



# Public History and Urban History today. Visibility and usage of urban history

Conference of the International Commission  
for the History of Towns (ICHT)

Ljubljana, 2025 September 11-13

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*Venue: Atrij ZRC, Novi trg 2, Ljubljana*

September 11

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- 9.00: **Welcome**  
Introduction: **Martin Scheutz** (*Vienna*): Public History and Urban History – story of a relation
- 9.30: **Section 1: Memoria and Urban History**
- 9.30–10.15: **Rosa Smurra** (*Bologna*), Heritage awareness: the porticoes of Bologna and the UNESCO World Heritage List
- 10.15– 11.00: **Michel Pauly** (*Luxembourg*), 99 Objekte zur Darstellung der Stadtgeschichte für ein populäres Publikum (paper in German)
- 11.00–11.30: Coffee break
- 11.30–12.15: **Boris Golec** (*Ljubljana*), Toponymie der Altstadt von Ljubljana/Laibach im Wandel der Zeit (paper in German)
- 12.15–13.00: **Roman Czaja** (*Thorun*), Street names as archives of cultural, political and social contexts in east-central european towns
- 13.00–14.30: Lunch break
- 14.30: **Section 2: Visibility of Urban History and City Tourism**
- 14.30–15.15: **Juraj Šedivý** (*Bratislava*), How to present the multicultural history of a city? The portal Memory of the City of Bratislava as a case study
- 15.15–16.00: **Christoph Sonnlechner** (*Vienna*), Town wikis as a tool for urban history – opportunities, developments and problems
- 16.00–18.00: Meeting of the Atlas Working Group (for members of the group)
- 16.15–18.00: A visit to the Ljubljana City Museum (guided tour – optional for participants of the Conference)
- 18.00–19.30: General Meeting of the Commission for the History of Towns
- 20.00: **Conference Dinner (at the venue, Atrij ZRC)**

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9.00: **Section 2: Visibility of Urban History and City Tourism**

9.00-9.45: **Miha Kosi** (*Ljubljana*), Town Atlas as visibility of urban history - the example of Ljubljana

9.45-10.30: **Martin Uhrmacher** (*Luxembourg*), Visibility of Urban History through an interactive Town Atlas: Opportunities, pitfalls and lessons learned in the example of Luxembourg (Luxatlas)

10.30-11.15: **Jennifer Moore** (*Dublin*): Irish Historic Towns Atlas: a public history project in theory and in practice?

11.15-11.45: Coffee break

11.45-12.30: **Günther Buchinger/Alarich Langendorf** (*Vienna*), From Archival Sources to a 3D-Information System of Baroque Urban Topography: Vienna, Neuer Markt, c. 1760

12.30-13.15: **Jure Krajšek** (*Celje*), Frozen cities? Tourism and urban history using the example of Celje

13.15-14.45: Lunch break

14.45: **Section 3: Approaches to urban history**

14.45-15.30: **Erika Szívós** (*Budapest*), The Urban Past and Public History: The Role of Urban Walking Tours, Heritage Events, and Digital Initiatives in Budapest in an East Central European Comparison

15.30-16.15: **Franci Lazarini** (*Ljubljana*), Icons of urban history and urban development - Jože Plečnik (1872-1957) as a figure of public history and sign of urban transformation

16.15-17.00: **Wolfgang Brylla** (*Zielona Góra*), Urbanity, Criminality, Literariness: On the (Meta)textual Entanglements of Crime Fiction and the City

17.00-17.30: Coffee break

17.30-19.30: **City Walk through the City - The City map of Ljubljana and its visualisation**

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- 8.00–19.00: **Excursion (Starting at Trg francoske revolucije):**  
**Celje/Cilli** (residential town of the Counts of Cilli in the 14th–15th century; Roman predecessor Celeia)  
**Maribor/Marburg** (planned foundation of the Dukes of Styria from the 12th century)  
**Ptuj/Pettau** (town of the Archbishop of Salzburg; origins in the 9th century; Roman predecessor Poetovio)

End of the Conference

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