

**The City as
Historical
Infrastructure**

28 – 29 March 2017

Warsaw

Mapping Central-Eastern European Urban Spaces Workshop

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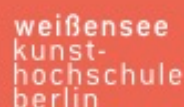
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The City as Historical Infrastructure

Cities as modes of settlement are closely linked to changing forms of statehood. The development of a spatial environment attached to medieval castles meant that citizens, through goods and services, facilitated the strengthening of state power. In contrast, this environment was also characterized by specific legal, cultural and economic forms of urban self-organization. The aim of this workshop is to discuss existing approaches to the city as a historically evolving infrastructure crucial to the development of modern forms of statehood. We will discuss urban settlements in Central and Eastern Europe and their relationship with a variety of developments in infrastructure. Our aim is to develop analytical insights into understanding the relations between urban infrastructures and changing modes of sovereignty in the region. The workshop is conceived to serve as a forum for the preparation of a larger workshop to be held in Vilnius in the frame of the Colloquium Vilnense series in the academic year of 2017/18.



28th March *Public part, German Historical Institute, Al. Ujazdowskie 39, 3rd floor*

- 12.30 am Felix Ackermann (Warsaw): Introduction – the city as infrastructure?
- 1 pm Siarhei Liubimau (Helsinki/Vilnius): Locating arguments on new medievalism in urban studies research agendas
- 1.45 pm Vytautas Volungevičius (Vilnius): Castle and Town: Structure, Environment and the Things *inside out*
- 2.30 pm Coffee break
- 3 pm Maria Cieśla (Warsaw): A town or a village? Towns in the Grand Duchy of Lithuania in the early modern period
- 3.45 pm Jan Musekamp (Frankfurt (Oder)): Railways as infrastructures and their impact on cities
- 4.30 pm Coffee break
- 5 pm Lela Rekhviashvili (Leipzig): Infrastructures as fluidities. How *marshrutkas* help us to overcome static conceptions of road-based mobility service provision
- 5.45 pm Benjamin Cope (Warsaw), Maryna Taiberman (Vilnius): The city as a node in global infrastructure: Vilnius and the fashion industry
- 7 pm Book presentation with Felix Ackermann (Warsaw), Benjamin Blazy (Berlin), Benjamin Cope (Warsaw/Vilnius) & Siarhei Liubimau (Helsinki/Vilnius)

Vilnius & Visaginas

Cities in Lithuania as infrastructures

Moderation: Grzegorz Piątek (Centrum Architektury, Warsaw)

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29th March *Internal part: German Historical Institute, Al. Ujazdowskie 39, 3rd floor*

9 am Concluding discussion: how to research the relationship between the state, infrastructures and cities

10 am Preparing an international conference on historical infrastructures to be held in Vilnius in early 2018

11 am German Historical Institute Colloquium: Maria Coors (Gießen): Schulen als jüdisch-polnische Interaktionsräume im Zwischenkriegswilna

12.30 Lunch break

1.30 pm Preparing a methodological publication on mapping as a technique of urban studies

2.30 pm Preparing an excursion to Krychev as a non-peripheral hot spot of economic and social relations in the Lithuanian Grand Duchy

3.30 pm Departure

