

## Call for Abstracts (deadline: 28 February 17)

Guidelines and Instructions

Site of the conference: <http://urb.bme.hu/en/doconf2017>

## Facing Post-War Urban Heritage in Central and Eastern Europe

6-7 October 2017, Budapest, Hungary

The second doctoral conference organised by the Department of Urban Planning and Design, Faculty of Architecture, Budapest University of Technology and Economics (BME).

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Throughout Europe, current urban challenges are posed by large-scale ensembles of modernity as a result of post-war development on both sides of the Iron Curtain. The urb/doconf 2017 is the second in a series of a doctoral / postdoctoral conference, to be organised on a biannual basis, which will provide a comparative overview of current doctoral research into the physical - built and natural - environment within Central and Eastern Europe (CEE).

Those invited include doctoral researchers – doctoral students, candidates or post-doctoral researchers (maximum five years after obtaining the doctorate degree) - specializing in architecture, urban design, urban planning or landscape architecture. The BME Department of Urban Planning and Design wishes to promote cooperation among CEE doctoral institutions, building up a network for future generations of scholars through their specific fields of research.

### Main Conference Topics

The doctoral conference series is dedicated to post-war (after 1945) urban heritage in Central and Eastern Europe focusing on the main research topics of the department. In order to compare different perspectives, we welcome papers examining the physical environment under the following sessions:

1. mass housing neighbourhood
2. urban fabric and landscape transformation
3. urban space for reuse

Considering the three main conference topics/sessions, we are interested in different research methodologies: theoretical frameworks, comparative studies, morphological case studies, historic approach, research by design methodology, etc.

We seek contributions that (i) test the post-war heritage positions in the changing ideological context after the fall of the Iron Curtain, (ii) investigate the mutual impact of the spatial turn and the critique of functionalism on urbanity, or (iii) examine the role of post-Communist legacy in the formation of new identities.

In addition to theoretical questions, we wish to find pragmatic approaches when responding to the new challenges of sustainability and determining what kind of protection tool-kit is capable of addressing large-scale ensembles problems. Our aim is to discover special similarities and dissimilarities within the Central and Eastern European physical environment, discuss a wide range of options (from preservation to sustainable renewal processes) and create a network of doctoral researchers. Nevertheless, some presentation of the DOCONF17 can be related to DANUrB Interreg Project (2017-19) led by the BME's Department of Urban Planning and Design.

# DOCONF2017

## Abstract Submission

Please send an abstract of 300 and 500 words and a brief academic biography using the template formats:

<http://urb.bme.hu/en/doconf2017>

send your abstract to: [doconf2017@urb.bme.hu](mailto:doconf2017@urb.bme.hu)

submission of abstracts – 28 February 2017

notification of acceptance – 31 March 2017

**Participation at the conference is free of charge** (one-and-a-half-day conference at the BME and half-day study trip in Budapest). The travel to Budapest, accommodation, conference lunches and dinners should be paid by participants.

## Publications

Full papers (minimum 4 and maximum 6 pages) will be published in the conference proceedings (e-book format with ISSN number).

deadline: 31 July 2017

**The official language of the conference is English.**

For the previous conference, see DOCONF2015:

<http://urb.bme.hu/doconf2015>

## Conference Organiser

The doctoral conference series “Facing Post-War Urban Heritage in Central and Eastern Europe” is organised by the Department of Urban Planning and Design Faculty of Architecture, Budapest University of Technology and Economics: [www.urb.bme.hu](http://www.urb.bme.hu)

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