



## Special Session Proposal

### Urban development of Central and Eastern Europe with special emphasis on regional centers

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#### Abstract

The topic of our proposed session is to provide insights to a comparative research of development paths of Central and Eastern European regional centers, with a primary focus on the investigation of the presence and transformation of the factors constituting the basis of the stock of territorial capital and the innovative milieu.

The point of origin is the postulate according to which territorial capital can be described as a constellation of socio-economic resources and immaterial capital goods which is unique and is characterized by heterogeneous specificities and emphases in the case of each territorial unit.

On the basis of the above, our hypothesis is that territorial capital can be interpreted in the case of cities through the review and systematization of its components and development models of Central Eastern European cities can be interpreted through the observation of the various emphases and the temporal evolution of these components. The unique innovative milieu determined by the specifics of territorial capital have a varying impact on development.

Key questions for the session can be summarized as follows:

1. How can the notion of territorial capital be interpreted for cities, how can the factors shaping it be analysed and how can we describe the innovative milieu constructed on its basis?

2. What kind of similarities and model-like disparities can be detected in the structure of the territorial capital stock and its temporal changes in Central and Eastern European cities?
3. How can these cities be positioned in the regional urban network on the basis of the specifics of territorial capital and development paths?
4. How can the effects of the different constitution of territorial capital elements on discrepancies of development paths be explained?
5. How can we describe and explain the joint role of endogenous and exogenous components in urban development?
6. What types and means of predictions are available regarding urban development paths based on territorial capital?