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Dear Madam/Sir,

It gives us immense pleasure to host the 33rd György Ránki Hungarian Chair Conference "Transformations of Urban Social Fabric in East Central Europe, 1880 to present" in Bloomington, Indiana, 28-29 March 2015. On behalf of the organizers and the Department of Central Eurasian Studies at Indiana University, we extend a warm and cordial invitation to you.

The urban scene and particularities add marked features to general social and political processes, and they also create important phenomena on their own - the importance of which has been sharply increasing in the last hundred years or so, especially in the present age of globalization, but also during the rapid urbanization in the second half of the 19th century.

Within general processes of urbanization and spatial development, such transformations have created unique, or highly altered, features in the societies of Central Europe, especially due to their historical peculiarities that makes them compelling and salient for deeper academic scrutiny for a wider audience beyond Central Europe.

This conference offers presentations from leading Hungarian scholars and professionals in various facets and phenomena related to urbanization, from generalized topics to more detailed ones, from the late 19th century to the present globalized age. Presentations are 20 minutes each, with three presentations per session. Each session concludes with 20 minutes of questions/discussion with the audience.

We look forward to seeing you at 33rd György Ránki Hungarian Chair Conference held in Bloomington, Indiana at the Indiana Memorial Union Oak Room, 900 East 7th Street.

Yours sincerely,



János B. Kocsis

György Ránki Hungarian Chair Visiting Professor

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The conference is free and open to the public. The courtesy of advance registration is requested (for seat counts) but not required. Contact: Indiana University Department of Central Eurasian Studies, Goodbody Hall 157, 1011 East Third Street, Bloomington, IN 47405-7005; phone 812-855-2398; fax 812-855-7500; e-mail kniggle@indiana.edu using subject line HUNGARIAN. Abstracts, bios and the final program will be posted at www.iub.edu/~ceus.

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33rd György Ránki Hungarian Chair Conference

Indiana Memorial Union, Oak Room, 900 East 7th Street, Bloomington, Indiana

March 28, 2015

8:30-9.00	**Registration**				
9:00-9:15	**Opening Remarks**		**Feinstein**, Lee A.	Dean, School of Global and International Studies, Indiana University	
9:15-9:25	**Introductions**		**Choksy**, Jamsheed	Chair, Department of Central Eurasian Studies, Indiana University	
9:30-9:50	**Panel 1: City in Central European History**	**Panel Chair: Spang,** Rebecca, Acting Director, Institute for European Studies; Associate Professor, History Department, Indiana University	**Borhi**, László	Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Institute of History; Indiana University	*Hungary in the 20th Century*
9:50-10:10			**Romsics,** Gergő	Balassi Institute, New York, NY	*The City as Battleground: The Völkisch Agenda and Central Europe's Cityscapes*
10:10-10:30			**Horváth,** Sándor	Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Institute of History	*Ruralization of the Cities and the Communist Utopia (Sztálinváros, Budapest)*
10:30-11:00			*Discussion*		
11:00-11:10	**Coffee Break**				
11:10-11:30	**Panel 2: Urban Social Transitions**	**Panel Chair: Powell,** Brian, Chair, Department of Sociology, Indiana University	**Salamin**, Géza	The Central Bank of Hungary; Hungarian Society for Urban Planning	*Economic, Demographic and Territorial Development Trends Influencing Development of Cities and Regions in Europe, with Special Reference to Hungary*
11:30-11:50			**Csák**, László	Babeș-Bolyai University, Kolozsvár/Cluj; Hungarian Society for Urban Planning	*Long Term Challenges of Romanian Urban Network: Planning for Regions with Different Background*
11:50-12:10			**Kocsis**, János B.	Indiana University, IN; Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences	*Patterns of Urban Development after 1989 around Budapest, Hungary*
12:10-12:40			*Discussion*		
12:45-14:00	**Break**				
14:00-14:20	**Panel 3: Changes in Urban Patterns**	**Panel Chair: Singer,** Dávid**,** First Secretary, Cultural Affairs, Hungarian Embassy, Washington, D.C.	**Benkő**, Melinda	Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Faculty of Architecture	*Changing Social and Built Environment of Large Prefab Housing Estates in Budapest*
14:20-14:40			**Csizmady,** Adrienne	Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Institute for Sociology; Eötvös Loránd University, Faculty of Social Sciences	*Living in Gentrified Areas in Budapest*
14:40-15:00			**Molnár,** Virág	The New School, New York, NY	*Traveling Concepts and Repeated Urban Forms: Are There Gated Communities in Post-Socialist Cities?*
15:00-15:30			*Discussion*		
15:30-15:40	**Coffee Break**				

	15:40-16:00	**Panel 4: City and Ethnicity**	**Panel Chair:** **Raun,** Toivo, Professor, Department of Central Eurasian Studies, Indiana University	**Szívós,** Erika	Eötvös Loránd Science University, Faculty of Humanities	*Political Change, Social Transformation, and the Possibilities of Revival in the 'Old Jewish Quarter' of Budapest in the 20-21st Century*
	16:00-16:20			**Fehérváry,** Krisztina	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI	*Natural Materials and Nationalist Aesthetics in Hungary*
	16:20-16:40			**Hooker,** Lynn	Indiana University, IN	*From Café to Stage to Museum: The Transformation of the Gypsy Music Industry in 20th-Century Budapest*
	16:40-17:10			*Discussion*		
MARCH 29, 2015	8:30-9.00	**Registration**				
	9:00-9:20	**Panel 5: Towns and Cities at the Fin-de-Siècle**	**Panel Chair:** **Kara,** György, Professor, Department of Central Eurasian Studies , Indiana University	**Nemes,** Róbert	Colgate University, Hamilton, NY	*Rivers, Railroads, and Provincial Cities, 1880-1900*
	9:20-9:40			**Hatos,** Pál	Balassi Institute, Budapest (2010-2014)	*Religious Investment in Identity Politics in Two 19th-Century European Cities*
	9:40-10:00			**Raun,** Toivo	Indiana University, IN	*Riga and Tallinn in the Late Tsarist Era: Multiethnicity and Social and Political Change*
	10:00-10.30			*Discussion*		
	10:30-10:40	**Coffee Break**				
	10:40-11:00	**Panel 6: Local and Global**	**Panel Chair:** **Varga,** Valéria, Senior lecturer, CEUS, Indiana University	**Janky,** Béla	Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Institute for Sociology; Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences	*Social Cohesion and Interethnic Trust in Local Communities*
	11:00-11:20			**Ságvári**, Bence	Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Institute for Sociology; Indiana University, IN	*Myth and Reality of the 'Creative City' in Hungary*
	11:20-11:40			*Discussion*		
	11:40-11:50	**Final Remarks**		**Kocsis**, János B.	Indiana University, IN; Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences	