

20th Century European Urbanism – urbanHIST's Objectives

Throughout the 20th century, urban planning constituted itself as an important tool to spatially direct social developments.

Contemporary historiographic approach to urbanism. Most studies on 20th century urban planning adopt a national perspective, while studies aiming to provide an overview focus on several core countries with special attention to the generation of planning innovations in the advanced capitalist countries. The mainstream planning historiography mostly ignores not only a majority of European countries, but also important aspects of the history of urbanism like the function of urban planning as an instrument of nation-building, as a resource of power for dictatorships or as vehicle to homogenise the development of bigger areas of the continent. Furthermore, methodological approaches are very heterogeneous. urbanHIST follows an approach which responds to this criticism.



urbanHIST- more than just a PhD-programme!

urbanHist is a multidisciplinary research and training programme run by four universities in Germany, Spain, Slovakia and Sweden in cooperation with 13 partner-organizations and funded within the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme in the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action - Innovative Training Networks (ITN) as European Joint Doctorate (EJD) aims to develop and sustainably promote a joint understanding of 20th century urbanism in Europe. 15 Early Stage Researchers will be researching in 8 thematic fields, embedded into a network of high-profile academics and practitioners.

urbanHIST - a European Joint Doctorate

The 15 Early Stage Researchers will be researching in a multidisciplinary environment between architecture and politics, history, urbanism, and economics under the joint supervision of two of the four universities.

urbanHIST offers

- an up to three years lasting fulltime employment contract with the hosting university
- secondments to the partner institutions in the academic and non-academic sector
- colloquia
- international conferences
- trainings in seven qualification tracks, partially with external trainers

Having successfully completed their research, Early Stage Researchers will be awarded a double degree.



urbanHIST- eight research fields

The work of the Early Stage Researchers is organised in eight thematic fields which are led by one of the four universities each. These are:

Bauhaus-Universität Weimar:

- (1) Historiography of European urbanism
- (2) Urbanism, political and development strategies

Universidad de Valladolid:

- (3) Public infrastructure, social housing and evolution of European cities
- (4) Urbanism, heritage and urban planning in Europe

Univerzita Pavla Jozefa Šafárika v Košiciach:

- (5) Central Europe since the fall of Austro-Hungarian Empire through dictatorships of the 20th century to European Union
- (6) Urbanism, architecture and building of national identity

Blekinge Tekniska Högskola:

- (7) The establishment of urbanism as profession and discipline
- (8) Planning for the growth society and the emergence of sustainability

The research work in these thematic field is jointly supervised by two of the four universities.



Non-academic Partner Organisations

ArkDes Arkitektur- och Designcentrum Skeppsholmen	Sweden
ATRIUM Association	Italy
Boverket – Swedish National Board of Housing, Building and Planning	Sweden
Fondation CIVA Stichting, Département Architecture Moderne	Belgium
Colegio Oficial de Arquitectos de Madrid	Spain
Stadtmuseum Dresden	Germany
International Planning History Society	United Kingdom

Academic Partner Organisations

Center for Urban History, University of Leicester	United Kingdom
Center of Social and Psychological Sciences , Slovak Academy of Sciences	Slovakia
Department of Architecture and Urban Studies, Politecnico di Milano	Italy
École d'Urbanisme de Paris, Université Paris-Est Créteil	France
Institute of Contemporary History, Czech Academy of Sciences	Czech Republic
Regional and Town Planing Department, Politécnica de Madrid	Spain

urbanHIST - in brief

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Beneficiaries



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