

## **Sustainable Diversity in a Glocalising World : Global vs Local in Postsocialist Cities of Central and Eastern Europe**

**Joint workshop of SUS.DIV Network of Excellence  
and external partners**

**8 - 9 November 2009**

**University Library, Klariská 5, Bratislava, Slovakia**

The main objective of the workshop is to discuss processes of „the global and the local“ (glocalisation) in the postsocialist cities of Central and Eastern Europe and their impact on cultural diversity and sustainability. On the basis of theoretical concepts of globalisation mainly reflecting the development in large metropolitan cities with high diversity, the papers and discussions will aim at looking at the development of cities in transition economies in which globalisation with all its aspects has been one of the main sources of diversity.

Specific objectives may include:

- to define main research questions for the study of of globalisation/ glocalisation in Central and Eastern European postsocialist cities
- to discuss methodology – how to study globalisation and glocalisation
- to demonstrate/ discuss how globalisation and the flow of new cultural phenomena is perceived by people, civil society and political representation in local environment
- to discuss the relationship between globalisation and sustainability in conditions of cities in transition
- other related phenomena.

# Programme

## Sunday 8 November 2009

Saturday - Sunday                      Arrival of participants  
Sunday 18.30                              Social and networking dinner  
(Bus departure from IBIS Hotel, Zamocka 38, Bratislava, to Slovensky Grob,  
Husacina u Galika)

## Monday 9 November 2009

8.00 - 9.00                      Registration  
9.00 - 9.30                      Welcome addresses  
   Alexandra Bitušíková (Matej Bel University, Banska Bystrica)  
   Gabriela Kilianová (Institute of Ethnology, Slovak Academy of  
   Sciences, Bratislava)  
9.30 – 11.00                      Introduction to the topic  
   Arie de Ruijter, Tilburg University, The Netherlands  
   Keynote speech  
   Ulf Hannerz, University of Stockholm, Sweden  
   Discussion  
  
11.00 – 11.30                      Coffee break  
  
11.30 – 13.00                      Case studies I  
   *Prague and Brno*: Zdenek Uherek, Institute of Ethnology,  
   Czech Academy of Sciences  
   *Lodz and Polish cities*: Craig Young, Manchester Metropolitan  
   University, UK  
   *Budapest*: László Kürti, University of Miskolc, Hungary  
   Discussion  
  
13.00 – 14.00                      Buffet lunch  
  
14.00 – 15.30                      Case studies II  
   *Saint Petersburg*: Thomas Boren, University of Stockholm,  
   Sweden  
   *Sofia*: Iskra Balkanska, Institute of Economics, Bulgarian  
   Academy of Sciences, Sofia, Bulgaria  
   *Bratislava*: Alexandra Bitušíková, UMB Banska Bystrica -  
   Daniel Luther, Slovak Academy of Sciences Bratislava  
   Discussion  
  
15.30 – 16.00                      Conclusions and closure