

**International and Interdisciplinary Spring School for young researchers:  
Urban Activism and Participatory Urban Planning in Central and Eastern Europe  
03. – 09.04.2017  
Vinnytsia (Ukraine)**

*Call for applications*

The Ukrainian Researchers Society (<http://tdukr.com>) and its partners of the TRIPAR research project and the international research network ira.urban ([www.ira-urban.de](http://www.ira-urban.de)) are delighted to invite young scientists to the PhD Spring School in Vinnytsia (Ukraine), dedicated to research on **Urban Activism and Participatory Urban Planning in Central and Eastern Europe!**

Offering theoretical and methodological trainings and discussions, an open and informal atmosphere for mutual exchange among young scientists and distinguished senior researchers as well as a field trip to urban (planning) conflicts in Vinnytsia, the organizers hope to stimulate intense and productive, interdisciplinary and international dialogue and learning in the fields of activism and conflict, urban planning and governance research.

Spring School discussions and inputs will be tightly linked to the currently running, international research project *TRIPAR Shifting Paradigms – Towards participatory urban planning*, financed by the Volkswagen foundation. The project states: “Facing the global trends of neo-liberal urban development and democratisation, local actors throughout Europe struggle to balance out urban planning between effectiveness and participation. Indeed, communicative-participatory and cooperative-effective urban planning seems to appear as a new and leading planning paradigm in Western and Eastern European theoretical discourses. Yet what do local trajectories of planning paradigms look like in practice? What are local challenges and chances for participative and effective planning across Europe’s diverse urban contexts, and thus potentials for local and inter-regional reflexivity on urban planning? Understanding shifting planning paradigms sheds light on the functioning and conflicts in European societies, confronted with fundamental changes and breaks.”

Against the backdrop of the TRIPAR project and broader discussions in urban planning and governance research, we highly appreciate and welcome your application to the Vinnytsia PhD Spring School! Please, apply if you are a PhD student or outstanding master student, whose research

- **tackles one of the following topics:** conflicts in urban planning and governance, urban activism and civic participation, actors of planning and their concepts and practices of urban planning;
- **shows up a comparative stance on the aforementioned topics:** i.e. in terms of comparisons in time (presence/past), empirical comparisons between urban Eurasian contexts (e.g. post-socialist cities) and/or theoretical embeddedness.
- Applications from **various disciplinary backgrounds** (e.g. from planning, geography, political science, economy, sociology, anthropology) will enrich our discussions and are explicitly welcome!

Please submit your application by **15th of February 2017** via email to Olena Denysenko ([vinnytsia.summerschool@gmail.com](mailto:vinnytsia.summerschool@gmail.com)). You will receive a notification of acceptance by the 1st of March 2017. Your application should include a short letter of motivation, CV as well as an abstract of your current research, which you are going to present and discuss in Vinnytsia (English, max. 600 words). Please note that we are able to offer you a little **travel grant** of 200 Euro for young researchers from Ukraine and 300 Euro for external participants. The number of participants is limited to 10 young researchers.