

## Exploring socio-spatial disparities in Western and socialist cities Theoretical challenges and empirical insights

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Socio-spatial disparities were a major point of interest in the early days of modern urban history research. Segregation of workers, upper classes, ethnic or religious minorities in different quarters of cities was regarded as a key indicator of social injustice and a trigger of class struggles in liberal capitalist societies. In the last two decades historians have developed new approaches which revise old ideas on the purely negative effects of socio-spatial segregation. In contrast the function of “arrival quarters” and socially homogenous quarters for the integration of immigrants is underlined. Moreover, we see that problems of socio-spatial disparities in Western welfare regimes and socialist cities have not yet been analysed in a comparative and comprehensive way from a cross-cultural perspective.

The workshop will explore urban social disparities in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century with a focus on two key problems of research:

1. Which *theoretical approaches and methods* do we have to describe socio-spatial disparities in Western welfare and in socialist cities and to critically evaluate them in a common conceptual framework?
2. Which *fresh concepts and results of empirical research* do we have which integrate dynamics of ethnicity, migration, gender etc. and the communicative and cultural dimensions of socio-spatial disparities and go beyond traditional approaches towards urban social segregation?

### Program

- 10.00 **Introduction**  
■ (Christoph Bernhardt IRS)
- 10.15 **Theoretical approaches and concepts**  
■ Social Segregation after Class and Empire (Simon Gunn, CUH Leicester)  
■ Socio-spatial disparities in socialist societies and cities (Christoph Bernhardt, IRS Erkner)  
■ Disparities as Experience? How to reconstruct and interpret the perception of being left behind (Sebastian Haumann, TU Darmstadt)  
■ Comment (Alexander Nützenadel, IfG Humboldt-University)
- 11.30 **Empirical insights: Social disparities in European cities, late 20<sup>th</sup> c.**  
■ Central Arrival Quarters in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Post-War Urbanisation: Stockholm and Oslo (Hakan Forsell, Univ. Stockholm)  
■ Socio-spatial disparities and ethnic boundary-making in mixed Albanian-Slavic cities of Socialist Yugoslavia (Pieter Troch, Univ. Ghent)  
■ Tracing the Global Career of “Gentrification” in the late 20th Century (Christiane Reinecke, Univ. Osnabrück)  
■ The Advocacy Planning and the Civil Rights Movement in the United States (Marianna Charitonidou, EZH Zurich)

■ Comment (*Marjaana Niemi, Tampere*)

13.00 Break

13.30- **Internal Discussion on Session EAUH 2021, Special Issue etc.**

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