



UNDERSTANDING

THE CITY

Anthropology of Post-Socialist Transformations



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Зрозуміти місто: антропологія постсоціалістичних
трансформацій

Workshop on Urban Anthropology for Early Career Scholars
Воркшоп з урбаністичної антропології для молодих учених

KYIV, October 3–4, 2019

THE IDEA

The unprecedented growth of the urban population arouses interest to urban studies. This area becomes interdisciplinary while actively responding to the requests for expert knowledge about the city. This situation stimulates attention to the ethnographic methods and therefore, to urban anthropology with its ability to demonstrate the emic perspective and understand the wider cultural context relying on local urban cases.

Post-socialist cities are quite promising area for anthropological research. They possess their own cultural and social diversity, which attracts scholars from various fields of research. At the same time the voices of urban dwellers often remain neglected especially in the case of city planning and following brutal transformations of the landscape. We strive to look on the post-socialist cities as on spaces where experiences of living in various ideological and economic systems clash. The latter provokes ambiguous perceptions of urban planning decisions issued by the city government. Hence, we aim to focus on the way, how urban dwellers perceive transformations from above, reacting simultaneously from their grassroots level and having their own sense of social justice.

THE IDEA

Transformations tend to change the common way of life and therefore are usually perceived by urban dwellers as a liminal condition between hopes for improvement and fears that situation will get worse. The attitude of city dwellers to initiatives from above depends primarily on what scenarios they encountered in the past. Besides, fear of something new may prove to be a fear of losing something meaningful for them from the old system. How to retrieve balance between all the discussed points? We propose to consider the perspectives of cultural anthropology to research the imageries about justice and “fair city” existing among urban dwellers, and the way how these imageries contradict with the city planning decisions inspired from above.

EXPECTED RESULTS OF THE WORKSHOP

- a deeper understanding of anthropological tools for its effective use in urban studies;
- an elaboration of strategies how to implement anthropological research in city planning;
- building a sustainable network between scholars engaged in urban studies;
- drawing attention of early career scholars, activists, volunteers,
- artists on the perspectives of anthropological research through the public discussion.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Iuliia Buyskykh, Oksana Ovsiuk, Tina Polek

WORKING LANGUAGES

Ukrainian, English

TIME LIMIT

Lecture:

Lecture: 60 minutes

Discussion: 30 minutes

Panel:

Paper presentation: 20 minutes

Discussant's talk: 20 minutes

After-panel discussion: 30 minutes

Round Table:

Introduction: 10 minutes

Speaker: 10 minutes

General Discussion: 80 minutes

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Русанівка, вулиця Ентузіастів, 51/24
- 9.30 **Registration of participants**
10.00
- 10.00 **Welcome and Introduction**
10.15 **Tina Polek**
Research Institute of Ukrainian Studies,
The Centre for Applied Anthropology, Kyiv, Ukraine
- 10.15 **Keynote Lecture**
11.45 **by Mikhail Alekseevsky**
The Centre for Urban Anthropology, Strelka KB,
Moscow, Russian Federation
The Applied Urban Anthropology
This lecture is an introduction to the theory and methods that have been developed by anthropologists to study contemporary cities and urban cultures, and to use the results of these research to improve social life of citizens. The lecture will review the history of urban anthropology, identify key directions of its development and consider the most significant urban problems, where the proficiency of applied anthropologists could be used. The theoretical statements of the lecture will be illustrated by the case studies from a practice of the Center for Urban Anthropology, which conducts research in the cities of Russia, Georgia, Uzbekistan and Israel.
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Moderator **Iuliia Buyskykh**

Research Institute of Ukrainian Studies,
The Centre for Applied Anthropology, Kyiv, Ukraine

11.45 **Coffee-break**
12.00

12.00 **PANEL I.**
13.50 **Between Past and Future: How the Memory
is Transforming in Urban Space**
(in English)

Chair and **Tina Polek**

Moderator
Research Institute of Ukrainian Studies,
The Centre for Applied Anthropology,
Kyiv, Ukraine

12.00 **Simon Schlegel**
12.20 School of Social Sciences,
Loughborough University, UK

Comparing Tourist Encounters: How Three Post-Soviet Cities Represent a Shared Past

12.20 **Magdalena Chmiel**
12.40 MA, Jagiellonian University,
Cracow, Poland

Podgórze in Kraków as an example of a difficult heritage

12.40 **Olga Gontarska**

13.00 The Tadeusz Manteuffel Institute of History,
Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland

***Warsaw. Entangled paths of transformation.
Between hope and disillusionment.
Alliances of NGO and informal movements
in Warsaw***

Discussant **Małgorzata Biczuk**

13.00 Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology,
13.20 Halle, Germany

13.20 **Questions and Discussion**

13.50

13.50 **Lunch**

15.00

15.00 **PANEL II.**

16.50 **Who Have a Right to Issue a Right: Justice
in a Postcosialist City**

(in Ukrainian)

Chair and **Oksana Ovsiuk**

Moderator Research Institute of Ukrainian Studies,
The Centre for Applied Anthropology
Kyiv, Ukraine

- 15.00 **Vita Schneider**
15.20 Organizer and Coordinator of 'Occupy Kyiv Cinemas'
Initiative, Ukraine
***Making Politics-Police Struggle in Urban Space
Visible through Grassroots Activism: a Case Study
of the Conflict around Communal Cinemas in Kyiv***
- 15.20 **Valeriia Lazarenko**
15.40 Kyiv Research Institute for Social and Political
Psychology
Kyiv, Ukraine
***Place(less)-Based Identities in the Times of
Transition: Case of Internally Displaced People
in Ukraine***
- 15.40 **Mariia Kuriacha**
16.00 M. Kotsiubynsky Vinnytsia Pedagogical State
University, Ukraine
***Migrant in a New Urban Space: 'Own' / 'Alien' /
'the Other'
(Based on the Field Research of IDP Persons from
East and South Ukraine in 2013–2019)***
- Discussant **Alla Petrenko-Lysak**
16.00 Taras Shevchenko Kyiv National University,
16.20 Kyiv, Ukraine
- 16.20 **Questions and Discussion**
16.50
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- 10.00 **PANEL III.**
11.50 **Here the Workers Should Have Lived:
the Socialistic Industrial Heritage**
(in English)
- Chair and Moderator **Iuliia Buyskykh**
Research Institute of Ukrainian Studies,
The Centre for Applied Anthropology
Kyiv, Ukraine
- 10.00 **Ignacy Józwiak**
10.20 Centre of Migration Research,
University of Warsaw, Poland
***Abandoning the Past: Neoliberalism and
Postsocialism Among the Industrial Ruins***
- 10.20 **Nataliia Mysak**
10.40 Center for Urban History of East-Central Europe
Lviv, Ukraine
***Conflicting Typologies: (Dis)continuities of
Emergent Architectural Forms Within Shifting
Contexts***
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- 10.40 **Justyna Szymańska**
11.00 Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology,
University of Warsaw, NGO 'Pracownia etnograficzna',
Poland
***Anthropology in the Monofunctional Town.
Grassroots Activism and Socialist Heritage***
- Discussant **Oleksii Musiezdov**
11.00 V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University
11.20 Kharkiv, Ukraine
- 11.20 **Questions and Discussion**
11.50
- 11.50 **Coffee-break**
12.05
- 12.05 **PANEL IV.**
13.55 **Cultural Landscape of a Postsocialist City**
(in Ukrainian)
- Chair and Moderator **Olena Braichenko**
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The Centre for Applied Anthropology
Kyiv, Ukraine

- 12.05 **Roman Lozynskyi**
12.25 Ivan Franko National University of Lviv,
 CANactions School for Urban Studies,
 Kyiv, Ukraine
Elsewherness of Peri-urban Landscapes in Ukraine
- 12.25 **Olena Cheban**
12.45 Odesa National Mechnikov University
 Odesa, Ukraine
***The Contemporary Practices of Living Space's
'Improvement': Anthropological View on Odesa***
- 12.45 **Anna Kyrychenko**
13.05 'Ahenty zmin'
 Kyiv, Ukraine
***The Inhabited Space of Mykilska Borschahivka in
the 1970s - 1980s (Based on Field Data)***
- Discussant **Oksana Ovsiuk**
13.05 Research Institute of Ukrainian Studies,
13.25 The Centre for Applied Anthropology
 Kyiv, Ukraine
- 13.25 **Questions and Discussion**
13.55

14.00 **Lunch**
15.30

15.30 **Round Table**
17.40 **'Anthropology in Applied Urban Studies'**

Moderator **Tina Polek**
Research Institute of Ukrainian Studies,
The Centre for Applied Anthropology,
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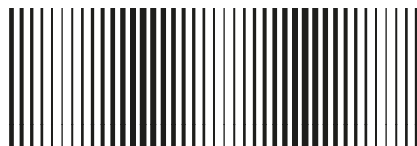
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 'Ahenty zmin', Kyiv, Ukraine
Kateryna Siryk
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