



Public History and Urban History today. Visibility and usage of urban history

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

Ljubljana, 2025 September 11-13

Organizers: **Miha Kosi** (*Ljubljana*), **Martin Scheutz**
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Venue: Atrij ZRC, Novi trg 2, Ljubljana

September 11

- 9.00: **Welcome**
Introduction: **Martin Scheutz** (*Vienna*): Public History and Urban History – story of a relation
- 9.30: **Section 1: Memoria and Urban History**
- 9.30–10.15: **Rosa Smurra** (*Bologna*), Heritage awareness: the porticoes of Bologna and the UNESCO World Heritage List
- 10.15– 11.00: **Michel Pauly** (*Luxembourg*), 99 Objekte zur Darstellung der Stadtgeschichte für ein populäres Publikum (paper in German)
- 11.00–11.30: Coffee break
- 11.30–12.15: **Boris Golec** (*Ljubljana*), Contested Memoria – Street Names as an Expression of Identities in Ljubljana
- 12.15–13.00: **Roman Czaja** (*Thorun*), Street names as archives of cultural, political and social contexts in east-central european towns
- 13.00–14.30: Lunch break
- 14.30: **Section 2: Visibility of Urban History and City Tourism**
- 14.30–15.15: **Juraj Šedivý** (*Bratislava*), How to present the multicultural history of a city? The portal Memory of the City of Bratislava as a case study
- 15.15–16.00: **Christoph Sonnlechner** (*Vienna*), Town wikis as a tool for urban history – opportunities, developments and problems
- 16.00–18.00: Meeting of the Atlas Working Group (for members of the group)
- 16.15–18.00: A visit to the Ljubljana City Museum (guided tour – optional for participants of the Conference)
- 18.00–19.30: General Meeting of the Commission for the History of Towns
- 20.00: **Conference Dinner (at the venue, Atrij ZRC)**

September 12

- 9.00: **Section 2: Visibility of Urban History and City Tourism**
- 9.00–9.45: **Miha Kosi** (*Ljubljana*), Town Atlas as visibility of urban history – the example of Ljubljana
- 9.45–10.30: **Martin Uhrmacher** (*Luxembourg*), Visibility of Urban History through an interactive Town Atlas: Opportunities, pitfalls and lessons learned in the example of Luxembourg (Luxatlas)
- 10.30–11.15: **Jennifer Moore** (*Dublin*): Irish Historic Towns Atlas: a public history project in theory and in practice?
- 11.15–11.45: Coffee break
- 11.45–12.30: **Günther Buchinger/Alarich Langendorf** (*Vienna*), From Archival Sources to a 3D-Information System of Baroque Urban Topography: Vienna, Neuer Markt, c. 1760
- 12.30–13.15: **Jure Krajšek** (*Celje*), Frozen cities? Tourism and urban history using the example of Celje
- 13.15–14.45: Lunch break
- 14.45: **Section 3: Approaches to urban history**
- 14.45–15.30: **Erika Szívós** (*Budapest*), The Urban Past and Public History: The Role of Urban Walking Tours, Heritage Events, and Digital Initiatives in Budapest in an East Central European Comparison
- 15.30–16.15: **Franci Lazarini** (*Ljubljana*), Icons of urban history and urban development – Jože Plečnik (1872–1957) as a figure of public history and sign of urban transformation
- 16.15–17.00: **Wolfgang Brylla** (*Zielona Góra*), Urbanity, Criminality, Literariness: On the (Meta)textual Entanglements of Crime Fiction and the City
- 17.00–17.30: Coffee break
- 17.30–19.30: **City Walk through the City – The City map of Ljubljana and its visualisation**

September 13

8.00–19.00: **Excursion (Starting at Trg francoske revolucije):**
Celje/Cilli (residential town of the Counts of Cilli in the 14th–15th century; Roman predecessor Celeia)
Maribor/Marburg (planned foundation of the Dukes of Styria from the 12th century)
Ptuj/Pettau (town of the Archbishop of Salzburg; origins in the 9th century; Roman predecessor Poetovio)

End of the Conference

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