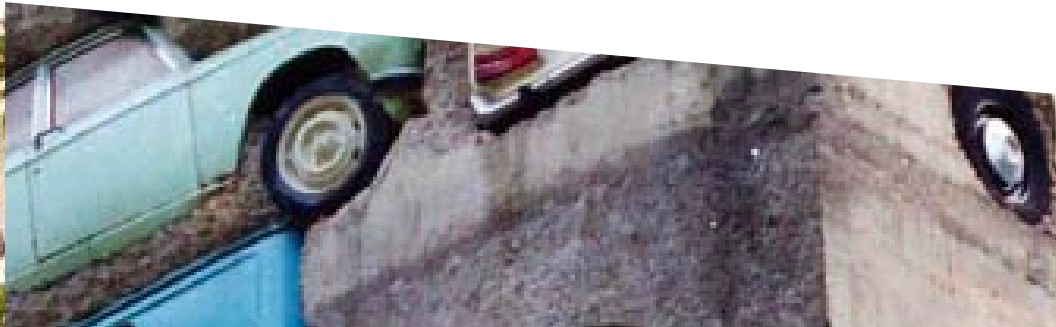


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## Sunday, 14 May 2023

5:00 pm **Workshop Welcome and Introduction**

**Paul Lerner (University of Southern California)**

5:15 pm **Keynote Address**

*Architectures of Control: Stalinist Urban Design in Global Context*

**Katherine Zubovich (University at Buffalo, SUNY)**

7:00 pm **Participant Dinner**

## Monday, 15 May 2023

9:00 am **Panel 1: Socialist and Post-Socialist**

**Landscape and Environment**

**Chair: Katherine Zubovich**

*Cultural Landscapes out of Lignite Moonscapes: Dreams and Realities in Leipzig's Coalfields before and after 1989*

**Andrew Demshuk (American University, Washington, D.C.)**

*Rebuilding Belgrade: Urban Planning and Behavioral Science after World War II*

**Brigitte Le Normand (Maastricht University)**

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*Concrete Dreams in a Marshy Landscape: Environment, Socialist Planning, and Human Behavior in a Yugoslav Periurban Area*

**Ognjen Kojanic (University of Cologne)**

10:45 am **Coffee Break**

11:00 am **Panel 2: Urban Planning, Rural Retreats, and Behavior Regulation**

**Chair: Jan Hansen (Humboldt University Berlin/USC)**

*"A Matter of National Importance": Social Science and Built Environment Research in 1960s Britain*

**Juliana Kei (University of Liverpool)**

*From Embellished Landscapes of Health to Spaces of Leisure and Hygiene: Designing the 20th Century Spa Town as Space of Experience*

**Oliver Sukrow (Technical University, Vienna)**

*Our Fellows Are Proletarians: Penitentiary Agricultural Colonies as Urban Spaces in a Rural Setting, From Nineteenth-century France to Early Soviet Ukraine*

**Anna-Christine Grant (Occidental College)**

12:45 pm **Lunch Break**

2 pm **Panel 3: Urban Flow: Mobility, Consumption, and Lived Experience**

**Chair: Milos Jovanovic (UCLA)**

*Regulating from Below: Electricity Infrastructure and Urban Informality in Los Angeles, 1920–1940*

**Jan Hansen (Humboldt University of Berlin/USC)**

*Home Economics, Material Culture, and Mexican Immigrant Americanization in the Early Twentieth Century*

**Laura Isabel Serna (University of Southern California)**

3:15 pm **Coffee Break**

3:30 pm *From Governing for Infrastructure to Governing through Infrastructure: The Emergence of "Orderly Boarding" on Tokyo's Urban Railway Network in the 20th Century*  
**Christoph Schimkowsky (University of Tokyo)**

*Soviet Modernist City Planning and the Permanently Temporary Mobility System of Tallinn*

**Tambet Muide (Tartu University)**

4:45 pm **Closing Discussion and Future Directions**

**Chair: Andreas Greiner (German Historical Institute, Washington)**