

In the last two decades, Europeanization has become a very broad and overarching social science concept and theoretical framework for analyzing various social, political, economic, and historic transformations within and outside of the European Union. The Literature on the Europeanization of Southeast Europe (SEE) has grown rapidly, mainly focusing on the relationships between the EU and SEE nation-states and/or specific issues (e.g., regional policy, environmental sector, public administration, justice and home affairs, party politics, and statehood issues). Yet, the debate on the Europeanization of SEE is very complex, and it has still been overridden by the enduring conservatism of nationalism, related to Balkan political conflicts and wars.

This workshop aims to overcome the particularistic methodological nationalism and the underdeveloped historical and/or spatial optics of the Europeanization studies in SEE by initiating a diachronic and interdisciplinary dialogue between urban and Southeast European studies. The workshop opens a discussion about the historical dimension and multiple spatial scales of Europeanization in the SEE, with a special emphasis on urban spaces. Cities here are particularly suitable analytical units for critical and multi-spatial rethinking of Europeanization because they most clearly reflect the in/equalities within Europe, the tensions between unification and differentiation, between the homogeneous and the culturally specific, heterogeneous faces of Europe. The rescaled perspective should also reveal the role of multiple actors and perspectives that are shaping and reshaping Europeanization at various times and places. The focus here is to look at the mutually constitutive relationships between urban spaces and Europeanization in SEE, and explore how the transformation of urban spaces in Southeast Europe takes place in the context of Europeanization and/or how the various urban phenomena in SEE influence Europeanization over time. We thus do not approach Europeanization as a uniform one-way macro process that emanates from some localities and influences others, but rather as a historical, socio-spatial, multidirectional, and heterogeneous process where (urban) actors actively engage with, interpret, reproduce and transform.

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Specialties of Europeanization in Western  
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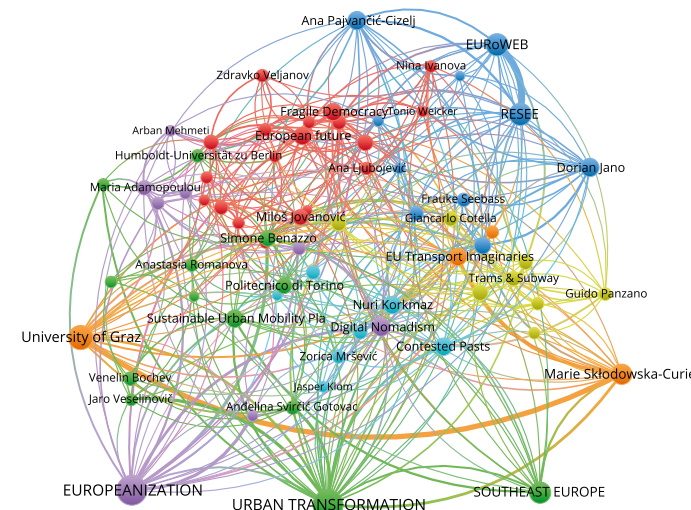
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Revisiting Europeanization in Southeast Europe



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## WORKSHOP

# EUROPEANIZATION AND URBAN TRANSFORMATION IN SOUTHEAST EUROPE



24 – 25 November 2022  
SZ 01.18, Universitätsplatz 3

We work for  
tomorrow



## NOVEMBER 24, 2022

### 15.00 OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP 1

### 16.00 POLITICS 1

**Chair: Dorian Jano**

**Zdravko Veljanov**

Central European University

*Dismantling Fragile Democracy... And the New Wave of Autocratization in Southeast Europe*

**Guido Panzano | Simone Benazzo | Venelin Bochev**  
Université libre de Bruxelles

*Budapest, Zagreb, Banja Luka: Conquering the center to reclaim the state? Limits and opportunities for cities to resist autocratization in Southeastern and Central Europe*

**Andelina Svirčić Gotovac**

Institute for Social Research in Zagreb

*Post-socialist transformation of Croatian urban system. Case of the City of Zagreb*

**Nuri Korkmaz**

Bursa Technical University

*Intercity Cooperation and the Transformative Power of the Europeanization in Southeast Europe: Reconnecting the Divided Urban Spaces of the Cold War*

**Anastasia Romanova**

Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova

*Dynamics in urban place names (Chisinau, the Republic of Moldova, 1989-2018)*

### 20.00 DINNER 2

## NOVEMBER 25, 2022

### 09.00 CULTURE 1

**Chair: Ana Pajvančić-Cizelj**

**Jaro Veselinovič**

Institute of Slovenian Ethnology

*European Capital of Culture Title as a Driving Force of Urban Transformation: The Case of Novi Sad*

**Jasper Klomp**

University of Graz

*Art, Urban Transformation, and the Right to the City in Southeast Europe*

**Frauke Seebass | Arban Mehmeti**

Andrássy Universität Budapest | Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

*Manifesta 14 & Public Spaces. Reviving and questioning the murky collective memory in Prishtina*

**Maria Adamopoulou**

European University Institute

*Do it like the Germans: The Greek Gastarbeiter experience as an experiment in Europeanization (1960-1989)*

### 10.30 COFFEE BREAK 3

### 11.00 INFRASTRUCTURE 1

**Chair: Ana Pajvančić-Cizelj**

**Tonio Weicker**

Leibniz-Institute for Regional Geography

*The Export of EU Transport Imaginaries through Sustainable Urban Mobility Plans and their Adverse Effects on Local Transport Policies – Critical insights from Tirana, Albania & Lviv, Ukraine*

**Lyubomir Pozharliev**

Leibniz-Institute for Regional Geography

*Tensions on tracks: Trams, Subway or more cars for Sofia?*

**Erblin Berisha | Giancarlo Cotella**

Politecnico di Torino

*Spatial governance and planning in the Western Balkans – are proto-conformative systems addressing land use effectively?*

**Aris Dougas Chavarria**

University of Graz

*The impact of digital nomadism in terms of gentrification and other housing issues in Zadar*

### 13.00 LUNCH BREAK 3

### 14.00 IDENTITY AND MEMORY 1

**Chair: Dorian Jano**

**Nina Ivanova**

Institute of Cultural Heritage

*Golden Age of Chisinau: one of the contested pasts or a European future? (online)*

**Zorica Mršević**

Faculty of European Legal and Political Studies

*Stumbling stones remind - they were our neighbors*

**Ana Ljubojević**

University of Ljubljana

*European remembrance, local revisionism? The case of Holocaust memorialisation in Zagreb, Croatia*

**Miloš Jovanović**

Department of History

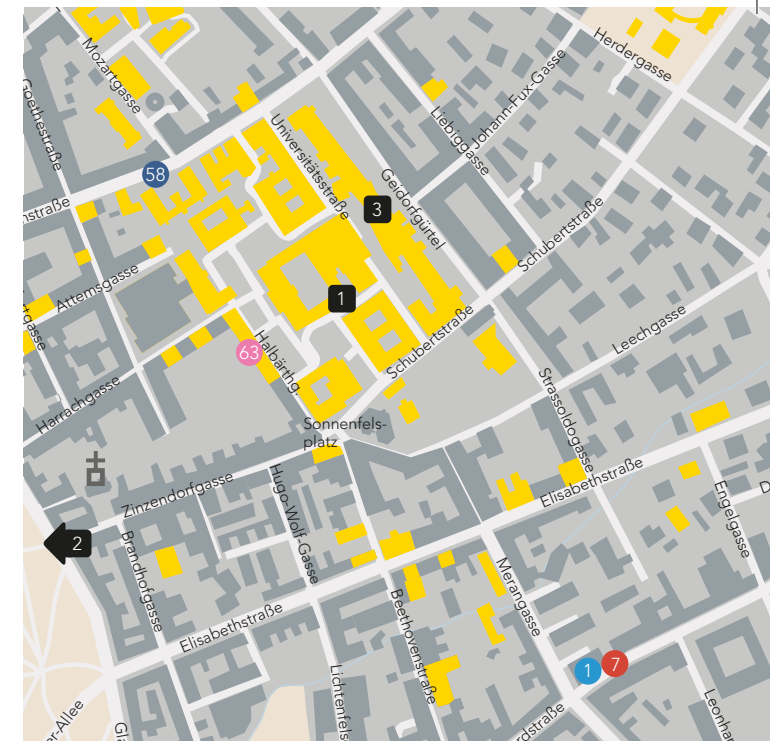
*Imperial Nostalgia in the Era of Post-Socialist Urban Change*

### 15.30 COFFEE BREAK 3

### 16.00 WORKSHOP SUMMARY & NEXT STEPS 1

**Special Issue**

All participants will be allocated 15 minutes for presentations! There will be 30 minutes in every session for the discussion. Please respect the time.



## EVENT LOCATION

### 1 Seminar room SZ 01.18

Workshop location  
Universitätsplatz 3, 1<sup>st</sup> floor, 8010 Graz

### 2 Die Scherbe

Dinner, November 24  
Stockergasse 2, 8020 Graz

### 3 Deli RESOWI

Breaks and lunch, November 25  
Universitätsstraße 15/D1, 8010 Graz

### 1 Tram Stop Merangasse

Mariatrost – Eggenberg/UKH

### 7 Tram Stop Merangasse

Wetzelsdorf – LKH Med Uni/Klinikum Nord

### 58 Bus Stop Uni/Mozartgasse

Hauptbahnhof – Ragnitz

### 63 Bus Stop Universität

Hauptbahnhof – Schulzentrum St. Peter