

CITY AND

CULTURE

20-22 September 2017
Wrocław, Poland

Call for Presentations International Conference

Unit of Urban and Rural Sociology and Unit of Sociology of Culture and Civilization at Institute of Sociology University of Wrocław, Impart 2016 Festival Center, Municipality of Wrocław in cooperation with Polish Sociological Association (Section of Urban Sociology and Wrocław branch) would like to invite academics and researchers to participate in an international scientific conference "City and Culture".

The conference will take place in Wrocław - the city which hosted the European Capital of Culture 2016. This event was a unique opportunity for creators, organizers and researchers of culture to scrutinize the processes affecting the local field of culture and cultural production.

Although it was Wrocław that won the title of the European Capital of Culture in 2016, the bidding processes highlighted the importance of cultural policies in urban development - the topic which has been widely discussed in all candidate cities. Recent years have also yielded many interesting academic analyses on culture prepared in Gdansk, Poznan and Warsaw by experts in sociology and cultural studies.

Juxtaposition of the two concepts which lay at the core of the conference - city and culture - is based on a firm conviction that culture has the function of creating cityness and a city has the function of creating culture. Although the specificity of urban culture can be debatable, the fact that cityness becomes visible through the cultural life of the a city is indisputable. Cultural life in / of a city is a form of socializing inhabitants and a way of creating values in public sphere. Culture is the basic asset and a set of values of a city which interconnect various aspects of its inhabitants' life.

All researchers interested in the theme of the conference are welcome to submit abstracts. Presentations focused on the processes rooted in the cultural field which reproduce and alter the social order of the city, on the today's dynamics of culture but also revealing the more established trends in the future developments of culture and city are particularly welcome.

**We suggest
the following
sub-themes
and questions**

1. Urban culture

- condition, diversity and prospects of urban culture in Poland and Europe
- patterns, practices and scenes of participation and non-participation in culture
- cultural education, participatory culture and audience development
- city as a cultural space
- the role of urban culture in the face of diversity

2. Culture and urban policies and development strategies

- culture and market – culture of events vs participatory culture
- culture and development – creativity, innovations and new technologies in culture
- culture and social policy – social change and social integration
- culture in urban development strategies

3. What remains? The impact of European Capital of Culture

- efficiency and sustainability of ECoC
- narratives on European Capitals of Culture
- the role and function of ECoCs in European and local policies

4. Researching culture and researching city

- methodological challenges in researching urban culture
- new methods and tools in researching culture

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Participation costs

Full: EUR 130

covers formal dinner, coffee and lunch breaks during the conference, publication costs after a positive review, conference materials

Partial: EUR 80

covers formal dinner, coffee and lunch breaks during the conference, conference materials

Important deadlines

20th March 2017 – abstract submission (1500 characters with spaces) sent to the e-mail address: city.and.culture.2017@gmail.com

24th April 2017 – sending feedback information from the Organizers to Participants on acceptance of abstracts, sending a draft version of the Conference Programme and organizational information.

1st July 2017 – deadline for payment of the conference fee.

The fee needs to be sent to the bank account no:

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City and Culture - Name and Surname of the Participant"

20-22nd September – CONFERENCE "CITY AND CULTURE"

23rd October 2017 – submission of articles ready for publication

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