

**"Everyday life in the socialist city" — Session at the 11th International Conference on Urban History
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Since the 1970s, the notion of 'everyday life' in social sciences has been strongly associated with studies and theorizations of the ordinary, routine, daily practices and situations. In the urban context, such repeated and seemingly insignificant actions and trajectories help to (re)produce or transform urban spaces and their meanings, often in very creative ways. Our session aims at opening the questions about the character of everyday life in the specific context of "socialist" cities in the Central and Eastern Europe. We wish to discuss examples from various cities and countries, explaining the specific activities, relationships, rhythms and trajectories that the urban users developed in these cities, to reflect the differences and similarities of these patterns with the forms appearing in the cities in the rest of Europe, and to follow the changes in everyday life along the period of state socialism.

We would like to welcome papers based on archival and/or oral history research, focusing on life in big cities, as well as describing little towns.

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