**Urbanisation and local government(s)**

*E-conference (November 27th 2020, 9:00 – 17:00 CET)*

*Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest), Faculty of Law*

The conference *Urbanisation and local government(s)* is an international conference, organised by the Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest), Faculty of Law, Department of Administrative Law. The conference is supported and sponsored by the Municipality of Budapest Metropole.

The main aim of the conference to examine and analyse the urbanisation of local governments – especially in the light of the recent challenges of the urbanisation in the Eastern Central European countries. The scope of the conference is a wide one: the methods used by the presentations are not only the methods of jurisprudence, but the wide range of administrative sciences (e.g. economics, sociology).

The recent challenges and transformations of the urban areas and the government of the urban areas in several countries will be analysed by the presentations of the first panel. The general analysis of the urban governments and the organisational framework of these area will be followed by presentations by which the provision of urban services and several major issues of the urban life will be analysed. The impact of the recent COVID-19 pandemic will be analysed, as well.

The challenges, solutions and transformation of Germany, Hungary, Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia and Portugal will be shown by the presentations.

The keynote presentation will be 30 minutes long, the presentations will be 15 minutes long.

The language of the conference is English, but there will be several presentations which will be held in Hungarian.

The proceeding of the conference will be published in the first half of 2021, it will be published by the Lex localis Press (Maribor), and it will be indexed by the Web of Science (in late 2021).

**9:00 – 9:10 Opening words by Prof. Pál Sonnevend,** the Dean of Faculty of Law (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest)

**9:10 – 9:40 Keynote speech**

**Prof. Thorsten Ingo Schmidt,** Professor of Public Law, Faculty of Law, University of Potsdam (Germany)

**Panel I: General questions on urbanisation**

Presided by Prof. Krisztina Rozsnyai, Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest), Faculty of Law, Vice Dean

**9:45 – 10:00** Assoc. Prof. Dr. habil. Jarosław Kostrubiec, PhD, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University (Lublin, Poland), Faculty of Law and Administration, Vice Dean:

*Urbanisation and municipal unions in Poland*

**10:00 – 10:15** Boštjan Brezovnik PhD., Associate Professor of Nova Univerza (Nova Gorica, Slovenia), Faculty of European Law and Professor of University, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University (Lublin, Poland), Faculty of Law and Administration

*Urbanisation and regionalisation in Slovenia*

**10: 15 – 10:30** Oksana Chernenko LLM., Director, Senior Lecturer & Assoc. Prof. Olga Moralyenko PhD, Higher School of Economics (Moscow, Russian Federation), Faculty of Law

*Urbanisation in the Russian Federation: the case of “Greater Moscow” (Moscow Metropolitan Area)*

**10:30 – 11:00 Discussion**

**Panel II Urban areas, urban services and finances**

Presided by Péter Darák PhD, President of the Kúria (the Supreme Court of Hungary) and Assistant Professor at Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest), Faculty of Law *(invitation in progress)*

**11:00 – 11:15** Maria Murray Svidroňová PhD., Associate Professor of Masaryk University (Brno, Czech Republic), Faculty of Economics and Administration & Associate Professor of Matej Bel University (Banská Bystrica, Slovakia), Faculty of Economics

*The role of the civil society organisations in repurposing of unused property*

**11:15 – 11:30** Prof. Tamás M. Horváth, University of Debrecen, Faculty of Law (Hungary) and Judge of the Kúria (the Supreme Court of Hungary)

*Urbanisation and municipal companies*

**11:30 – 11:45** Assoc. Prof. Miloš Milosavljević PhD., Prof. Slađana Benković, Assist. Prof. Željko Spasenić & Assist. Prof. Nemanja Milanović, University of Belgrade (Serbia), Faculty of Organisational Sciences

*Participatory budgeting in Serbian urban municipalities*

**11:45 – 12:00** dr. habil. Michal Radvan, Masaryk University (Brno, Czech Republic), Faculty of Law, Vice Dean

*Urbanisation and local taxes – the case of the Czech Republic*

**12:00 – 12:15** Bogdana Neamţu PhD., Director of Department of Public Administration and Management, Babeş Bolyai University (Cluj-Napoca, Romania), Faculty of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences

*Innovation and experimentation in the context of living in comtemporary European cities*

**12:15 – 12:45 Discussion**

**12:45 – 13:45 Lunch break**

**Panel III Municipal finances, municipal services and the recent challenges of COVID-19**

Presided by Assoc. Prof. János Fazekas, Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest), Faculty of Law, Vice Dean

**13:45 – 14:00** Prof. Krisztina Rozsnyai, Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest), Faculty of Law, Vice Dean

*The challenges connected to the different forms of use of public space for Hungarian municipalities as regulators*

**14:00 – 14:15** Gábor Kecső PhD., Assistant Professor at Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest), Faculty of Law

*Local taxes in large Hungarian municipalities*

**14:15 – 14:30** Noémia Rute Peres de Bessa Vilela Oplotnik, PhD Student, Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest), Faculty of Law

*The challenges of regulated markets in Portuguese urban areas*

**14:30 – 14:45** Prof. István Hoffman, Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest), Faculty of Law

*The challenges of COVID-19 pandemic in large Hungarian municipalities*

**14:45 – 15:00** Kristóf B. Cseh PhD-Student and Associates (MA Students) of Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest), Faculty of Law

*Law-making in the time of emergency: the case of Budapest Metropole and its districts*

**15:00 – 15:30 Discussion**

**Panel IV Hungarian Panel**

Presided by Prof. Marianna Nagy, Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest), Faculty of Law, Head of Department

**15:30 – 15:45** Márton Balogh PhD., Associate Professor of Babeş Bolyai University (Cluj-Napoca, Romania), Faculty of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences, Head of the Public Administration Training in Hungarian Language

*Urban administration and community building*

**15:45 – 16:00** Prof. István Balázs, Professor, Head of Department, University of Debrecen and Senior, Centre for Social Sciences, Institute for Legal Studies

*Centralisation, decentralization in time of COVID-19*

**16:15 – 16:30** dr. habil. András Bencsik, Assistant Professor of Eötvös Loránd University (Budapest), Faculty of Law and Associates (PhD Students and MA Students of Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Law)

*Comparative urban research in Budapest and Porto*

**16:30 – 16:45 Discussion**

**16:45 – 17:00 Closing of the conference**