## Name of the subject: Contemporary urban processes in transition cities

Teacher(s): Bojan Derčan
Status of the subject: elective
Number of ECTS points: 15

**Condition:** None **Goal of the subject** 

The main goal of the course is to provide an understanding of the interdependence of socio-economic transition and urban development, taking into account cultural, social and spatial changes and their implications for urban processes.

# Outcome of the subject

Enabling students to critically consider and analyze the impact of transition processes on the spatial, cultural and social functions of the urban environment. Enabling students to manage and plan life in urban areas on the basis of acquired geographical knowledge and knowledge of urban areas, to anticipate and trace changes in the transitional urban environment. Development of students' ability to actively participate in building sustainable urban development, improving the quality of life and solving problems at the city levels.

# **Content of the subject**

#### Theoretical lectures

Problems of globalization and urban development; challenges of the transition period; transformation processes of cities in transition; the transition from a socialist to a post-socialist city; social topography of cities in transition; cultural functions of the city and their significance (the concept of exciting cities, the concept of creative cities); transition as an incentive to promote urban culture; demographic aspect of transition processes (the concept of Age-friendly cities); sustainable urban development (the concept of smart and green cities); the competitive identity of cities; urban marketing, city branding.

#### **Recommended literature**

Hall, T., Barrett, H. (2012). Urban Geography, Routledge, London.

Knox, P., Pinch, S. (2010). Urban Social Geography, 6th edition, Routledge, London, New York.

Tasleem, S. (2005). Cities in Transition: Transforming the Global Built Environment, Open House Press, Cheshire.

Hamilton, I., Dimitrovska Andrews K., Pichler Milanovic N. (eds.) (2005). Transformation of Cities in Central and Eastern Europe – Towards Globalization, United Nations University Press, Tokyo, New York, Paris.

Czepczynski, M. (2008). Cultural Landscapes of Post-Socialist Cities (Re-Materialising Cultural Geography), Ashgate Publishing Company, Burlington.

Andrusz, G., Harloe, M., Szelenyi, I. (Eds.) (1996). Cities After Socialism: Urban and Regional Change and Conflict in Post-Socialist Societies, Blackweel Publishers, Oxford, Cambridge.

Landry, C. (2008). The Creative City – A Toolkit for Urban Innovators, 2nd edition, Earthscan, London, Sterling.

Number of active classes Theory: 5 (75) Practice: 5 (75)

### **Methods of delivering lectures**

Oral lectures, individual consultations, seminar papers

# Evaluation of knowledge (maximum number of points 100)

Seminar paper 50 points

Oral exam 50 points