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HiSMaComp – Final Presentation

Historical Survey Maps and the Comparative Study of the Functionality
and Morphology of Urban Space. Standardisation – Digital processing – Research

IStG with Prof. Dr. Roman Czaja, Uniwersytet Mikołaja Kopernika, Toruń, Poland

24–25 June 2025

VENUE: Käte Hamburger Kolleg (Iduna Building), Room 7011 (7th floor),
Servatiiplatz 9 | 48143 Münster



Tuesday, 24 June 2025

14.00

Welcome

Objectives and approaches of the binational project HiSMaComp

Session 1: Case Studies for Town Types

Chair: Angelika Lampen

14.30–14.55

Spa Towns – Bad Pyrmont and Inowrocław

Input presentation by the project team
Expert statements by Andrea Pühringer (Grünberg) & Jana Vojtíšková (Hradec Králové/Czech Republic)

14.55–15.20

Metropolises – Magdeburg and Warsaw

Input presentation by the project team
Expert statement by Martin Uhrmacher (Luxembourg)

15.20–15.45

Cathedral Chapter Towns – Ochsenfurt and Olsztyn

Input presentation by the project team
Expert statements by Holger Th. Gräf (Marburg) & Helmut Flachenecker (Würzburg)

15.45–16.15

Discussion

16.15–16.45

Coffee break

Session 2: Digital Infrastructure and Resources

Chair: Daniel Stracke

16.45–17.10

Using ontologies in comparative urban history

Input presentation by the project team
Expert statement by Ingo Frank (Münster)

17.10–17.35

Geodata infrastructure for historical cartography

Input presentation by the project team
Expert statement by Niklas Alt (Marburg)

17.35–18.00

Discussion

18.30

Get-together

Wednesday, 25 June 2025

09.00–09.25

Session 3: Reflections and Perspectives

Chair: Roman Czaja

European perspectives – Distribution and data re-use

Input presentation by Olga Kozubska
Expert Statements by Katalin Szende (Wien/Budapest)

09.25–9.40

Discussion

9.40–11.00

Reflection and Collaboration Workshop

Discussion panels on the following topics:

- Datamodelling and ontologies in urban history research
- Use of town types for comparative research
- Geodata and problems of standardisation
- Follow-up projects and networking

11.00

Coffee break

11.30

Workshop summary and final discussion

12.30

End of official programme

The joint project in Polish and German research teams uses historic survey maps for the analysis of past urban spaces in a comparative setting. The methodological key to comparing the case studies is the concept of Town Types and the combination of old maps with new technologies – Geographic Informations Systems and ontologies. The event looks back on the project's work and ahead on perspectives for the re-use of its results and data.