**Blended Intensive Programme 2024/2025**

**Progress in Human Geography**

This course provides an excellent opportunity to immerse yourself in a dynamic blend of theoretical knowledge and practical experience. The programme enables students to critically analyse various planning, socio-economic and cultural phenomena in urban and rural areas, applying sound and proven research methods.

Key research and workshop topics of the programme include:

* Communication skills (including the practise of language skills in a multicultural environment)
* Livability assessment in de-industrialised cities and communities (exploring the concept and methods of measurement)
* Social interactions in urban public spaces (including field trip and fieldwork)
* Spatial segregation in rural areas (including a practical exercise)
* Functional zoning in urban areas – analysing land cover (exploration of functional zoning using the example of Cluj-Napoca, Sofia and Warsaw)
* Exploring destinations and experiencing cultural monuments through virtual tourism (with the actual experience of virtual tourism)

The programme combines indoor and outdoor activities, with fieldwork being the fundamental part of the course. In addition, the interactive group activities are designed to promote the development of communication skills, especially the use of English for specific academic and professional purposes. You will be encouraged to work in international teams to provide you with an exceptional experience. Above all, we aim to work and learn in a good and friendly atmosphere, benefiting from an international gathering. Academics from 3 countries and 4 universities meet to offer this summer school:

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