

# Preserving dissonant residential heritage

Lessons from the Vilnius experience - methods, research & practice

Meeting Agenda 23 - 24 March 2023

**cities.building.culture (CBC)** is a project developed through the collaboration of the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), RWTH Aachen University and GWZO Leipzig, with the aim of proposing new approaches to the sustainable management of built heritage in residential districts, looking at both historical and mass housing neighborhoods in the post-Soviet space. The project takes the form of an international and interdisciplinary dialogue at the intersection of cultural, historical, social, planning and environmental studies. In the current stage of the project, the scope of interest is extended to relevant regional contexts in the post-Soviet space, among which the Baltic countries occupy a preeminent place.

To this purpose, under the concept “Preserving dissonant residential heritage. Lessons from the Vilnius experience”, our team of researchers is interested in getting insights into the Lithuanian experience of dealing with questions of valorisation and management of residential heritage, as well as to explore best practices in the regeneration and renovation of such districts. In this sense, the dissonance of residential heritage refers to the contradictions and conflicts inherent to the process of creating meaning in specific political and social contexts, and their reflection into practice.

The exchange with academics and architects in Vilnius mirrors some of the research questions addressed through our project, combining the focus on historical developments and institutional approaches to housing management as part of urban conservation schemes with project presentations that demonstrate the current approaches to urban regeneration in Lazdynai and Šnipiškės districts. The presentations will be followed by on-site visits.

Taking advantage of this opportunity of getting together, the programme will also include a workshop focusing on methodological questions with guests from academia, which will address the challenges of doing research remote and/or in the context of war. Our guest speakers come from fields such as anthropology, cultural geography, and architecture, and will discuss ways of adapting existing research methodologies and techniques to challenging contexts.



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Time	Content & Location	Speakers
9:00 - 13:00	Methodological Workshop Maria Domus Hotel Conference Room Aušros Vartų g. 12 01303 Vilnius	Social media and heritage management: Paving the way towards inclusive approaches Mahda Foroughi, TU Delft University
		Neither ruins, nor rubble: collaborative ethnographic comparison of the material remains of postsocialism and war [online] Prof. Dace Dzenovska, University of Oxford
		Researching cities in the shadow of war Dr. Gruia Bădescu, University of Konstanz
		Disobedient buildings: doing visual ethnography from afar [online] Prof. Inge Daniels, University of Oxford
13:30	Lunch Break Etno Dvaras Pilies g. 16 01123 Vilnius	
15:00 - 18:00	Research Seminar Vilnius University Faculty of History Universiteto g. 7 01122 Vilnius	Development and legacy of the mass housing in Lithuania Prof. Dr. Marija Drėmaitė, Vilnius University, Faculty of History
15:00 - 15:30		Post-war concrete housing in Vilnius as heritage: challenges and opportunities Dr. Aušra Černauskienė, post-doc., Vilnius University, Faculty of History
15:50 - 16:10		Unwritten testimonies of socialism. Historical approach to real heritage Rugilė Rožėnė, PhD student, Vilnius University, Faculty of History
16:10 - 16:30		Conceptual and theoretical basis of the CBC Project Dr. Liliana Iuga, RWTH Aachen University
16:30 - 17:30		The heritage of GDR modernism in Leipzig's urban development since 1990 Thomas Dienberg, Municipality of Leipzig
		Approaches to the mass housing district of Leipzig-Grünau – municipal and civic engagement Juliana Pantzer, Municipality of Leipzig
17:30 - 18:00		Open discussions
19:00	Common Dinner Grey Restaurant Pilies g. 2, 01124 Vilnius	

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10:00 - 12:00	Office Visit Vilnius City Municipality Konstitucijos ave. 3 09307 Vilnius	Welcome & introduction Mindaugas Pakalnis, Vilnius Chief Architect
		Ten years of experience in renovation of large housing estates in Vilnius Rūta Matonienė, Senior Advisor, City Landscape Division
		Transformation in action Laura Kairiene and Tadas Jonauskis, advisors to the CEO of Vilnius Administration
		Vilnius green wave Aušra Siciuniene, City Landscape Division
		Best practices from Germany Prof. Barbara Engel, KIT Prof. Carola Neugebauer, RWTH Aachen University
Open discussion		
12:30	Lunch Break Rib Room Šeimyniškių g. 1 09312 Vilnius	
14:00 - 15:00	Office Visit Vilnius City Municipality Konstitucijos ave. 3 09307 Vilnius	Transformation story of the Šnipiškės district in Vilnius Milda Žekonytė, Head of Territorial Planning, UAB Vilniaus planas, Vilnius
15:00 - 16:00	Field Trip Šnipiškės district	Trip to Šnipiškės district with Milda Žekonytė
16:00 - 18:00	Field Trip Lazdynai district	Trip to Lazdynai district self-organized
19:00	Common Dinner Gruzinų namai „Georgian House“ Mėsinių g. 4-3 01135 Vilnius	

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**Vilnius City Municipality &  
UAB Vilniaus planas**

Konstitucijos ave. 3, 09307 Vilnius

**Rib Room**

Seimyniškių g. 1, 09312 Vilnius

**Grey Restaurant**

Pilies g. 2, 01124 Vilnius

**Vilnius University, Faculty of History**

Universiteto g. 7, 01122 Vilnius

**Etno Dvaras**

Pilies g. 16, 01123 Vilnius

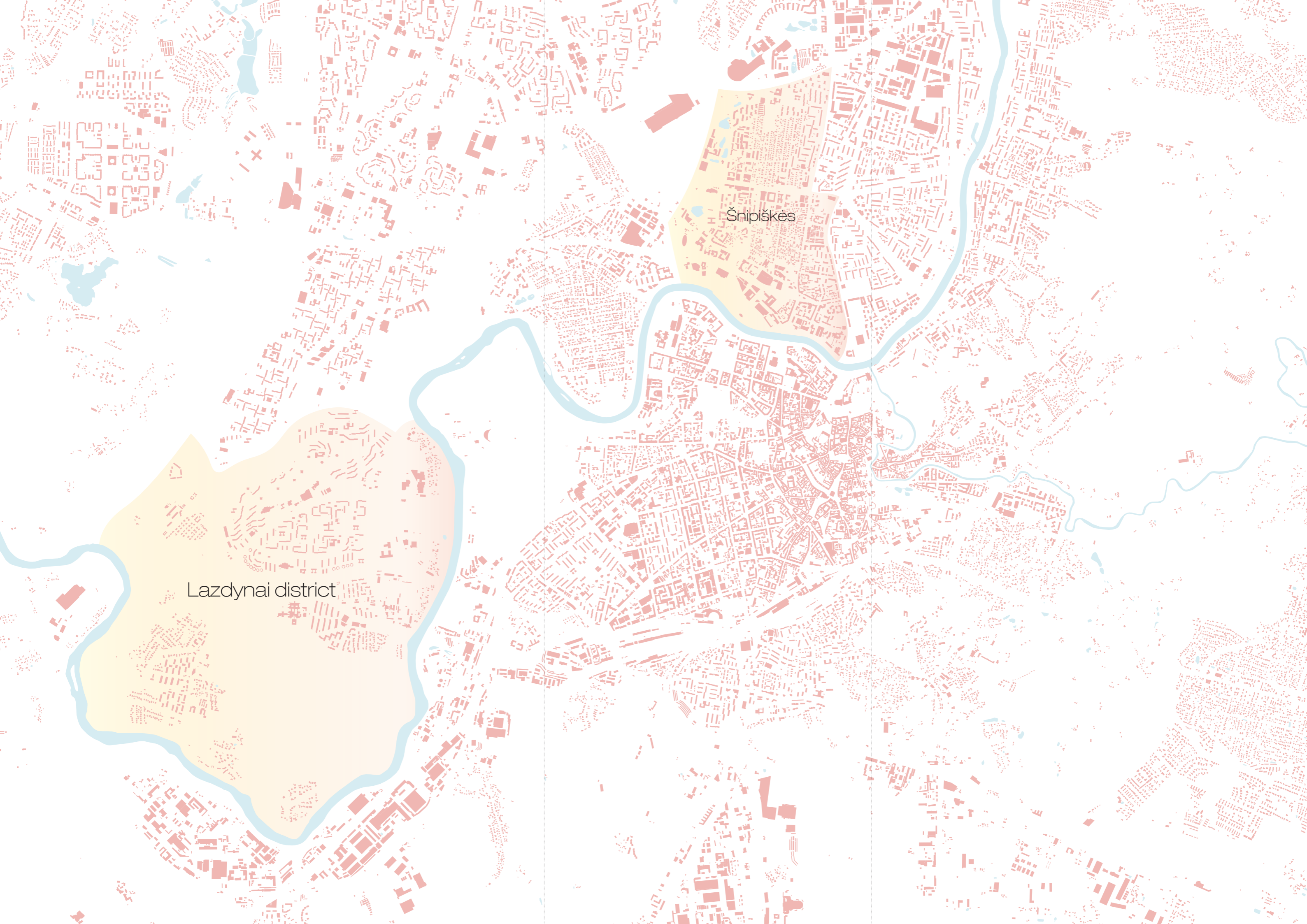
**Georgian House**

Mėsinių g. 4-8, 01135 Vilnius

**Hotel Domus Maria,  
Conference Room**

Aušros Vartų g. 12, 01303 Vilnius

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Lazdynai district

Šnipiškės

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Speakers (alphabetical order)

## Vilnius

Dr. Aušra Černauskienė, Faculty of History, Vilnius University  
Prof. Dr. Marija Drėmaitė, Faculty of History, Vilnius University  
Tadas Jonauskis, advisor to the CEO of Vilnius Administration, Municipality of Vilnius  
Laura Kairiene, advisor to the CEO of Vilnius Administration, Municipality of Vilnius  
Rūta Matonienė, Senior Advisor, City Landscape Division, Municipality of Vilnius  
Rugilė Rožėnė, PhD candidate, Faculty of History, Vilnius University  
Aušra Siciuniene, City Landscape Division, Municipality of Vilnius  
Milda Žekonytė, Head of Territorial Planning, UAB Vilniaus planas, Vilnius

## Workshop

Dr. Gruia Bădescu, Research Fellow, Zukunftscolleg, Department of History and Sociology, University of Konstanz  
Prof. Inge Daniels, Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Oxford  
Prof. Dace Dzenovska, School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography, University of Oxford  
Mahda Foroughi, PhD Candidate, Faculty of Architecture and the Built Environment, TU Delft University

## Leipzig

Thomas Dienberg, Head of Urban Development and Construction, Municipality of Leipzig  
Juliana Pantzer, Municipality of Leipzig

## Cities Building Culture

Prof. Dr.-Ing. Barbara Engel, Chair for International Urban Planning and Design, KIT Karlsruhe  
Dr. Liliana Iuga, Institute for Urban Design and European Urbanism, RWTH Aachen University  
Prof. Dr.-Ing. Carola Neugebauer, Chair for Cultural Heritage and Planning, RWTH Aachen University

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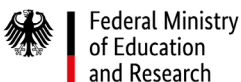
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