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## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

### New urban housing and residential areas

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The housing forms and residential estates are important characteristics of an era, as it happened in the interwar period or in the socialist decades. More than 30 years after the change of regimes means a new period with its own post-socialist housing types. Due to the suburbanization of the 1990s and the low level of urban housing construction, most studies focused on the growing agglomeration zone of cities. Within the cities in this period, the main process were the depopulation, deteriorated inner cities, maintenance problems of large housing estates. In the 1990s there were some small-scale constructions, like first gated communities, at the end of the decade the housing construction intensified, and only the financial crisis stopped the real estate boom. Comparing to the previous period: as the socialist large housing estates have common characteristics (the planning of estates, homogeneity of buildings and dwellings and the role of public authorities in the whole process), all of them were missing in the post-socialist era, where the private investors had major role in housing production.

This session aims at gathering papers about new housing and residential forms of post-socialist urban areas.

- Physical characteristics of new residential complexes; the size, the location, the physical form of the residential complexes are as important as in the large housing estates?
- Social characteristics of dwellers of new residential complexes; is there any specialty of their lifestyle, behavior, social contacts, are the new middle class live in these houses?
- The image of new residential complexes is important to attract the inhabitants. What are in the focus of the newcomers; lots of green areas, eco-friendly, and sustainable housings are important for them?
- Social differences between the new residential areas: as there are differences in physical form and price of new residential areas, are there visible social differences between them?

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