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## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

### **Gentrification and post-socialist city: Methodological and theoretical discussions on revitalisation, housing markets and displacement**

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There has been a challenging debate amongst post-socialist scholars about whether, where and to what extent gentrification could be applied in order to explain social and spatial transformations in post-socialist cities (Badyina and Golubchikov, 2005; Sýkora, 2005; Bernt and Holm, 2009; Bernt, Gentile and Marcińczak, 2015; Kubeš and Kovács, 2020; Pastak and Kährik, 2021). Some researchers have found that post-socialist gentrification does not fit to the theoretical frames built in and for Anglophone cities, others apply it with a reference to context-specific features and outcomes of the process, and argue that conceptual clarification is needed for post-socialist gentrification studies. At this very moment, an opportunity for a wider conceptual framework is provided by scholars debating for planetary gentrification, claiming that gentrification is not a localised property market process but should be rather seen as a result of different mechanisms: state-induced strategies which are implemented by regeneration policies (Lees, Shin and López Morales, 2016), large-scale investments by international capital (Slater, 2017), or changes in local entrepreneurship, retail and the leisure sphere (Zukin et al., 2009). These accounts show that gentrification can be understood as a wider process which is embedded in a globalised economy, culture, politics, and the wider society. These developments have also shown that there is a compelling reason to re-consider the context sensitivity of gentrification theory; and to review the mechanisms involved in, and the causes of, gentrification in post-socialist cities.

The session is aimed at researchers undertaking empirical research and interested in methodological and theoretical discussions on:

- Interrelations between population change and urban transformations;
- Displacement and housing market evictions;
- Urban regeneration and redevelopment of industrial properties;
- Commercial changes and commercial gentrification;
- Community activism and gentrification;
- Contextual accounts with respect to governance and policies, etc.

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