

<b>Course title:</b> Geography of post-communist cities	<b>Course No: KSG/GEOSI</b>	<b>Semester:</b> Summer
<b>Course type:</b> Independent supervised study	<b>Hours/Week:</b> 1	<b>Number of credits:</b> 4
<b>Recommended for:</b> Bachelor and Master level students		

**Lecturer (Academics):**

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**Status of the course in the study program:**

Compulsory in the programme of Geography and regional development, voluntary in the programme of Political and cultural geography.

**Course description:**

This course will introduce participants into the dynamic transformation of Central and Eastern European post-communist cities with many possibilities to observe and to be experienced with them just during the course. Topics: Historical development of urban structure in post-communist cities, commercialisation and brownfields development of city centre. Revitalisation, gentrification or ghettoisation of inner city neighbourhoods. Growing differences between communist housing estates. Residential and commercial suburbanisation and its economic, social and economic consequences.

**Aims and objectives of the course:**

To introduce students into the dynamic transformation of Central and Eastern European post-communist cities together with the ability to evaluate them.

**Teaching method:**

independent supervised study, excursion

**Prerequisite:**

urban geography - recommended

**Teaching aids & literature:**

SMITH, D. M. The Socialist City. In ANDRUSZ, G. – HARLOE, M. – SZELENYI, I. *Cities after socialism: regional change and conflict in post-socialist societies*. 1st edition. Oxford: Blackwell, 1996. s. 70-99.

STANILOV, K. *The post-socialist city: urban form and space transformations in Central and Eastern Europe after socialism*. 1st edition. Dordrecht: Springer, 2007.

SÝKORA, L. Changes in the internal spatial structure of post-communist Prague. *Geojournal*. 1999, vol. 49, no. 1, s. 79-89.

**Examination method:**

written test, written essay

**Requirements for examination:**

- 1) written test (0% - 25%)
- 2) written paper (0% - 65%)
- 3) city excursion (0%-10%) compulsory

You can expect grades according to the following scale:

50% - 65%.....3 (D)  
66% - 84%.....2 (B, C)  
85% and more.....1 (A)

**Registration for examination:**

Electronic Registration