

# Discourses on Urban Order

Conference of the International Commission  
for the History of Towns (ICHT)

Matera, 23-25 September 2024

Campus Università della Basilicata, Via Lanera 20

**Organisers:** International Commission for the History of Towns with University of Basilicata

**Sunday, 22 September 2024**

Arrival of the participants  
Board meeting of the ICHT

**Monday, 23 September 2024**

10:30-13:00 Atlas Working Group session and business meeting

13:00-14:30 Lunch break

14:30-15:00 Conference registration

15:30-16:00 Official opening of the Conference

**Roman Czaja** (president of ICHT), **Irena Benyovsky Latin** (general secretary of ICHT), **Domenico Bennardi** (Mayor of Matera), **Ignazio M. Mancini** (Rector of UniBas) *Greetings*

16:00-17:30 Session 1 chaired by **Laurentiu Rădvan**, University of Iași

**Francesco Panarelli**, **Francesca Sogliani** (University of Basilicata), The medieval origins of the city of Matera

**Irena Benyovsky Latin** (Croatian Institute of History, Zagreb), Discourses of urban order in transformation of Dubrovnik's suburbs into the centre of the city during the Venetian rule

17:10-17:30 Q&A Discussion

17.30-19.30 General assembly of the ICHT

20:00 Conference dinner

**Tuesday, 24 September 2024**

9:30-10:50 Session 2 chaired by **Ferdinand Opll**, University of Vienna

**Rosa Smurra** (University of Bologna), Medieval university and urban order in Bologna (12th-15th centuries)

**Roman Czaja** (University of Toruń), The political order of the cities of Königsberg - a contribution to the discourse on the specificity of the urban political order in Eastern Central Europe at the turn of the Middle Ages and in the Early Modern Period

10:30-10:50 Q&A Discussion

10:50-11:10 Break

11:10-13:10 Session 3 chaired by **Roey Sweet**, University of Leicester

**Jana Vojtíšková** (University of Hradec Králové), Town law of the Kingdom of Bohemia from 1579 as a significant stabilizing element of the town order in early modern Bohemia

**Olga Kozubska** (Institute for Comparative Urban History, Muenster), Ordering the diversity: establishing order in multi-religious urban milieu of Kamianetsk Podilsky (17th-18th centuries)

**Liudas Glemža** (Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas), Municipal reforms in the Grand Duchy of Lithuania, 1764-1794: from the unification of rights to the extension of self-government

12:40-13:10 Q&A Discussion

13:10-15:00 Break

15:00-17:00 Session 4 chaired by **Martin Scheutz**, University of Vienna

**Remigijus Civinskas** (Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania), The interests of urban elites in minimising the negative impacts of imperial government reforms: a discourse analysis of the appeals of Lithuanian townsmen and Jews (1795-1863)

**Miriam Tveit, Steinar Aas** (Nord University, Bodø), Urban order and the origins of the Nordic welfare state

**Marjaana Niemi** (University of Tampere), Managing the city, making modern citizens: Debates about urban infrastructure in Helsinki in the late 19th and early 20th centuries

17:00-17:20 Break

17:20-19:20 Session 5 chaired by **Michel Pauly**, University of Luxembourg

**Gilles Genot** (Lëtzebuerg City Museum), Multilingualism and urban order: a historical perspective on the city of Luxembourg (19th-21st centuries)

**Mariavaleria Mininni** (University of Basilicata), Matera, an urban story still to be told

**Martina Stercken**, (University of Zurich), Urban order Closing remarks  
19:20-19:40 Q&A Discussion

20:00 Dinner

**Wednesday, 25 September 2024**

09:00-11:30: Guided walking tour of Matera  
Discussion  
Conference ends

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