



CAT-ference 2019 session proposal

Title: Divided/contested cities in Eurasia

Description:

The literature on divided/contested cities has expanded rapidly during the past decade, with a handful of iconic sites presiding over the long list of cities wounded by conflict, violence or general unrest. Some of the well-known cases are located within CAT's traditional area of purview – for example, the post-Yugoslav cities of Mostar, Sarajevo and Mitrovica, which have come to symbolize urban ethno-national conflict and violence.

This session aims to attract theoretical, conceptual and theoretically informed empirical presentations on pressing issues facing divided/contested cities in the broader Eurasian region. Comparative work, including between "CAT" cities and cities located elsewhere in the world, would be especially welcome, but it is not a requirement for participating in the session(s). Work on, but not limited to, the following topics would seem to be particularly suitable:

- Cities and divisions rooted in different ethno-national identities;
- Cities and divisions rooted in different (geo)political identities;
- Cities hosting large numbers of IDPs;
- Extreme forms of residential segregation;
- Ethno-national or religious conflict in cities, including armed/violent conflict;
- Urban ethno-politics;
- Urban geopolitics of "post-socialism";
- Post-conflict urbanism: pacification, re-integration or dis-integration?;
- Border cities, border urban identities, border urban politics;
- Urbicide-by-megaevents.

If we manage to bring together a sufficient number of quality papers, a journal theme issue would be a possibility for future publication.

Please send your titles and abstracts to michael.gentile@sosgeo.uio.no no later than **9 April 2019**. The deadline for the online registration at the conference is 15 April. And feel free to contact me in case you have any questions.

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