



Call for Papers

The 4th International Conference Aesthetic Energy of the City: URBAN IMAGES

- Organizers: The University of Lodz [Department of Ethics]/ The University of Barcelona [Polis Research Centre]/ The Urban Forms Foundation
- Time: 15th – 17th October 2020
- Place: the Institute of Philosophy/ University of Lodz, 3/5 Lindleya Street, Łódź, Poland
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AIMS

Time has come to systematize knowledge about the role of images in the city. We believe that thinking about the city in the category of images – both ‘natural’ landscapes and visual screens – is highly desirable. Cities have always been filled with smaller or bigger forms of fundamentally traditional art (posters, wall decorations), as well as street art (more or less radical interventions). Some viewpoints, from which one can admire the city panorama, are top tourist attractions (instead of the most interesting places). Unfortunately, cities are often presented through a reduced number of images that are not very fortunate for them... We want to examine the mutual relations between the city and its images: those created for the city and those consolidating the city identity.

TOPICS

- types of urban images: artefacts, landscapes, maps, aerial photos, random photos, screens, advertising, set design for events etc.
- art genres in the city: poster, street art, mural, fresco, sgraffito etc.
- shapes of cities and their visual dominants: vertical (the biggest..., the highest...), horizontal (e.g. panoramic views), symbolic (e.g. architectural, sculptural dominants)
- lost symbols of cities (people, historical monuments, greenery, rivers etc.)
- intentional and unintentional city landscapes
- nature as an urban image
- city as advertising: places created especially for spreadable images
- changes that have been made in our cities thanks to images recorded on paintings
- art that is able to change the image of a city
- conservation problems of urban images
- city images by urban explorers