

City and the Process of Transition – from Early Modern Times to the Present

The Doctoral Adam Galos Circle for the History of the 19th and the 20th Centuries invites PhD students and early career scholars to participate in the international conference titled *City and the Process of Transition – from Early Modern Times to the Present* to be held at the Historical Institute of the University of Wrocław, June 8th – 10th 2017. The intention of the organizers is to challenge questions concerning the **behavior of the city dwellers** who faced the lack of stability, resulted primarily from the progressive urbanization and globalization since the early modern era.

We propose to focus on the following issues:

1) Authority and Citizens

We encourage to consider **relations between state power and municipal self-government, as well as the attitudes of both of these authorities towards city dwellers**. The proposals may address the impact of the policy applied by different levels of officials in terms of: hygiene, health, safety, justice, culture (education, art, fashion), customs (beliefs, mentality, values) or interpersonal relations (clientelism, rivalry, conflicts of interest). Lastly, the question of political and social emancipation of different groups of inhabitants will be equally important.

2) Multicultural Relations

A city was (and still is) an area of a constant inflow of people from outside. One may recall the history of Jewish settlement or the 19th and the 20th century migrations. Hence, the cultural diversity in the urban space was present in different spheres: public, private, intimate. Therefore, the key topics and themes of this part of the conference will include **attitudes towards migrants** and the **coexistence of different ethnic, religious and cultural groups** (their adaptation, assimilation, integration).

3) Between Ideal and Reality

People have always created a vision of "ideal city": Atlantis, Heavenly Jerusalem, Campanella's City of the Sun, Le Corbusier's Chandigarh, Niemayer's Brasilia until today's Jing-Jin-Ji. We would like to confront the **idea of the ideal city and real transformations of the urban space**, but also to elucidate the consequences of the city's 'expansion' into suburban areas together with the **influence of urbanization and economic changes** on daily life.

The aforementioned perspectives suggest the main directions of discussion, although other proposals dealing with the main theme of the conference are also invited.

We are committed to establish an interdisciplinary forum, hence the invitation is addressed to representatives of various scientific disciplines: historians, art historians, architects, urban planners, ethnologists, anthropologists, cultural studies experts, sociologists, literary scholars, psychologists etc.

Conference languages: Polish, English

The submission of paper proposals should be done by **17th January 2017** via the registration form below:

<https://cityandtheprocessoftransition.wufoo.com/forms/z1nf6fwi0ydkrie/>

Applications will be considered by the members of the Faculty of Historical and Pedagogical Sciences of the University of Wrocław. The notification as to whether the proposal has been accepted will be sent by **1st March 2017**.

The organizers do not cover accommodation or travel expenses, but we are trying to get funding for conference materials, meals and publication. Therefore, details concerning conference fee will be notified in March.

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