

Cities After Transition

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of Post-Communist States Conference

Tirana, 22-25 September 2025



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Conference Programme



Conference Overview

Sunday, September 21, 2025

17:00–18:00 Reception and Early Registration

18:00–19:00 City Walk

📍 Albanian Academy of Sciences (Akademia e Shkencave); Shëtitorja Murat Toptani, Tiranë

Monday, September 22, 2025

08:00–09:00 Registration

9:00–09:45 Welcome

9:45–10:45 Keynote by Örjan Sjöberg, sponsored by Eurasian Geography and Economics/Taylor & Francis: *Soft infrastructures in change and development: a modified institutional logics approach for post-socialist urban studies*

📍 Godina Liria, Qyteti Studenti, Tiranë

10:55–11:00 Group foto in front of the Faculty building

11:00–12:30 Sessions

12:30–13:30 Lunch

13:30–15:00 Sessions

15:00–15:30 Coffee

15:30–17:00 Sessions

📍 Faculty of History and Philology (Fakulteti i Historisë dhe i Filologjisë), Rruga Elbasanit/Rruga Hysen Çino 18, Tiranë

18:30–22:00 Conference Dinner

📍 Restaurant Dreri, Rruga Gjeneral Nikols 24, Tiranë

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

09:00–10:30 Sessions

10:30–11:00 Coffee

11:00–12:00 Plenary Session: *Getting published in academic journals - Meet the Editors of Eurasian Geography and Economics* by Craig Young (Room: A)

12:00–13:00 Lunch

13:00–14:30 Sessions

14:30–15:00 Coffee

15:00–16:30 Sessions

16:30–17:30 Workshop *'Wither Post-Socialism'* by Matthias Bernt (Room: A)

📍 Faculty of History and Philology (Fakulteti i Historisë dhe i Filologjisë), Rruga Elbasanit/Rruga Hysen Çino 18, Tiranë

Wednesday, September 24, 2025: Field Trip to Valbona

6:30 Departure from City Center; meeting point at the rear of the Palace of Culture

📍 8RHC+P3X, Rruga e Dibres, Tiranë

Lake Koman; Fierza; Bajram Curri; Valbona

19:00 Dinner

📍 Hotel Valbor, Valbona

Thursday, September 25, 2025: Field Trip

9:30 Departure from Valbona

Peja; Prizren (Kosovo); Kukes; Rubik

20:00 Arrival in Tirana

List of participants

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