

Second World Urbanity: Between Capitalist and Communist Utopias, is a scholarly project that explores the history of conceiving, building, importing, and inhabiting socialist cities past and present from Cuba to Yugoslavia and Russia to China. Initiated by historians Steven E. Harris and Daria Bocharnikova this project brings together researchers from a variety of disciplines to reflect on the specificity of urban design and its uses in the Second World. Our goal is to shatter a common image of the socialist cityscape as necessarily dull and grey, and offer a revised understanding of its limitations and achievements. The project is envisioned as a series of informal conversations, virtual and offline meetings, book discussions, and a series of conferences followed by the publication of selected papers. The next two conferences will be held in Tallinn in October 2014 and St. Petersburg in February 2015.

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SECOND WORLD URBANITY: BETWEEN CAPITALIST AND COMMUNIST UTOPIAS

CONFERENCE 1: VISIONS AND FOUNDATIONS

**GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
APRIL 11-12, 2014**

Keynote Address

*"Plutopia: How the Nuclear Weapons Complex
Created Capitalist and Communist Utopias"*

by Kate Brown

FRIDAY, APRIL 11, 2014

Location: *The Friday morning sessions will be held in the MSFS (Masters in the School of Foreign Service) Conference Room, located on the 7th Floor of the Intercultural Center (ICC) on the campus of Georgetown University.*

9:15am - 9:30am

Coffee and tea

9:30am - 10:10am

Opening of the conference and introductory presentation

Daria Bocharnikova and Steven E. Harris

10:15am - 12:00pm

Panel I: Rethinking the Centers and Peripheries of the Second World

Chair: Anton Fedyashin (American University)

Zayra Badillo Castro (School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London), "Creating a Soviet Environment in the Muslim Periphery: Khrushchev's in Tashkent."

Christian Hess (Sophia University), "Second World Urbanity and Chinese Cities: The Case of Dalian, 1945-1955."

Elidor Mëhilli (Hunter College), "Socialism as Exchange."

Discussant: Lewis Siegelbaum (Michigan State University)

12:00pm - 2:00pm

Lunch on the Georgetown University campus or M Street

Location: *The afternoon session and keynote address will both be held in the Mortara Center on the Georgetown University campus.*

2:00pm - 3:45pm

Panel II: Typologies of Second World Urbanity: Atom City, Closed City, Science City

Chair: Sarah Cameron (University of Maryland at College Park)

Evangelos Kotsioris (Princeton University), "Zelenograd: A City Made of Electrons."

Xenia Vytuleva (Columbia University), "On Dwelling and Particular Fragility of ZATO's Network."

Anna Veronika Wendland (Herder Institute for Historical Research on East Central Europe, and Justus Liebig University), "Visions and Foundations of the Atomograd: Nuclear Technology, Urban Utopia, and (Post-)Soviet Social Identities."

Discussant: Steven Barnes (George Mason University)

3:45pm - 4:30pm

Coffee break

4:30pm - 6:00pm

Keynote Address: Kate Brown (University of Maryland, Baltimore County), "Plutopia: How the Nuclear Weapons Complex Created Capitalist and Communist Utopias"

7:00pm

Dinner in Georgetown. Location TBA

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2014

Location: *All Saturday sessions will be held in the Mortara Center on the Georgetown University campus.*

9:00am - 9:30am

Coffee and tea

9:30am - 11:15am

Panel III: New Spaces for New Citizens: The Many Visions of Second World Architects

Chair: Daria Bocharnikova (European University Institute, Florence and St. Petersburg State University)

Anna Bokov (Yale University), "A Tale of Sotzgorod: From Flying, Dynamic and Green to a Byproduct of Soviet Industrialization."

James Andrews (Iowa State University), "Narrating the Soviet Metropolis: Display Technology, Visual Culture, and the Rhetorical Value of Underground Architectural Space in Moscow."

Marie-Alice L'Heureux (University of Kansas), "Selling and Buying the Socialist City: Architectural Practice and the State."

Discussant: Julie Buckler (Harvard University)

11:30am - 1:30pm

Lunch on the Georgetown University campus or M Street

1:30pm - 3:15pm

Panel IV: Revising Standardization: The Diverse Foundations of Second World Urbanity

Chair: Steven E. Harris (University of Mary Washington)

Annemarie Sammartino (Oberlin College), "Sociology, Urban Planning and the East German Housing Program."

Juliana Maxim (University of San Diego), "Socialist Pastoral: Modern Architecture, Vernacular Architecture, and the Role of Nostalgia in Socialist Architectural Culture."

Virág Molnár (New School for Social Research), "Beyond the Socialist Housing Estate: Informal Building Practices and Socialist Suburbanization."

Discussant: Kathleen Smith (Georgetown University)

3:15pm - 3:45pm

Coffee break

3:45pm - 5:00pm

Roundtable: Teaching the History of Socialist Cities

Marie-Alice L'Heureux (University of Kansas);
Annemarie Sammartino (Oberlin College);
Steven E. Harris (University of Mary Washington)

5:15pm - 6:00pm

Concluding session

Daria Bocharnikova and Steven E. Harris

7:00pm

Dinner in Georgetown. Location TBA
