
EDITORIAL

Dear readers,

While thinking about the introduction to issue No. 47 of *Spatium*, which is in front of you, I was guided by the idea and significance of the notion to 'reclaim', whether it be a place, freedom of choice, one's life, or something else. This presumes renewed contact with our broader surroundings, which we have distanced ourselves from, both in physical and cognitive ways, and in an accelerated manner, driven by myriads of reasons set by the challenges of modern living. And yet we have a chance, for example, to act as creative professionals – architects, urbanists and planners – who improve the conditions of particular spatial contexts without compromising the public interest. Sometimes, it is all about reconciling the main planning goals and the market demand, as the paper from Bulgaria pinpoints, or scrutinising the issue of urban boundaries in planning and design within patchwork cities, as outlined in the paper presenting case studies in Budapest. Similarly, an interesting topic about raised awareness of the priority of knowledge, the values of human life, and the spatial organisation of a state territory, from Ukraine, in the most difficult time of its recent history, is part of this issue of *Spatium*. Sustainability is also one of those themes which are always represented in *Spatium*. Having in view the sustainability of transportation, authors share important insights on collective consciousness about cycling, as well as the accessibility of urban facilities. The next paper includes environmental psychology based on the preferences of individuals representing various ethnic groups in urban public spaces in major Lithuanian cities. The penultimate paper of this issue of *Spatium* is dedicated to the prefabrication of modular student housing and adequate design for user-friendly, ecologically and economically efficient accommodation in dormitories. The final research is on the application of mapping methodologies from a network-based approach, aiming to chronologically identify the most relevant authors on urban design, and to theoretically connect the existing literature on urban design.

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