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## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

### Divided cities: Intra-urban inequalities and cross-border public services

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The session is devoted to the patterns and dynamics of political, social, and economic life in cities divided by the state border. The main question is: how, the cities divided under the communist border regime or earlier, are developing in the realities of the Schengen free movement zone? Cities divided by the state border are a common case in the CEE. According to Zenderowski and Brzezińska (2014), there are at least 18 divided cities in this area, on the borders of Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Slovenia, Germany, Austria, Ukraine, Estonia, Latvia, Czechia, Italy, Russia, Serbia, and Kosovo. Most of these cities have a long history, and it is only the XX<sup>th</sup> century when they were divided.

After EU enlargement in 2004 and later, the majority of these cities entered the EU, and, later, the Schengen zone. Can we observe some changes in intra-urban inequalities, these, caused by state borders, in the last years? If so, how we can describe the model of cross-border integration in a divided city, following the typology of Christophe Sohn (2010): integration by specialization, integration by polarisation, or integration by osmosis? Can we observe other patterns and examples of good or bad practices? How looks the cross-border benefiting in the areas of the cross-border job market, residential mobility, education, etc? How deeply-integrated are the public services (health care, sport, and leisure time infrastructure, education, uniformed services, environmental protection)? What are the main factors of differences in the divided city (wealth, ethnicity, politics, ideology, geography)?

Authors are asked, to follow the typology of Christoph Sohn (2010) as one of the used theoretical approaches (developed later by Decoville, Durand, Sohn, and Walther, 2013).

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