Concrete Dreams: Urban Infrastructure and the Regulation of Human Behavior in the Global Twentieth Century.

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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

#### 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)
- 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)
- 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)

**3:15 pm**  
**Coffee Break**

**3:30 pm**  
**4:45 pm**  
**Closing Discussion and Future Directions**  

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