

1 PhD position offered to research on "Urbanism, Political and Development Strategies"

Application Deadline 03.03.17

Within the European Joint Doctorate Programme **urbanHist | 20th Century European Urbanism** Bauhaus-Universität Weimar (Germany) offers a PhD position in the field of "Urbanism, Political and Development Strategies".

The task "Urbanism, Political and Development Strategies" deals with one of the historically main functions of European urbanism since the early 20th century, namely, the definition and implementation of development strategies for the whole society through spatial policies. As a state-run activity, urbanism had numerous functions during the first half of the 20th century, such as the adaptation of territories to new phases of (de-)industrialisation, the implementation and adaption of the social welfare state with infrastructure and housing construction or the execution of economic policies. The transition to urban renewal and inner city densification starting in the 1960s increased the value and relevance of urbanism. A special chapter started around 1990, when previously state socialist nations had to fundamentally change their urban development policies. Urbanism became a field of functional, aesthetic and economic adaptation to market economy mechanisms. Two thesis' will be written in this thematic field, this call comprises one of them:

Position BUW 2.2 "Urbanism in Europe in the 20th century – hundred years reforming capitalism"
Co-supervision: Blekinge Tekniska Högskola – Department of Spatial Planning (Sweden).

Objective: Urbanism at its beginning was basically in terms of Benevolo a reacting, repairing task for the industrial capitalist city. This function has changed to the application of urbanism as anticipatory corrective and finally as an instrument which actively shapes spatial and social conditions. This applies to all European capitalist societies, depending on their level of development and their political system - from parliamentary democracies to terrorist dictatorships. Housing policies since the 1920s are an example of how the different regimes applied urbanism to continue developing capitalism according to a modified mode of societal reproduction. The significant rise of urban renewal programs in the 1960s is an expression of the partial reorientation towards a post-Fordist developmental model. Research in this field will deeper analyse the changing phases of capitalism and urbanism and the relationship between these two spheres.

About urbanHist

UrbanHist is a multidisciplinary research and training program. 15 early stage researchers will work in 8 thematic fields on the development and sustainable promotion of a joint understanding of 20th century European urbanism. They are embedded into a network of high-profile academics and practitioners.

The programme is hosted by the following universities: Bauhaus-Universität Weimar – Chair for Spatial Planning and Research (Germany), Blekinge Tekniska Högskola – Department of Spatial Planning (Sweden), Universidad de Valladolid – Instituto Universitario de Urbanística (Spain), Univerzita Pavla Jozefa Šafárika v Košiciach – Department of History (Slovakia).

In addition, the following partner organisations are involved in the programme and will host researchers for secondments: Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic – Institute for Contemporary History (Czech Republic), ArkDes Arkitektur- och Designcentrum Skeppsholmen (Sweden), ATRIUM ASSOCIATION (Italy), Boverket – Swedish National Board of Housing, Building and Planning (Sweden), Colegio Oficial de Arquitectos de Madrid (Spain), Klassik-Stiftung Weimar (Germany), Politecnico di Milano – Department of Architecture and Urban Studies (Italy), Slovak Academy of Sciences – Center of Social and Psychological Sciences (Slovakia), Stadtmuseum Dresden (Germany), Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (Spain), Université Paris-Est – École D’Urbanisme de Paris (France), University of Leicester – Center for Urban History (United Kingdom).

What we offer:

- a multidisciplinary 3 years PhD-research and training programme
- paid PhD-position at Bauhaus-Universität Weimar for 3 years according to national regulations based on EC-funding (monthly living allowance + monthly mobility allowance and if applicable monthly family allowance)
- PhD-degree from two prestigious European universities in the field of urbanism and urban planning, based on cotutelle agreements
- integration into a European network of high-profile academics and practitioners
- individual supervision-team and career development plan
- biannual network-wide workshop weeks
- PhD colloquia
- workshops in 7 qualification tracks
- conference participation and organisation
- opportunity for publication
- a 6 months secondment to the second supervising university including the opportunity to gain teaching experiences
- a 3 months secondment to a non-academic partner organisation in order to gain non-academic experiences
- a 3 months secondment to an academic partner organisation for further research

What we expect:

- explicit research interest and experiences in the field of historiography of European urbanism
- highly motivated and engaged researchers
- willingness to actively get involved in the urbanHist training and research programme and to contribute to its success
- a PhD thesis done in 3 years and regularly reported to supervisors

Formal preconditions – Eligibility

You are eligible to apply for the positions BUW 2.2 if you fulfil the following preconditions:

- you are holding a Masters degree, based on studies with minimum 300 ECTS in the fields of planning, architecture, history, geography, urban sociology, landscape architecture or other relevant disciplines
- you are in an early stage of research career, which means within the first four years (full-time equivalent) of research activity, including the period of research training and you are not already holding a doctoral degree
(<http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/index.cfm/rights/definitions>)
- following the transnational mobility idea, you must not have resided or carried out your main activity (work, studies, etc.) in Germany for more than 12 months in the 3 years immediately before the reference date
(<http://ec.europa.eu/euraxess/index.cfm/rights/definitions>)
- you are familiar with English as working language (English B2 or equivalent)

Application

To apply, **please send the following documents until 03.03.2017** the latest as one pdf-file and in English language to urbanhist@archit.uni-weimar.de

- cover sheet for application
- CV in both short (max. 2 pages) and long version
- research proposal (subject, research problem, theoretical frame, methods, contribution to overall program, references)
- personal documents: Identity, academic records
- own relevant publications (full texts or open link to them), and research texts even unpublished yet
- optional: letter of motivation

Timeschedule recruitment:

- deadline for application: 03.03.2017
- notification on invitation for interview: 06.03.2017 the latest
- confirmation of your participation in interview: until 07.03.2017 the latest
- interviews via skype: 09. – 10.03.2017
- notification on acceptance and further procedure: until 15.03.2017
- envisaged start: April 2017

In case **of any questions concerning the PhD position** in the field of Urbanism, Political and Development Strategies at Bauhaus-Universität Weimar, please do not hesitate to contact the local coordinator via email: britta.trostorff@uni-weimar.de

HISTORY
of European Urbanism
in 20th Century

European Joint Doctorate Programme

Overview on all PhD-positions – 5 positions in total available

detailed information on www.urbanhist.eu

Field of research	PhD position	Hosting university
[BUW 1] Historiography of European urbanism	[BUW 1.1] Historiography of European urbanism in the 20 th century. Critical analysis of cross-nationally oriented publications in Slavic languages --> <i>call by the end of February, start: September 2017</i>	Bauhaus-Universität Weimar (Germany)
	[BUW 1.2] Historiography of European urbanism in the 20 th century. Critical analysis of cross-nationally oriented publications in English --> <i>application deadline 03.03.17, start: April 2017</i>	
[BUW 2] Urbanism, political and development strategies	[BUW 2.1] Central planned economies and weak urban planning. Explaining a paradox in the European countries of state socialism	
	[BUW 2.2] Urbanism in Europe in the 20 th century. 100 years of reforming capitalism --> <i>application deadline 03.03.17, start: April 2017</i>	
[UVA 1] Public infrastructure, social housing and evolution of cities	[UVA 1.1] Housing and early 20 th century urbanism in Europe: sharing ideas, models and practices beyond frontiers	Universidad de Valladolid (Spain)
	[UVA 1.2] Contemporary history of technical Infrastructures in European cities and in urban planning	
[UVA 2] Urbanism, heritage and urban planning in Europe	[UVA 2.1] Urban heritage planning, its relations to real-estate, economic and social models in 20 th century Europe	
	[UVA 2.2] Urbanism and landscape in the evolution of urban heritage policies during the 20 th century	
[UPJS 1] Central Europe since the fall of Austro-Hungarian Empire through dictatorships of the 20 th century to European Union	[UPJS 1.1] Soviet urban studies and their influence on urbanism in central Europe	Univerzita Pavla Jozefa Šafárika v Košiciach (Slovakia)
	[UPJS 1.2] Understanding the morphological changes in post-socialist cities using virtual 3-D city models	
[UPJS 2] Urbanism, architecture and building of national identity	[UPJS 2.1] Small" European dictatorships in the 1 st half of the 20 th century – the national principle and its place in the public space --> <i>call by the end of February, start: September 2017</i>	
	[UPJS 2.2] Institutionalised historical memory and the city --> <i>call by the end of February, start: September 2017</i>	
[BTH 1] The establishment of urbanism as profession and discipline	[BTH 1.1] The establishment of urbanism as profession and discipline	Blekinge Tekniska Högskola (Sweden)
[BTH 2] Planning for the growth society and the emergence of sustainability	[BTH 2.1] Planning for growth and social welfare [BTH 2.2] Neo-liberal planning and sustainable urban development	

