

CALL FOR MANUSCRIPTS  
Special issue of *Urbana: Urban Affairs & Public Policy*  
on  
“Trajectory of the Post-Socialist City”

*Urbana: Urban Affairs & Public Policy* is pleased to announce the call for submissions for its special issue on “Trajectory of the Post-Socialist City”.

**Background:**

Three decades of the socialism system's collapse was symbolically marked in 2019. That was the drive for a debate over post-socialist cities' existence and reshaping the overall examination of their urban development. The *post-socialist* terminology is supposed to examine the long-term effects that the centrally planned system left on countries and cities until they fully transition to a new decentralized model led by open market economy principles. Given the dynamic of this transition, it is no wonder that it remained debatable if these cities have ever fully undergone the process of transition. While some cities were rapidly shaped by the new ideological, socio-political, economic, and cultural circumstances, others remained on the edge of this urban realm transition focus.

Moreover, the post-socialist city development process varied based on the approach and tools decision-makers used in articulating urban policies and the influence of businesses and communities in particular areas. Nevertheless, post-socialist cities' trajectory could be a complex topic to investigate as often it requires an interdisciplinary approach, challenged by the theoretically and/or empirically examination. Thus, *Urbana's* special issue will focus on the urban development process and trajectory of post-socialist cities.

*Urbana* welcomes papers and book reviews on a variety of issues pertaining to urbanization and city life in the post-socialist cities, including but not limited to:

- Theoretical implications of the post-socialist concept;
- Political influence on urban development, planning and practices;
- The relationship between decision makers and private investors in urban development;
- Privatization and social housing;
- Regeneration policies and trajectory of places;
- Land use and public space transformation;
- Effects of tourism-led development on the community and urban realm;
- Local identities and community engagement actions.

**Submission guidelines:**

The authors are invited to send their abstracts as a Word attachment. Abstracts should be no more than 500 words in length with 3-4 keywords. Authors should also submit a short biography.

Abstracts should be sent to [urbana.specialissue2021@gmail.com](mailto:urbana.specialissue2021@gmail.com) no later than **March 30, 2021**. Please refer to the official Urbana's instructions for manuscript submission on: <https://www.urbanauapp.org/manuscript-submission/>

If you have questions about your manuscript before you submit it, or need further information about the submission process please contact the guest editor Ksenija Martinovic at [urbana.specialissue2021@gmail.com](mailto:urbana.specialissue2021@gmail.com).

#### Important dates:

Important Dates*	
March 30, 2021	Deadline for Submitting Abstracts
April 10, 2021	Status notification
June 30, 2021	Deadline for Submitting the first Paper Proposals/Book reviews
July-September, 2021	Peer-review process
September, 2021	Latest notification of acceptance
October, 2021	Deadline for Submitting the final Paper/Book review
November, 2021	Publication of Papers/Book reviews on Urbana's website
December, 2021	Publication of Dossier

\*Urbana reserve the right to change or modify any of these dates.

#### Special issue editors:

- Michael A. McAdams, Mesilla Valley Metropolitan Planning, U.S.A (Managing Editor)
- Ivani Vassoler-Froelich, State University of New York-Fredonia, U.S.A. (Associate Editor)
- Jesús A. Treviño-Cantú, Professor at Universidad de Nuevo León, Mexico (Executive Editor)
- Ksenija Martinovic, MSs Public and Urban Policy, Montenegro (Guest Editor)

#### On journal:

***Urbana: Urban Affairs & Public Policy*** is an editorial board reviewed multi-disciplinary open-access scholarly journal focusing on urban issues worldwide, including, but not limited to, urban geography, urban planning, urban history, city politics, urban environmental policy, the political economy of cities, metropolitan development, cities and international relations, and literary views of cities. Foremost, this journal is an academic forum for the presentation and discussion of the 'urban realm.'

Urbana: Urban Affairs & Public Policy is indexed in the [Directory of Open Access Journals \(DOAJ\)](#).

More information are available at [www.urbanauapp.org](http://www.urbanauapp.org).