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Dichotomies of Urban History

Forgetting and Remembering the Past in Urban History

International Conference

10-12 September 2026

Kaunas, Lithuania

PROGRAMME

9 September

17.00-19.00	ICHT Board meeting (Faculty of Humanities, Vytautas Magnus University, 313 room, V. Putvinskio g. 23)
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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 SIMONAS JAZAVITA, 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 th to the mid-20 th 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 RAFAŁ 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 GIS-Based 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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