

CITIES AFTER DECLINE

SMALL CITY REVIVAL IN THE USA AND RUSSIA

February 15-16, 2018, Roanoke VA



Cities after Decline is an international collaboration project funded by the German Research Foundation. It brings together scholars and practitioners interested in urban revival, its dynamics, causes, actors, and policies. The project aims to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and ideas leading to joint research activities. A cross-national comparative research on smaller cities in the USA and Russia would help to better explain the phenomenon of urban revival, avoid the large city bias, and advance our understanding of the relationship between urban revival and economic dynamics, institutional arrangements, and policies at local, regional, and national levels.

The first workshop will take place from 15-16 February, 2018 in Roanoke, VA (USA). During the workshop, participants from Germany, Russia, and the USA will discuss theoretical and methodological issues concerning joint research activities. The second workshop will take place in September 2018 in St. Petersburg/Vyborg (Russia).

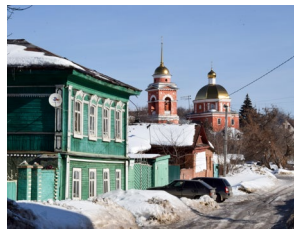
The **Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography** (IfL) in Leipzig, Germany. The research carried out at the IfL is concerned with spatial structures and current developments that have a spatial impact in Europe, as well as with the theoretical and historical foundations of Regional Geography. <https://www.ifl-leipzig.de/en.html>

Virginia Tech **Global Forum on Urban and Regional Resilience** (Blacksburg, USA) brings together university researchers and partner organizations to facilitate conversations about patterns and processes of urbanization and regional development, with a special emphasis on the long-term resilience of places and communities. <http://www.globalforum.vt.edu/>

Hollins University (Roanoke, USA) is an independent liberal arts university dedicated to academic excellence and humane values. Hollins University offers undergraduate liberal arts education for women, selected graduate programs for men and women, and community outreach initiatives. <https://www.hollins.edu/>

The **Higher School of Economics** (St. Petersburg, Russia) is an internationally ranked research university that carries out its mission through research-led academic, project, expert and socio-cultural activities based on international academic standards. We perceive ourselves as a part of the global academic community and believe that international partnership and engagement in global university cooperation are the key elements of our progress. <https://www.hse.ru/en/>

Leontief Centre (St. Petersburg, Russia) was established in 1991 to transition reforms in Russia, providing advisory and methodological assistance to regional and local authorities in developing socio-economic development programmes and effective mechanisms for strategic management. Currently Leontief Centre is an independent research and consulting organization. <http://www.leontief-centre.ru/>



WORKSHOP AGENDA CITIES AFTER DECLINE: SMALL CITY REVIVAL IN THE USA AND RUSSIA

February 15-16, 2018, Roanoke VA
Conference Venue: The Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center, Roanoke, Virginia

Thursday, February 15, 2018

Morning Session: 9:00am to 12:00pm: Setting Workshop Agenda

- 9:00am – 10:00am:** Welcome and Introduction
(Moderator: Jon Bohland)
- Welcome by Hollins President
 - Introductions of Participants and Observers
 - Discussion of agenda and activities of the workshop
- 10:00am-10:15am:** Coffee break
- 10:15am – 11:45am:** Goals and Objective of Workshop
(Moderator: Nadir Kinossian)
- Goals and Objectives of Project: Nadir Kinossian
 - Overview of Urban regrowth in the U.S. (Jon Bohland and Emma Buchanan)
 - Overview of Urban regrowth in Russia (Leonid Limonov and Dr Marina Nesena)
 - Overview of urban regrowth in Germany (Tim Leibert)
- 12:00pm to 1:00pm:** Lunch
- 1:15pm to 2:45pm:** Conceptual and theoretical frameworks for regenerative cities
(Moderator: Margaret Cowell)
- Alternative Frames:
- Place marketing, Creative Class recruitment, tourist development, and narratives of regeneration (Jon Bohland and Margret Cowell)
 - New Institutionalism (Tom Skuzinski)
 - Post-Communist, post-Fordist, post-industrial city? (Nadir Kinossian)
- 2:45pm to 3:00pm:** Break
- 3:00pm – 5:00pm:** Overview of Roanoke and Tour
- 6:00pm:** Dinner for core Participants (Hotel Roanoke)
Hosted by Dr. Charles Steger, President Emeritus, Virginia Tech

Friday, February 16, 2018

- 9:00am – 10:15am:** Discussion of frames and comparative approaches
(Moderator: James Bohland)
- 10:30am – 11:45am:** Future Directions: Strategic Planning
(Moderator: Nadir Kinossian)
- Future research projects
 - Outcomes of collaboration
 - Grants
 - Publications
 - Second Workshop
- 12:00pm:** Lunch – Downtown: Market Center



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