INVITATION TO THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE:

POST-SOCIALIST TRANSFORMATION OF THE CITY

Novi Sad, November, 12th & 13th, 2019

The conference aims to celebrate ten years from publishing the book *Grad bez lica* (*City without the face*), written in 2009 by Ljubinko Pušić, a former professor of urban sociology at the Faculty of Philosophy in Novi Sad. This book offered the first systematic „diagnosis“ of the various social problems of the city of Novi Sad during its post-socialist transformation. Problems such as the chaotic sale of the urban land, “destruction by construction”, urban mimicry, hollow and stereotypical multiculturalism, ruined urban identity and culture are more than obvious today. Nevertheless, their social causes and consequences are still not recognized. Therefore, the first aim of the conference is to re-examine the urban problems described in this book, initiate an interdisciplinary debate and establish the positions of sociology within it more clearly. The problems described in this book are typical not only for Novi Sad, but also for other cities in the region. In sociology and other sciences dealing with urban phenomena, there is an intense debate about different concepts that could allow these common urban problems to be seen in a broader comparative perspective. The paradigm of the “post-socialist city” that has long dominated the area is being questioned today. The second goal of the conference is to open the debate on the divergent (or similar) paths of different cities within the post-socialist space (with a special focus on the three sub-groups of the cities 1. post-socialist cities within and outside the European Union 2. cities of the former Yugoslavia and 3. cities of the Western Balkans) and offer new approaches for their analysis.
Authors are invited to submit papers related to one of the following thematic areas:

- The concept of the “post-socialist city” questioned
- Cities of the Western Balkans: Imposed or essential feature?
- Post-Yugoslav production of space
- Urban culture and identity in post-socialism
- Urban regeneration / gentrification
- Globalization of the post-socialist city
- Cities between post-socialism and neoliberalism
- Economic processes in the post-socialist city
- Demographic processes in the post-socialist city
- Urban morphology of post-socialism
- Urban tourism and the legacy of socialism
- Urban movements and politics in the post-socialist city
- Actors of Urban transformation
- Everyday life and diversity in the post-socialist city (ethnicity, religion, gender, age...)
- Socio-ecological problems
- Urban / rural relations in the post-socialist societies

Deadline submission of abstract: June 1, 2019

Abstracts written in English and Serbian (or one of the languages in the region - Croatian, Macedonian, Bosnian, Slovenian, etc.) with up to 250 words, with clearly defined subject, hypotheses, methods and basic research findings, with a maximum of 5 key words, should be submitted at pstg@ff.uns.ac.rs no later than June 1, 2019. Authors (and co-authors) should also submit their short biography with affiliation.

Notification of Acceptance: June, 15, 2019

The authors will be notified by June 15 whether their abstract has been accepted. Accepted abstracts will be published in a printed book of abstracts before the conference.

Registration fee: 5,000 dinars for participants from Serbia and 50 euros for participants from abroad. The registration fee includes working materials, refreshments and one social dinner. Several places have been left for young researchers who are not employed and who can apply to be exempt from registration fees. There will be no budget for transport or accommodation for participants.

Working languages: Serbian, English

Location: The conference is held at the Faculty of Philosophy in Novi Sad

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