

14TH AESOP HEAD OF SCHOOLS MEETING IN 2019

“ Interdisciplinarity in Planning Education ”

The 14th AESOP Head of Schools meeting in 2019 will be hosted by University of Ljubljana (UL), jointly by the Faculty of Civil and Geodetic Engineering and Biotechnical Faculty. The date coincides with the 100th anniversary of the UL, and the topic of ‘*Planning and the Disciplinarity Question*’ was chosen to celebrate the contribution of planning disciplines to the challenges of transition of the academia towards ‘Xdisciplinarity’.

The notions of single-, multi-, trans- and interdisciplinarity (jointly referred to as Xdisciplinarity) have been introduced over the past decades and has been addressed by AESOP at numerous occasions and various outlets. However, due to the changing nature of issues planning is facing, the topic continues to be relevant at various levels, including the input of applied knowledge into planning education. In practice, Xdisciplinarity requires both a good understanding of the planning discipline and of other disciplines it interacts with; and skills and competencies for collaborating with different professionals. These requirements are translated to planning programs. The question is what kind of Xdisciplinary knowledge makes students sufficiently equipped to tackle contemporary and upcoming urban challenges and what are the implications for the planning curricula. In addition, it is important to consider the roles of the planning practice, the market needs, and the academia in shaping these curricula.

Therefore, this 14th meeting of the heads of AESOP institutional members is taking on the perennial theme of Xdisciplinarity with an intention to grasp the shifting meaning and scope of it for planning education. The program will include five sessions, two plenaries and three break-out sessions.

We are looking forward to welcoming you all in Ljubljana in the end of March.

Organising team:



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1. FINAL PROGRAMME

Day 1, March 27th: ExCo meeting

9.30-18.00: ExCo meeting

Location: Biotechnical Faculty, Jamnikarjeva 101, Ljubljana

The meeting room of the Department of Landscape Architecture is located at the building of Agronomy and Landscape Architecture (the cappuccino façade, the last building on the campus). Department of the Landscape Architecture is at the second floor, entrance from the parking lot.

9.30: Welcome by the Head of the Department of Landscape Architecture, prof. dr. Mojca Golobič

13.00-14.00: Lunch break "Meet and greet" with the staff of Department of Landscape Architecture

19.30: ExCo Dinner

Location: Restaurant "Slovenska hiša – Figovec", Gosposvetska cesta 1, Ljubljana

The restaurant is in the close proximity to the hotel Lev on the corner between the Gosposvetska street and Slovenska street. They serve dishes prepared from locally/Slovenia produced ingredients, and give the traditional dishes a modern touch. More about the restaurant

Day 2, March 28th: CoReP meeting

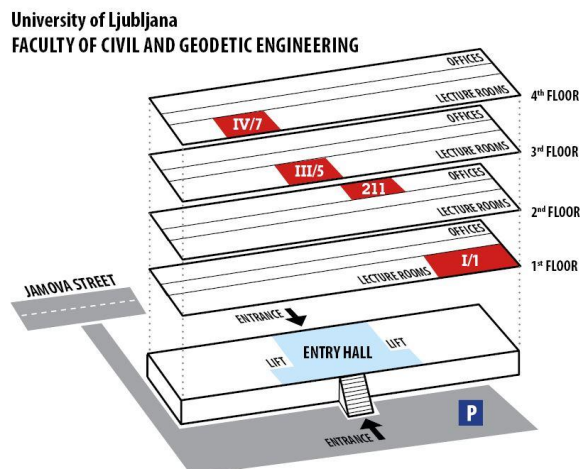
9.00-17.00: CoRep meeting

Location: Faculty of Civil and Geodetic Engineering, Jamova 2, Ljubljana

Lecture hall IV/7

Faculty is in the proximity of 20 to 25 minutes-walk from all three hotels. It is a landmark building on Jamova street in white colour. Entrance is from the both sides. Meeting room is on **the fourth floor** where the registration desk will be as well. Coffee breaks and lunch included.

For the detailed agenda of CoReP meeting, please, consult the AESOP repository.



*Room "zimske vaje" is on the ground floor and is accessible via the elevator.

19.00: Cocktail Reception at the Ljubljana City Hall

Location: Ljubljana City Hall (Mestna hiša), Stritarjeva ulica 2, Ljubljana

Cocktail reception is taking place at the Ljubljana City Hall (the Red Hall), the landmark building of "Stara Ljubljana" (The old part of Ljubljana). You will be greeted by the Ljubljana Mayor, Mr. Zoran Jankovič, and the Head of the Planning Department, Mr. Miran Gajšek, is going to present you the latest urban development of Ljubljana, including its plans and obstacles that come with it. Beverages and light snacks are going to be served.

Day 3, March 29th: Thematic event

'Interdisciplinarity in Planning Education Revisited'

Location: Faculty of Civil and Geodetic Engineering, Jamova 2, Ljubljana

8.30-9.00: Registration (1st floor)

9.00-10.45: PLENARY (lecture hall I/1, consult the map on p. 2)

Moderation: Assistant Professor Alma Zavodnik Lamovšek, University of Ljubljana

Welcome by Professor Tanja Dmitrović, vice-rector of the University of Ljubljana

Welcome by Professor Matjaž Mikoš, the dean of the Faculty of Civil and Geodetic Engineering

Welcome by Professor Benjamin Davy, the president of AESOP, Technische Universität Dortmund

Keynote I by Professor Mojca Golobič, University of Ljubljana: Two alternative views on interdisciplinarity in planning: marginal vs. central

Keynote II by Associate Professor Olivier Sykes, University of Liverpool: Building a discipline of interdisciplinarity – finding legitimate solutions to “mission impossible”?

Discussion

10.45-11.15: Coffee break (1st floor)

11.15-13.00: BREAK-OUT SESSIONS

a) New (additional) disciplinary knowledge to be included planning education (room III/5)

Chair: Associate Professor Alenka Fikfak, University of Ljubljana

Co-chair: Professor Joachim Schöffel, University of Applied Sciences Rapperswil

b) Capacities, skills and competences for future Xdisciplinary planners (room “Zimske vaje”)

Chair: Associate Professor Giancarlo Cotella, Politecnico di Torino

Co-chair: Assistant Professor Tijana Dabović, University of Belgrade

c) Innovative approaches in planning education to prepare students for contemporary and future urban complexities (lecture hall IV/7)

Chair: Associate Professor Daniel Galland, Norwegian University of Life Sciences

Co-chair: Dr. Tomaž Pipan, University of Ljubljana

***12.45-13.15: PRESENTATION OF THE AESOP YOUNG ASSOCIATIONS for the PhD students (room 211)**

13.00-13.45: Lunch (1st floor)

13.45-15.30: PLENARY AND CONCLUSIONS (lecture hall I/1)

Moderation: Assistant Professor Naja Marot, University of Ljubljana

Participants:

Associate Professor Alenka Fikfak, University of Ljubljana

Associate Professor Giancarlo Cotella, Politecnico di Torino

Associate Professor Daniel Galland, Norwegian University of Life Sciences

Associate Professor Angelique Chettiparamb, University of Reading

DESCRIPTIONS OF PARALLEL SESSIONS:**a) New (additional) disciplinary knowledge to be included planning education**

The disciplines that can provide knowledge to be integrated into planning vary from country to country and range from architecture, landscape architecture, engineering and surveying to geography, economics, law and sociology. With such a smorgasboard of choices, the state of planning field and education are always in flux, evolving and changing and ever broadening. Examples of the areas of expansion are medicine / health sciences, informatics, and disaster risk management. With that, we ask where are the boundaries of planning education (and practice)?

Format of the workshop: Discussion in groups

Example of questions:

Which disciplines are new to planning in EU countries/regions (have entered planning in last 10 years)?

How/In what way do these new disciplines influence/impact planning education?

b) Capacities, skills and competences for future Xdisciplinary planners

The debate on planning education has been evolving at an unprecedented pace in the last decade, as a consequence of the rapid changes that had affected the European social, economic and political context. Whereas planning education still tends to overemphasize the transmission of knowledge in separate disciplinary packages, the challenges that planning graduates face depart from learned and expected situations, forcing them to operate within uncertain environments and to address the unknown. This session aims at exploring the abovementioned challenges, on the one hand reflecting on those xdisciplinary capacities, skills and competencies that contemporary planning graduates should possess in order to successfully operate and, on the other hand, exploring the institutional constraints and bottlenecks that hamper their successful access into domestic or foreign labour markets.

Format of the workshop: World Café

Examples of questions:

What are the skills that practice expects from planners nowadays? Changes over the past 10 years?

What is the room for spatial planning graduates on the market in the different European contexts?

c) Innovative approaches in planning education to prepare students for contemporary and future urban complexities

Although the roots of planning are in a variety of intellectual and professional traditions, by now the field has developed and established itself as an academic discipline, with a scientific and professional domain of its own (Davoudi 2010, p.33). Planning education is delivered in independent schools of planning in many universities throughout the world. Notwithstandingly, planners today deal with increasingly complex problems in the face of issues such as migration, displacement, poverty and inequality, climate change and disasters, to name a few. These issues require planners to integrate and synthesize knowledge from other disciplines – an approach inherent to the planning discipline– however such knowledge is oftentimes applied in different ways. What are thus the innovations in planning education that can expand the integrative nature and capacity of planning?

Format: Discussion in groups

Example of questions:

What innovative practices we are introducing to the planning programmes? Can we group/categorize them: new subjects, new teaching methods?

What kind of knowledge do instructors/teachers need to deliver innovative approaches in planning?

INFORMATION ON SPEAKERS AND SESSION CHAIRS (in the order of appearance)



Prof. Dr. Mojca Golobič graduated and earned a PhD in landscape planning at University of Ljubljana, Biotechnical faculty. For 13 years she has worked as a researcher at the Urban planning institute of the Republic of Slovenia. She was Fulbright visiting lecturer at Harvard Graduate School of Design (2003/2004) and visiting lecturer at several universities in USA and Europe. Presently she is head of the Department for Landscape architecture at Biotechnical faculty, University of Ljubljana, where she has a full time teaching position and leads the research program "landscape as a living environment". Her teaching and research work focusses on methods in environmental and land-use planning, quality of urban environment, policy evaluation and public participation.



Dr. Olivier Sykes is an associate professor in the department of geography and planning (Civic Design) at the University of Liverpool. His work focuses on the European, international, and comparative dimensions of spatial planning and urban policy. He has undertaken research projects funded by the EU, UN HABITAT, and national, regional and local governments. Olivier is a member of the editorial boards of a number of international journals. He is the chair of the AESOP Excellence in Teaching Award committee and a convenor of the AESOP French and British Planning Studies sub-group.



Associate professor Alenka Fikfak, PhD in Architecture and Urban Planning. Head of Chair of urbanism UL FA, Coordinator of urban studies at UL FA. Research experience: planning of small settlements, rurism and rural architecture, regulatory plans for the regulation of non-urban settlements, models for revitalisation of degraded areas, analysis of trends of spatial development. EU projects/programmes: Temps, Erasmus+, Interreg. Active teaching in urbanism workshops for different local communities. Organisation of different scientific events.



Joachim Schoeffel, PhD, Urban Planner and Landscape Architect, is since 2004 Professor of Urban Planning and Urban Development at UASR - University of Applied Sciences Rapperswil (CH). His current research projects focus on the fields of agglomeration development (Swiss federal programs) and living environments.



Giancarlo Cotella is associate professor of spatial planning at Politecnico di Torino. He has 15 years of research experience on the comparative analysis of territorial governance and spatial planning systems in Europe and beyond, with particular reference to the impact of EU policies on domestic planning practice and education. He has participated to numerous international research projects on the matter, e.g. the recently concluded ESPON COMPASS - Comparative Analysis of Territorial Governance and Spatial Planning Systems in Europe, and focused extensively on the potentials for policy transfer within the European space.



Tijana Dabović is Assistant Professor at the University of Belgrade – Faculty of Geography, Department for Spatial Planning, where she received the BSc, MSc and PhD degrees. Her research and teaching interests span the fields of planning theory, planning technology and land use planning, as well as andragogy and planning education. She is especially interested in exploring the integration capacity of spatial planning, both as a governance mechanism within planning system and as a discipline within academia. Tijana is a member of the AEKOM (AESOP KnOWledge Management and Sharing platform) Team and a member of the Excellence in Education Board of AESOP Quality Recognition Programme.



Daniel Galland is Associate Professor in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the Norwegian University of Life Sciences (NMBU). He is currently Chair of the Excellence in Education Board of AESOP Quality Recognition Programme. His scholarship builds on international experience within diverse scholarly planning environments across Europe and North America. His research and teaching interests are in planning theory, metropolitan planning and governance and international comparative planning. He is co-editor of 'Metropolitan Regions, Planning and Governance' (Springer, 2019 forthcoming) and the special issue Planning Regional Futures (Regional Studies, 2019 forthcoming).



Tomaž Pipan finished a postgraduate course in architecture at the Faculty for architecture in Ljubljana. He continued his education in London where in 2008 he completed his master's degree of Landscape Urbanism at the Architectural Association. In 2014 he received his PhD from London Metropolitan University. He was teaching in London at the London Metropolitan University and at the Technical University Berlin. Currently he is a researcher at the Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Ljubljana. His teaching interests lay in the diagrammatization of spatial processes and the role of classical spatial skills in the times of increased spatial complexity.



Dr Angelique Chettiparamb is Associate Professor in Urban Planning and Governance at the Department of Real Estate and Planning in Reading University. Angelique is interested in teaching related issues as well as planning theory. She is a Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy of UK, currently School Director of Academic Tutoring across the Henley Business School, External Examiner for the MSc International Planning and Sustainable Development programme at the University of Westminster, a member of the AESOP Excellence in Education Board and the current Vice Secretary General of AESOP. She works mainly with Complexity theory and has researched a wide range of issues in India and the UK including public interest, real estate regulation, solid waste, land, migration, multi-level governance, heritage, conservation and tourism. Angelique is also the Managing Editor for the journal Planning Theory since 2016.

Day 3, March 29th: Continuing...

15.30/15.45-18.00: City Walks

Location: Faculty of Civil and Geodetic Engineering, Jamova 2, Ljubljana

City walks start in front of the faculty. Below you find the descriptions of each of the walk.

A) Walking Tour of Plečnik's Ljubljana

Your guide will take you on a walk around the historical city centre, where you will learn the history and stories of Ljubljana's major sights. From the Prešernov trg square, dominated by the Franciscan Church and connected to the Triple Bridge, you will head towards Plečnik's Market and the Cathedral, continue to the Town Hall and the Robba Fountain, cross the Cobblers' Bridge, pass the National and University Library to reach the Križanke Summer Theatre, and continue to the Kongresni trg square.



B) All the treasures of Tivoli park

Explore Tivoli Park, Ljubljana's largest and most beautiful parkland area, stretching right into the city centre, and discover its natural, cultural, and historical treasures. The walk will take you along the former promenade leading from the central Prešernov trg square up the Čopova ulica and Cankarjeva ulica streets and past the opera building, the National Gallery, the National Museum, and the Orthodox Church to Tivoli Park. In the Tivoli park you will visit Tičistan (Birds' Home), the Cekin Mansion and the Tivoli Mansion, take a walk down the iconic Jakopič Promenade, and visit the Tivoli Rosarium, where a rose cultivar known as the Ljubljana rose is grown.



You will be guided by Dr. Marko Dobrilovič from the Department of Landscape Architecture.

C) Invisible Ljubljana - Ljubljana as seen by the homeless people

The society of homeless (The Kings of Street) which organizes different activities for the homeless in Ljubljana, e.g. they publish the magazine "The Kings of Street" which represents the life of homeless in Ljubljana also offers a tour of Ljubljana streets as lived and seen by homeless people. The tours were created with the wish to join the worlds in which the unknown and hidden is joined with the uncovered. The stories told should change the stereotypes and show the multilayers of homelessness and personal stories behind it.

This tour is booked out – everybody who selected it in the registration form until Friday, March 15th, is in. Thus no changes are possible, except for giving up your place to another participant.

19.30: Gala dinner at Hotel Cubo

Location: Hotel Cubo, Slovenska cesta 15, Ljubljana

Gala dinner will be at the Cubo hotel which is located on the opposite of the Slovene National Theater Drama. The restaurant location is on the second floor. Three menu options (meat, fish, vegetarian) as selected in the registration form.

2. ORIENTATION MAP



Accessibility of the venues with the public transport

3. WiFi ACCESS

Euroam works at both faculties. You should get it set at the home institution. Else:

Biotechnical Faculty:

Network: BF-guest

Password: changes each week, the latest one will be written on the board in the meeting room

Faculty of Civil and Geodetic Engineering:

Network: Wifi-FGG-Guest

Username: aesop@fgg.uni-lj.si

Password: Aes2019.pw

In the case when you do not have success with any of the networks, we suggest the use of personal

HotSpot via your mobile. The conditions you need to check with your mobile provider.

The City of Ljubljana has a free WiFi available throughout the city. It is called: [WiFreeLjubljana](#). You get an access code for the 60 minutes of free use every day.

4. TIPS TO VISIT LJUBLJANA

Cultural food

[National Gallery](#) – Not comparable to other large EU national galleries in size, however, hides plenty little treasures from Slovenian art history.

[The City Museum Ljubljana](#) – the museum which represents the historical development of the City of Ljubljana. Besides visiting the permanent exhibition you can currently learn about the greatest Slovenian writer, Mr. Ivan Cankar, to whom the special exhibition is dedicated (opened until April 7th).

[Visiting the Ljubljana castle](#) – a must which you can visit either on foot or by taking the funicular (mind the closing hours). Up there you can pay the entrance fee and climb the tower for the spectacular view around half of Slovenia or use a more frugal option and climb up the balcony on the right side of the castle yard.

[Alternative quarter Metelkova street](#) – a small quarter which occupies the former army barrack is now trapped between the museum quarter and the railway station. You can visit during day for the graffiti and during night for the music. [Check the programme](#).

[Boat trip on Ljubljanica River](#) – if you want to admire the new urban developments (mostly green infrastructure) of Ljubljana river bank, you can embark on a boat trip. Starting point near the Tromostovje bridge.

For more, check the Tourist Information Centre, located right at the Tromostovje bridge.

Eating

Ljubljana culinary offer ranges from Slovenian food (influenced by all the countries surrounding Slovenia), ex-Yugoslavian food spots, pizzerias, and a few restaurants that focus on country-specific cuisine, like Indian, Mexican etc. Most of the restaurants are located in the city centre. Here are some suggestions:

[Slovenska hiša – Figovec](#) (Slovenska cesta 1): Ljubljana's long established restaurant which got a modern outlook and serves you dishes based on locally produced ingredients and Slovenian traditional cuisine.

[Restavracija Most](#) (Petkovškovo nabrežje 21): New, however, traditional restaurant that serves you predominantly Slovene cuisine. They name themselves as a "piece of Slovenian culinary heart".

[Soba 102](#) (Cankarjeva cesta 4) – restaurant, established by Slovenian pop singer Jan Plestenjak, also named after one of his songs – The Room 102. Recommended for the daily lunch menus or hanging out in the evening.

[Bistro Monstera](#) (Gospodskulica 9): bistro, opened by one of Slovenian reality TV chefs Bine Volčič. He is one of the first Slovenian chefs to establish the so-called "zero waste cuisine".

Špajza restaurant (Gornji trg 28) – a bit upscale restaurant in the Old Town of Ljubljana, but the food is great.

[Dabuda](#) (Šubičeva ulica 1a) – fusion cuisine, rooted in the Asian cuisine, right in the center of Ljubljana and close to the parliament.

[As café and restaurant](#) – one of major late night hang outs which offers food, nice interior (mind the cherry lights of Slovenian designer Nika Zupanc) and drinks. In the same building as well the higher price



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restaurant.

Read more about the tastes of Ljubljana on [Visit Ljubljana](#) homepage.

Drinking coffee, tea & eating cake

Ljubljana has plenty cafes, the offer ranges from traditional (actually not many) to modern, hipster cafes, so you can easily find something for yourself.

[Cafetino](#) (Stari trg 5) – the best coffee in the town, however, here you truly get only coffee. Located right in the centre of Stara Ljubljana. Nearby is the tea place as well.

[Dobnik](#) (Trg republike 1, Cankarjevo nabrežje 19) – coffee, tea and homemade cakes and praline production. Actually originate from the small Slovenian town Žalec, but made Ljubljana their second base. Difficult to get the space.

[Zvezda](#) (Wolfova 14) – now, already long established Ljubljana pastry shop, located on the corner of Kongresni trg and Wolfova street. In the nice weather great to sit outside and observe life at Ljubljana major town plaza. Expect Vienna or Muenich prices. The second shop you find in Hotel Slon.

[Vigo](#) (Mačkova ulica 2) – the best ice cream in town, they also offer cakes.

[Le Petit Café](#) (Trg francoske revolucije 4) – Eating breakfast out in Ljubljana is not so much the thing, however, if it is your thing, this is the place to go.

Drinking beer

Ljubljana has its own mass production brewery called Union (owned by Pivovarna Laško which is owned by Heineken). Nonetheless, they have their own beer pub ([Union Experience](#)) where you can drink and get informed. Apart from that in Slovenian there are plenty of craft beer producers, to name a few: Tektonik, Human Fish, Bevog, Pelicon, etc. You can drink beer at any of the bars along Ljubljanica river, for more local experience we suggest:

[Sax pub](#) (Eipprova 7) – if you want to escape the city centre, follow the river and stop at Sax pub. You might get some music as well. It is right where you find the Urban Planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia as well.

[Okrepčevalnica Petkovšek](#) (Petkovškovo nabrežje 15) – food and beer right on the river bank of Ljubljanica, the so-called Ljubljana's plaza.

[Magda](#) (Pogačarjev trg 1) – a bar at the central market of Ljubljana.

[Tozd](#) (Gallusovo nabrežje 27) – they say they are a bar that smells of a coffee and freshly cut flowers.

[Daktari](#) (Krekov trg 7) – daily-night place offering music, food, drinks. Slogan Creativity, Humanity, Solidarity.

[Hood burger](#) (Nazorjeva 4) – exquisite burgers and beer. Their place is made out of ship container, oak wood and roof parts of degraded buildings from SI towns Slovenske Konjice and Slovenska Bistrica.

Drinking wine

Ljubljana does not have so many wine bars, however, the ones that are there are quite enjoyable and offer a great range of Slovenian wine.

[Dvorni bar](#) (Dvorni trg 2) – the most established wine bar right, located near Ljubljanica river and as well near the University building. You get snacks and the longest wine list of Slovenian wines. Most of them are available by glass. Wine regions are explained. The wine bar with the widest culinary choice.

[Movia vinska klet](#) (Mestni trg 2) – the tinny wine bar, shop as well, located on the right side of the City Hall, established by one of the most world renown wine producers in Slovenia, Mr. Kristančič.

[Wine bar Šuklje](#) (Breg 10) – the newest wine bar, located on the banks of the river Ljubljanica. Nice interior, includes as well the wine shop.