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## Dichotomies of Urban History

### Forgetting and Remembering the Past in Urban History

International Conference

Kaunas, Lithuania, 10-12 September 2026

## PROGRAMME



Tomasz Makowski, Kaunas, 1600

## 9 September

17.00-19.00 **ICHT Board meeting** (Faculty of Humanities, Vytautas Magnus University, 313 room, V. Putvinskio g. 23)

## 10 September

### **Kaunas City Hall (Rotušės a. 15)**

9.00-9.15 **Opening ceremony**

**Ineta Dabašinskienė**, Rector of Vytautas Magnus University

**Rosa Smurra**, President of International Commission for History of Towns

**Gabrielius Sužiedėlis**, Director of Kaunas City Museum

9.15-11.30 **I Section** chaired by Rosa Smurra

**Michael L. Potterton** (Maynooth University, Ireland) Forgetting and Remembering the Past in Anglo-Norman Urban Ireland

**Pablo Ortego Rico** (University of Málaga, Spain) “Reconquest”, Historical Myth, and Urban Identity: Castile, Thirteenth–Fifteenth Centuries

**Robert Šimůnek** (Institute of History of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague) The Long Shadow of Medieval Urban Memory in Bohemian and Moravian Cities

11.30-12.00 Coffee break

12.00-14.15 **II Section** chaired by Christoph Sonnlechner

**Daniel Stracke**, (Institute for Comparative Urban History, Münster, Germany), The Memory of the Siege / The Siege of the Memory. Losing, Finding, and Interpreting the ‘Victory Banner’ of Péronne (1536)

**Juhan Kreem** (Tallinn City Archives, Estonia) Remembering (and Forgetting) the Livonian War in Reval/Tallinn

**Laurențiu Rădvan** (“Alexandru Ioan Cuza” University of Iași, Romania), From Remembrance to Oblivion. Streets and Markets/squares in Romanian Cities of the Last Two Centuries

14.15-15.15 Lunch break

15.15-17.00 **ICHT General Meeting**

17.00-18.00 Kaunas City Hall Visit

18.00-19.30 Kaunas Old Town Excursion

19.30 Dinner

## 11 September

### Senate Hall of Vytautas Magnus University (S. Daukanto g. 28)

9.00-10.45 **III Section. Atlas Working Group** chaired by Keith Lilley, Katalin Szende  
Drawing out 'Hidden Histories': the Role of HTAs in Remembering and Forgetting Urban Pasts.  
An AWG panel discussion followed by updates and business meeting.

10.45-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-13.15 **IV Section** chaired by Roman Czaja

**Carsten Jahnke** (University of Copenhagen, The Saxo Institute, Denmark) Forgetting the Own Roots? The city of Lübeck: Denmark and the Hanseatic League in Urban Memory  
**Gergana Georgieva** (St. Cyril and St. Methodius University of Veliko Tarnovo, Bulgaria) Town of Veliko Tarnovo as Repository of the Bulgarian Collective Memory  
**Steinar Aas** (Nord University, Bodø, Norway) Trans-national War Remembrance

11.00-12.00 **AWG/Digital Standards Group** chaired by Niklas Alt (Daniel Stracke on site)  
(212 room, S. Daukanto g. 28)

13.15-14.15 Lunch break

14.15-16.30 **V Section** chaired by Marijana Niemi

**Olga Kozubska** (Institute for Comparative Urban History, Münster, Germany), From Cossacks' Siege to Liberation Myth: Shifting Memories in Lviv from the mid-17<sup>th</sup> to the mid-20<sup>th</sup> Century

**Valentina Orioli** (Università di Bologna, Italy), Trees in the City Between Memory and Oblivion. Avenues and Parks of Remembrance Commemorating the First World War in the Cities of Romagna, Italy

**Håkan Forsell** (Stockholm University, Sweden) Layers of Time, Layers of Memory: Temporal Belonging and Urban Change in Södermalm, Stockholm

16.30-17.00 Coffee break

17.00- 19.15 **VI Section** chaired by Katalin Szende

**Vaidas Petrulis** (Kaunas Technological University, Lithuania), Building, Silencing, Reinterpreting: Kaunas Architectural Modernism and the Identity of the City

**Rafal Eysymontt** (Wrocław University), Remembering and Erasing the History in the Urban Space of Wrocław, Selected Examples

**Martin Ebert** (Norwegian University of Life Sciences) From Cancellation to Urban Renewal. Urban History in the Small Towns of Eastern Middle Europe

**Poster Exhibition** (available throughout the Conference)

**Marco Orlandi** (University of Padua) Forgetting and Remembering Arian Ravenna: a GISBased Analysis of Gothic Symbols and Urban Memory from Justinian's Reconquest to UNESCO Heritage

**Remigijus Civinskas** (Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania) Writing the History of a Nineteenth-Century City: Kaunas between Imperial Rule and Urban Modernity

## 12 September

9.00 -15.00 Excursion to Kėdainiai

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### Scientific Committee of the Conference

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