



Institute of Social-Economic Geography and Spatial Management
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XII SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE CITIES OF THE XXI CENTURY
IN SEARCH OF AN OPTIMAL CITY MODEL
Opole, 07-09 November 2021



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under the title
"IN SEARCH OF AN OPTIMAL CITY MODEL"

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with the JUBILEE OF THE SCIENTIFIC WORK AND BIRTHDAY OF
PROFESSOR JANUSZ SŁODCZYK

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Professor Janusz Słodczyk began his scientific career at the University of Wrocław, obtaining Master of Science degree in geography. He consequently developed his scientific passion achieving successively the degree of Doctor of Technical Sciences, Assistant Professor in Architecture and Urban Planning and 20 years ago the title of Professor. The main stream of his scientific interests are transformations of spatial structure of cities, which, thanks to his interdisciplinary education and personal experience of travelling around the world, he analyses in various aspects and dimensions. So far, the results of his research have been published in four monographs, several dozen edited works and several hundred scientific articles and chapters in monographs. Most of his publications can be found on his website (<https://janusz-slodczyk.eu/> and <https://orcid.org/0000-0002-6887-0294>). On the initiative of Professor Warmus, scientific conferences have been initiated and are continually held: "Cities in the period of change" (from 1999 to 2001) and its continuation "Cities of the XXI century" (since 2003) as well as the International Conference (since 2003) and the International Conference on Current Issues of Sustainable Development. (since 2007). In order to document the results of scientific discussions held during those conferences, two publishing series have been established in which Professor Warmus holds the position of editor-in-chief, i.e. "Economic and Environmental Studies" and "Urban Studies" - a journal concerning the issues of development and functioning of urban areas.



Professor Janusz Słodczyk willingly shares his knowledge and scientific experience with younger scientists. He has promoted so far four PhDs and among the staff of the scientific group directed by him two persons received postdoctoral degrees. Professor Warmus is a highly regarded supervisor and reviewer of master's, diploma and engineering theses prepared and defended mainly in the fields of Economics and Spatial Management. Among the Professor's achievements for the development of didactics are also the creation and expansion of the educational offer at the Faculty of Economics at Opole University, including the launch of majors: Management and Marketing /1994/, Administration /1996/, Spatial Economy /2007 - bachelor studies, 2011 - engineering studies, 2018 - master studies/, Spatial Management.

Professor Janusz Słodczyk in his professional achievements distinguished also his organizational skills. Since 1989 he has continuously performed various important functions in the structure of first the Higher School of Pedagogy in Opole and later the University of Opole. His initiatives, commitment and dedication to the matters of science and the University convinced the academic community to entrust him with the following functions: Deputy Director of the Institute of Economic Sciences at the Pedagogical University of Opole (1989-1992), Dean of the Faculty of Economics at the Opole University (1992-1999 and 2005-2012), Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Economics for Science and International Cooperation (1999-2002), Vice-Chancellor of the Opole University (2002-2005 and 2012-2019), and currently Director of the Institute of Social-Economic Geography and Spatial Management at the Opole University.

Professor Janusz Słodczyk is a man known not only in academic circles. He is distinguished by an extraordinary curiosity about the world and people, as evidenced by countless travels to the farthest corners of our globe. Using his personal experiences, he presents in a remarkable way difficult to comprehend knowledge in the field of urban planning and tourism. He is open to new experiences and energetic, which is reflected in his dancing and singing skills. The directions chosen by the professor reveal that he definitely likes summer more than winter.

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Purpose and Scope of the Conference :

The aim of the conference is to undertake a scientific discussion concerning the evaluation of theoretical and practical solutions applied in city planning and development management in the context of shaping an optimal city. The conference is intended to be a valuable source of inspiration for further creative work in both theoretical and practical fields of urban planning, urban geography, urban economics and urban management.

The basic **thematic blocks** delineating the nature and direction of the discussion were identified as:

- The evolution of urban planning and development models,
- the historic city *versus the* city of the future,
- pathways for urban development locally and globally,
- the city as a space for resident life and economic growth and development,
- methods for diagnosing and modeling urban development.

Addressees of the conference

- academics and teachers from Poland and abroad who deal with urban issues: economists, geographers, sociologists, urban planners, architects, spatial planners;
- representatives of local and regional governments responsible for the implementation and shaping of development and urban planning policies;
- representatives of companies and institutions working in areas related to urban issues;
- students of education related to the conference topics;
- all other persons interested in the issues of the conference.

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Organizational Information:

Key dates

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| conference date | November 07-09, 2021. |
| participation | through September 01, 2021. |
| submission of a paper abstract | through September 15, 2021. |
| payment of the conference fee | through September 15, 2021. |
| sending the text of the article to Urban Studies | through September 30, 2021. |

Costs

participation in the conference with publication **220 Euro**
(price does not include the cost of accommodation)

Conference fee transfer details:

ERSA Polish Section , PL 40 1140 2017 0000 4212 0147 5557;

BIC/SWIFT mBank: BREXPLPWMBK;

Paid in EURO exclusively ;

Title/Reason for payment: "Name and Surname, Cities of XXI 2021".

As part of the conference fee, the organizers provide:

- full board (from dinner on 07 November to lunch on 09 November 2021 , including a gala dinner on 08 November 2021.);
- conference materials;
- publication in the journal Urban Studies (after a positive review)

Published at

- scholarly article for Urban Studies - texts should be submitted via [OJS Urban Studies](https://ojs.urbanstudies.pl) (<https://czasopisma.uni.opole.pl/index.php/sm>) in accordance with the journal's editorial requirements

Report Card

Registration for the conference can be made by clicking on the link to the registration form: <https://forms.gle/JEaj71X5oNbnwUkNA>
A sign-up sheet is also available on the conference website: www.konferencjamiasta.opole.pl

Conference venue

Hotel Mercure in Opole, 57/59 Krakowska Street, 45-018 Opole <https://all.accor.com/hotel/3405/index.pl.shtml>



The organizer does not provide accommodation but offers the following facilities

| Name of the object | Distance from | | |
|---|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| | railway station | Opole market | conference venues |
| Hotel Mercure Opole *** Krakowska 57/59, 45-018 Opole (conference venue) | 100 m 2 min | 950 m 12 min | 0 m 0 min |
| Weneda Hotel *** 1 Maja 77, 45-355 Opole | 850 m 11 min | 1600 m 20 min | 900 m 11 min |
| Hotel Kamienica *** Pl.Kopernika 14, 45-040 Opole | 1000 m 12 min | 450 m 6 min | 1300 m 15min |
| Hotel De Silva Leona Powolnego 10, 45-078 Opole | 300 m 4 min | 850 m 13 min | 1200m 13 min |

Further announcements and a detailed conference program will be sent by email and posted on the website: www.konferencjamiasta.opole.pl and www.we.uni.opole.pl