

City of the Future



Visions and Strategies for Sustainable Development

Day 1 (17 September 2026)

14:00-16:00

- ❖ Petri Kahila (University of Eastern Finland):
Beyond shrinkage: Adapting smartly towards renewal
- ❖ Joanna Szalacha-Jarmużek (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń), Frank Meier (University of Bremen):
Smartphones and youth crisis - from wicked problem to wicked crisis?
- ❖ Agnieszka Hamerlińska (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń), Tamara Dorčić (University of Rijeka), Sanda Pletikosić Tončić (University of Rijeka):
Organization and transformation of urban and academic spaces in Rijeka for people with disabilities: An exchange of experiences.
- ❖ Alexander Osipov (University of Eastern Finland):
What Should a City Remember? Monuments and Urban Memory in the Post-Soviet Space
- ❖ Dariusz Pniewski (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń):
The Utility of Cultural Narratives About the City: Sensory Perception and the Category of the Sublime
- ❖ Michał Kwiatkowski (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń), Zoran Ježić (University of Rijeka):
E-bikes in urban mobility: the local and regional development perspective – case study Rijeka, Croatia

Day 2 (18 September 2026)

10:00-11:30

- ❖ Jane Hindley (University of Essex):
Fostering Ecoliteracy and Urban Biodiversity: The Role of Grassroots Actors
- ❖ Karolina Karpus (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń), Anna Brzezińska-Rawa (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń), Aleksandra Kustra-Rogatka (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń):
The City as an Ecosystem Service Provider: A Polish Legal Perspective
- ❖ Agnieszka Pilarska (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń), Radosław Golba (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń), Dubravka Božić Bogović (University of Rijeka):
Healthy City from a Pragmatic Perspective – Selected Causes of Mortality and Land Cover/Land Use Categories. Case Study: Rijeka (Croatia)
- ❖ Krzysztof Rogatka (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń), Aleksandra Lewandowska-Czuła (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń), Mateusz Kowalski (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń), Barbara Karleuša, (University of Rijeka):
Urban green spaces as an element of building sustainable and resilient cities: insights from field research in Rijeka
- ❖ Czesław Adamiak (Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń):
Regional resilience in the face of polycrisis: cases from Eastern and Northern Europe

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