

The 3rd International Conference
Aesthetic Energy of the City
Urban Polarities

25th – 27th October 2018

Call for Papers

The 3rd International Conference “Aesthetic Energy of the City. Urban Polarities”

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The University of Lodz [Department of Ethics/Institute of Philosophy & Ceraneum Centre]

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The Urban Forms Foundation

will be held at the Institute of Philosophy at the University of Lodz in Poland
3/5 Lindleya Street, on **25th – 27th October 2018**

AIMS

The aim of the conference is critically to explore the role of urban art and urban design in shaping the public sphere. The topic of this conference – urban polarization and urban polarities, is aimed at expanding the discussion of the aesthetic experience of the city and the role of various forms of urban creativity – street art, fine arts, architecture and greenery in the processes of urban regeneration and redefinition of city spaces. We would like to look upon the completed and ongoing projects of urban revitalisation and renewal to ask what those changes have taught us, what lessons can be drawn from successful and unsuccessful undertakings. With its specific historical, social and economic characteristics and its present endeavours at revitalisation and redevelopment, Lodz presents itself as an interesting scene for such observations. While discussing the question of urban polarization we would like to reflect on visual, spatial and social polarities that projects of urban renewal might challenge, as well as aesthetic and historical polarities ingrained in urban fabric and everyday life of a city.

TOPICS

- general mechanism of urban divide: aesthetic, spatial, social, economic
- urban policies and city planning – social revitalisation and urban renewal
- diverse urban functions and conflicts of values
- successful / failed scenarios for revitalisation and public art
- bottom-up / top-down activities in creating the city
- permanent structures / temporary structures, actions & events
- neglected spaces / overinvested spaces

ABSTRACTS

Please submit your abstract via email using registration form available on <http://aecity.uni.lodz.pl/>.

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