

## 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: Hubert Heinelt (TU Darmstadt): <i>Does the System Capacity of Municipalities Depend Solely on Their Size?</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: Michael Haus (U Heidelberg): <i>The Municipality and the City – Why It Is Important to Differentiate</i>
8:30 pm	Joint dinner at the invitation of the organizers

#### 15 SEPTEMBER

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: Paweł Swianiewicz (Wrocław U): <i>Municipal Territorial Reforms – Why Are They Implemented and Do They Bring Expected Results?</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

## 16 SEPTEMBER

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

## 17 SEPTEMBER

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