

Joint PhD Summer School

of the European Urban Research Association (EURA) and
the Standing Group on Local Government and Politics of
the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR)

Cities as Political Arenas: Governing Urban Change through Collaboration and Innovation

14–17 September 2026

The Institute of Economics, Zagreb, Zagreb, Croatia

Draft program

14 SEPTEMBER

2:00 pm – 2:15 pm	Welcome by the organizers and Ivana Rašić, Director of the Institute of Economics, Zagreb
2:15 pm – 3:00 pm	Lecture 1: Paweł Swianiewicz (Wrocław U): <i>Municipal Territorial Reforms – Why Are They Implemented and Do They Bring Expected Results?</i>
3:00 pm – 4:15 pm	Presentations of doctoral students: Comments and discussions
4:15 pm – 4:30 pm	Coffee break
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Presentations of doctoral students: Comments and discussions
7:00 pm	Lecture 2: Hubert Heinelt (TU Darmstadt): <i>Does the System Capacity of Municipalities Depend Solely on Their Size?</i>
8:30 pm	Joint dinner at the invitation of the organizers

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9:00 am – 9:45 am	Lecture 3: Filipe Teles (U Aveiro): <i>Dilemmas in Urban Participatory Governance</i>
9:45 am – 11:15 am	Presentations of doctoral students: Comments and discussions
11:15 am – 11:30 am	Coffee break
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Presentations of doctoral students: Comments and discussions
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Lunch break (Faculty of Economics and Business)
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm	Lecture 4: Michael Haus (U Heidelberg): <i>The Municipality and the City – Why It Is Important to Differentiate</i>
2:45 pm – 4:15 pm	Presentations of doctoral students: Comments and discussions
4:15 pm – 4:30 pm	Coffee break
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Presentations of doctoral students: Comments and discussions
7:00 pm	Visit to the Old City Hall, Zagreb
8:00 pm	Joint dinner by invitation of the Director of the Institute of Economics, Zagreb

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9:00 am – 9:45 am	Lecture 5: Jan Erling Klausen (U Oslo): <i>Citizens' Participation – From the Politicians' Perspective</i>
9:45 am – 11:15 am	Presentations of doctoral students: Comments and discussions
11:15 am – 11:30 am	Coffee break
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Presentations of doctoral students: Comments and discussions
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Lunch break (Faculty of Economics and Business)
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm	Lecture 6: Björn Egner (TU Darmstadt): <i>Meaningful Combination of Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods</i>
2:45 pm – 4:15 pm	Presentations of doctoral students: Comments and discussions
4:15 pm – 4:30 pm	Coffee break
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Presentations of doctoral students: Comments and discussions

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9:00 am – 9:45 am	Lecture 7: Tanja Broz (The Institute of Economics, Zagreb): <i>The Capacities and Sustainability of Croatian Cities in Performing Municipal Services</i>
9:45 am – 11:15 am	Presentations of doctoral students: Comments and discussions
11:15 am – 11:30 am	Coffee break
11:30 am – 12:15 pm	Presentations of doctoral students: Comments and discussions
12:15 pm	Farewell address