forward to meeting you in Prague!

On behalf of the organization team

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