

Information for applicants to the PhD study program Slovak history within European Joint Doctorate program urbanHist (H2020-MSCA-ITN project)

Application Deadline 15.12.2016

Within the European Joint Doctorate programme urbanHist | 20th Century European Urbanism Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice, Slovakia announces 4 PhD positions in the study program Slovak history, external form. We are looking for young candidates interested in various topics related to comprehensive multidisciplinary studies of European history of urbanism in the 20th century. Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice, Slovakia offers two broad research fields, each research field is further subdivided to two individual research projects described below in detail.

2 PhD positions offered to research on the " Central Europe since the Fall of Austro-Hungarian Empire through Dictatorships of the 20th century to European Union"

Position UPJŠ 1.1.: Soviet urban studies and their influence on urbanism in Central Europe

Position UPJŠ 1.2: Understanding the morphological changes in post-socialist cities using virtual 3-D city models

2 PhD positions offered to research on the Urbanism, architecture and building of national identity

Position UPJŠ 2.1.: "Small" European dictatorships in the 1st half of the 20th century – the national principle and its place in the public space

Position UPJŠ 2.2.: Institutionalised historical memory and the city

The task "Central Europe since the fall of Austro-Hungarian Empire through dictatorships of the 20th century to European Union" will provide a comparative analysis of the history of architecture and urbanism in the 20th century in Central Europe with the focus on the phenomenon of Soviet urban planning. The absolute dominance of the Soviet urban planning in the 2nd half of the 20th century led to the need for structural changes of cities after the fall of the communist totalitarianism. Therefore, the task will also offer an interdisciplinary approach in research methodology. Along with the methodology of social sciences and humanities, the exploitation of the latest technology and software in creation of 3-D models will dominate.

We foresee two PhD positions to elaborate the task, which we define in a general manner:

Position UPJŠ 1.1.: Soviet urban studies and their influence on urbanism in Central Europe

Co-supervision: Bauhaus-Universität Weimar / Institute for European Urbanism, Germany

Objective: To explore the impact of the Soviet urban studies on the urban planning in Central Europe both as an academic discipline as well as practice. The project will look at how the Soviet urban planning influenced the left-avant-garde projects of the inter-war period, the direct "sovietisation" of the urban planning under Stalinism (especially in the case of new cities) and the impact of Khrushchev criticism of architecture and shift to the pre-fab housing. The project will look at the conceptual competition between the two main blue-prints for Central European urbanists, the Soviet urban planning and the main-stream western urban planning.

Expected Results: A detailed analysis of the examined space-time relationships of the development of architecture and urbanism in one of central European metropolitan capitals, demonstrating the multiple levels of interconnection of historical development of Central Europe and the Soviet Union and investigating the shift from cultural transfers and artistic inspiration in the inter-war period towards ideological dictation in the postwar period.

Prospected secondments: 1st academic supervisor - P. Roubal (UPJS, Slovakia); 2nd academic supervisor M. Welch Guerra (BUW, Germany), 3rd non-academic supervisor S. Ifko (ATRIUM, Italy).

3 obligatory secondments are scheduled for each ESR based on the composition of his/her supervision team (a min. of 12 months, a max. of 15 months) outside the country of his/her home institution. Secondment plan :

1. non-academic secondment, duration 3 months, ATRIUM, Italy
2. academic secondment, duration 6 months, BUW, Germany
3. academic secondment, duration 3 (or 6) months, The Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic

Position UPJŠ 1.2.: Understanding the morphological changes in post-socialist cities using virtual 3-D city models

Co-supervision: Blekinge Tekniska Högskola / Institutionen för fysisk planering, Sweden

Objective: Rapid economic changes in many post-socialist countries are the most visible in large cities. The continued urban growth, profound social and economic changes have led to new suburban areas as well as development of new buildings and zones within the cities. This is manifested by a construction of large shopping and business centers. This has also lead to changes in visual perception of the urban landscape by inhabitants or visitors of the city. The aim of this project is to use virtual city models derived from available data source to understand morphological changes in the selected post-socialist cities over the last few decades. This comparative analysis will help to understand the factors and dynamics of the urban development.

Expected Results: Interdisciplinary interpretation of spatiotemporal comparative analysis of selected post-socialist cities. ESR will gain new skills in the use of virtual 3-D city models in urban history research. ESR will learn about various data sources, from old historic maps to new laser scanning technology, will be familiar with several software tools for 3-D city modelling and learn how to make a spatiotemporal analysis in order to detect morphological changes in the studied urban

area. ESR will be able to use various cartographic and geovisualisation methods to represent detected spatiotemporal changes.

Prospected secondment(s): 1st academic supervisor J. Hofierka (UPJŠ, Slovakia), 2nd academic supervisor A. Abarkan (BTH, Sweden), 3rd non-academic supervisor J. M. Ezquiaga (COAM, Spain).

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1. non-academic secondment, duration 3 months, COAM, Spain
2. academic secondment, duration 6 months, BTH, Sweden
3. academic secondment, duration 3 (or 6) months, The Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic

The task **“Urbanism, architecture and building of national identity”** will comparatively research mutual relationship of urbanism, architecture and central European national identities, taking the pan-European background in consideration as well. The analysis of the interference of the national principle as an ideological basis, the effort to analyse and construe the phenomenon and the examination of various strategies of coping with its legacy in contemporary Europe will form the subject of the research.

We foresee two PhD positions to elaborate the task, which we define in a general manner:

Position UPJŠ 2.1.: “Small” European dictatorships in the 1st half of the 20th century – the national principle and its place in the public space

Co-supervision: Universidad de Valladolid / Instituto Universitario de Urbanística, Spain

Objective: To explore and analyse the wide-spread practice of the symbolic transformation of European cities in the interwar period and in the years 1939 – 1945 that was accompanied by physical ethnic and political “cleansing”. The project will look at how the dictatorships tried to change the symbolic map of cities (often reflecting their inability to change the physical map) and to create a new city semiotics. It will look at the everyday practices of accommodation and resistance of the city dwellers to these changes.

Expected Results: Based on comparison of countries such as Portugal, Slovakia, Hungary etc., we expect to detect the fatal impact of politics on public space in the pan-European context of interwar dictatorships and satellite Nazi regimes with emphasis on the importance and the negative consequences of the principle of national preference, or of the racial criteria in individual state ideologies.

Prospected secondments: 1st academic supervisor M. Pekár (UPJŠ, Slovakia), 2nd academic supervisor M. Jiménez Jiménez (UVa, Spain), 3rd non-academic supervisor U. Tramonti (ATRIUM, Italy).

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2. academic secondment, duration 6 months, UVa, Spain
3. academic secondment, duration 3 (or 6) months, The Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic



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Position UPJŠ 2.2.: Institutionalised historical memory and the city

Co-supervision: Universidad de Valladolid / Instituto Universitario de Urbanística, Spain

Objective: Based on selected examples of European cities, the research project aims at analysing and comparing the state and local authority approaches to their own national history - through activities and the way of existence of institutionalized elements of historical memory (archives, museums, different levels of education, textbooks and teaching materials) and through promoting the history of the city.

Expected Results: We anticipate significant differences resulting from differing political, socio-economic and historical conditions in the urban settlements explored, and also differences resulting from diverse infrastructures of the analysed institutions as well as administration of historical documentation, completion of teaching materials and promotion of history.

Prospected secondments: 1st academic supervisor Š. Šutaj (UPJS), 2nd academic supervisor L. Santos Ganges (UVa, Spain), 3rd non-academic supervisor M. Grekova (ATRIUM, Italy).

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1. non-academic secondment, duration 3 months, ATRIUM, Italy
2. academic secondment, duration 6 months, UVa, Spain
3. academic secondment, duration 3 (or 6) months, UPE, France



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About urbanHist

UrbanHist is a multidisciplinary research and training program. 15 early stage researchers will work in 8 thematic fields on the development and sustainable promotion of a joint understanding of 20th century European urbanism. They are embedded into a network of high-profile academics and practitioners.

The programme is hosted by the following universities: Bauhaus-Universität Weimar – Chair for Spatial Planning and Research (Germany), Blekinge Tekniska Högskola – Department of Spatial Planning (Sweden), Universidad de Valladolid – Instituto Universitario de Urbanística (Spain), Univerzita Pavla Jozefa Šafárika v Košiciach – Faculty of Arts, Department of History (Slovakia).

In addition, the following partner organisations are involved in the programme and will host researchers for secondments: Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic – Institute for Contemporary History (Czech Republic), ArkDes Arkitektur- och Designcentrum Skeppsholmen (Sweden), ATRIUM ASSOCIATION (Italy), Boverket – Swedish National Board of Housing, Building and Planning (Sweden), Colegio Oficial de Arquitectos de Madrid (Spain), Klassik-Stiftung Weimar (Germany), Politecnico di Milano – Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (Italy), Slovak Academy of Sciences – Center of Social and Psychological Sciences (Slovakia), Stadtmuseum Dresden (Germany), Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (Spain), Université Paris-Est – École D'Urbanisme de Paris (France), University of Leicester – Center for Urban History (United Kingdom)

What we offer

- a multidisciplinary 3 years PhD-research and training programme
- paid PhD-position at Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice, Slovakia for the period of three years according to national regulations and EC-funding
- approximate gross-payments:
 - 1.900,- € monthly living allowance (+ 668,80 € compulsory social security contributions paid by the employer)
 - 600,- € monthly mobility allowance
 - 500,- € monthly family allowance (If applicable. The monthly family allowance will be paid should the researcher have a family, regardless of whether the family will move with the researcher or not. Family is defined as persons linked to the researcher by (i) marriage, or (ii) a relationship with equivalent status to a marriage recognised by the national legislation of the country where this relationship was formalised; or (iii) dependent children who are actually being maintained by the researcher. The family status of a researcher will be determined at the time of their (first) recruitment of the project and will not evolve during the project lifetime.
- PhD-degree from two prestigious European universities in the field of urbanism and urban planning, based on cotutelle agreements
- integration into a European network of high-profile academics and practitioners
- individual supervision team and career development plan
- biannual network-wide workshop weeks
- PhD colloquia
- workshops in 7 qualification tracks



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- conference participation and organisation
- opportunity for publication
- a 6 months secondment to the second supervising university including the opportunity to gain teaching experiences
- a 3 months secondment to a non-academic partner organisation in order to gain non-academic experiences
- a 3 months secondment to an academic partner organisation for further research

What we expect

- explicit research interest and experiences in thematic fields related to ESR-positions
- highly motivated and engaged researchers
- willingness to actively get involved in the urbanHist training and research programme and to contribute to its success
- A PhD thesis done in 3 years and regularly reported to supervisors

Formal preconditions – Eligibility

You are eligible to apply for the positions at UPJŠ if you fulfil the following preconditions:

(1) General:

- You are holding a Master's degree, based on studies with minimum 300 ECTS in the fields of history, geography, urban planning or other relevant disciplines
- you are in an early stage of research career, which means within the first four years (full-time equivalent) of research activity, including the period of research training and you are not already holding a doctoral degree (<http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/index.cfm/rights/definitions>)
- following the transnational mobility idea, you must not have resided or carried out your main activity (work, studies, etc.) in Slovakia for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately before the reference date (<http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/index.cfm/rights/definitions>)
- you are familiar with English as working language (English B2 or equivalent, verifiable at the selection interview)

(2) In addition for positions UPJŠ 2.1. and UPJŠ 2.2., where the second supervisors are from Universidad de Valladolid:

- Additional language skills - Spanish (level A2 or equivalent, verifiable by interview)

Application

To apply, please follow the procedure, which is in full compliance with Terms and conditions of the admission procedure for the academic year of 2016/2017 (doctoral study) and with the Addendum to Terms and conditions of the admission procedure for the academic year of 2016/2017 (doctoral study). The documents are available at <http://upjs.sk/en/faculty-of-arts/science-and-research/phd-studies/>.

1. Registers **electronically** using the form *Application for university study – doctoral – third level* (available at <https://e-prihlaska.upjs.sk/ais/eprihlas/#/home>). Please provide **the valid email address** as all the communication will be delivered electronically. Fill in the electronic application form and **PRINT and SIGN the final pdf document**.
2. Please send the electronic versions (scans) of **the requested documents until 15.12.2016** the latest as one pdf-file and **in English language** to all the following email addresses:
urbanHist coordinator: urbanhist@uni-weimar.de
UPJŠ coordinator: katarina.hajdukova@upjs.sk , eva.lengenova@upjs.sk
 - cover sheet for application
 - CV in both short (max. 2 pages) and long versions
 - Personal sworn statement on compliance with requirements of early stage of research and transnational mobility rule
 - Research proposal (subject, research problem description, theoretical frame, methods, contribution to overall program, references). The research proposal shall contain not less than 9000 characters including spaces.
 - Personal documents: Identity, academic records, etc. – certified copies in English language
 - Own relevant publications (full texts or open link to them), and research texts even unpublished yet
 - Proof of payment of the fee of EUR 40 (by wire transfer!) covering costs connected with the admission procedure. The fee is not refunded in case of withdrawal of application for university study.

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- Optional: letter of motivation, language certificates

3. A precondition of eligibility for the admission procedure is **submission of a printed and signed application as well as requested certified annexes in English** on the place, where the admission exam will be held or sending of the above documents by mail to the faculty mail address by 15 December 2016 (postal stamp date decides).

Mail address: Filozofická fakulta UPJŠ v Košiciach, Šrobárova 2, P.O.BOX A-29, 040 59 Košice, Slovakia



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Recruitment timeschedule

- deadline for application: 15.12.2016
- notification on invitation for interview: 02.01.2017
- confirmation of your participation: until 05.01.2017
- interviews in Valladolid (Spain) or via skype, hangouts or similar: 16. – 20.01.2017
- notification on acceptance and further procedure: until 31.01.2017

Please make sure and provide your **valid email address** in the registration as all the communication between the consortium and the applicants will be delivered electronically.

In case of any questions concerning the 4 PhD positions or the application procedure, please do not hesitate to contact the local coordinator at UPJŠ:

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Find information on all positions within the programme [here](#).



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