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urbanHIST aims to develop and sustainably promote a joint understanding of 20th century urbanism in Europe. 15 Early Stage Researchers will be researching in 8 thematic fields, embedded into a network of high-profile academics and practitioners which participate as one of the 13 partner organizations in the project.

The Network-Wide Workshop Week constitutes the start of urbanHIST's research activities. The programme displayed here is the public part of the meeting. The consortium warmly invites interested colleagues and students to participate in the discourses and reflections the approach towards a history of European Urbanism in the 20th Century creates.

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**HISTORY**  
of European Urbanism  
in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

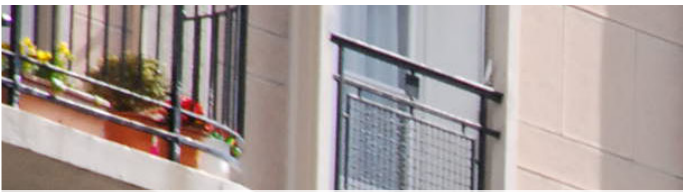
**History of European Urbanism in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century**

**Public Statements and Lecture**  
within the Network-Wide Workshop Week I  
Kick-Off Weimar 04. – 06.05.2017

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## 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries European Urbanism – urbanHIST's Objectives

Throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century, urban planning constituted itself as an important tool to spatially direct social developments. This applies to Europe more so than to any other continent. Urban planning contributed significantly to the emergence of the welfare state, strong economies and a relatively balanced settlement structure. However, urban planning also caused the suppression and destruction of some population groups, alongside natural and cultural resources. With the collapse of socialism in 1990, and the increasing importance of the EU, the 20<sup>th</sup> century ended with a multi-layered convergence in regard to the implementation of urban planning as a regulative and shaping instrument. Most studies on 20<sup>th</sup> century urban planning adopt a national perspective, while studies aiming to provide an overview focus on several core countries. Furthermore, methodological approaches are very heterogeneous.

### urbanHIST - in brief

duration: 10/2016 – 09/2020  
EU-financing: 3.7 Million Euro  
consortium: 4 universities in cooperation with 13 partner organizations

Thursday

04.05.17

### Words of welcome

9.30

Winfried Speitkamp, President Bauhaus-Universität Weimar  
Max Welch Guerra, urbanHIST Project Director

### Writing the History of European Urbanism in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century: an Interdisciplinary, Paneuropean Project – the Programmatic Approach of urbanHIST | opening statements :

10.30

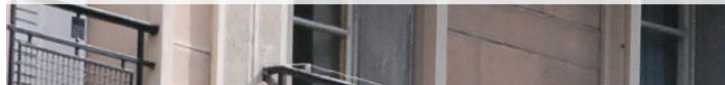
Max Welch Guerra (Project Director): "urbanHIST: three leading questions and their function for the project"

Martin Pekar (Local Director UPJŠ): "The other half of Europe"

Maria Castrillo (Local Director UVa): "100 years expanding tasks: urban issues and the evolution of 20th century urbanism in Europe"

Abdellah Abarkan (Local Director BTH): " Planning for growth as a mission"

Max Welch Guerra (Local Director BUW): „Understanding Complexity“



Friday

05.05.17

### urbanHIST-lecture: The Theoretical Construction of the City. Source studies and the renewal of urban historiography

8.30

Eliana Perotti, ETH Zurich, urbanHIST Advisory Board



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