What is Study Space?

Study Space is a weeklong intensive workshop in which scholars, government representatives and private sector professionals develop solutions to legal, social and policy challenges in urban areas.

The setting for Study Space VIII is Warsaw. Its theme is Phoenix Cities: Urban Recovery and Resilience in the Wake of Conflict, Crisis, and Disaster. All lectures will be in English or have English translation.

Study Space is unique because:

- Participation is limited to a small group of international scholars and professionals selected from a variety of disciplines.
- The program examines and provides recommendations for a defined set of challenges facing the host city.
- It promotes active learning and problem-solving through research, site visits and group discussions with local academics, nongovernment organizations and government officials.
- Participants contribute scholarly articles for publication in a journal distributed to an international audience. This program’s articles will be published in a University of Warsaw law journal.

Questions?

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Cost
The program fee is $900 and includes scheduled group meals, speaker honoraria and site visits. Hotel, airline tickets, and airport ground transportation must be purchased separately. A block of hotel rooms at the Sofitel Warsaw Victoria Hotel will be reserved Sunday through Friday nights and is estimated to be $850, which includes breakfast each day.
Participants will be responsible for booking their hotel rooms and will be provided with the instructions upon acceptance into the program. Participants also are responsible for their passports and visas. A deposit of $450 is due when you apply and is refundable until Monday, March 2. The remaining $450 is due by Monday, April 13.

Expectations
Participants will receive reading materials to review prior to the start of the program. Attendees are expected to participate fully, including daily lectures, site visits, group discussions and dinners. Participants must submit one original article that relates to the program theme. All papers will be published in a University of Warsaw law journal and distributed worldwide.

WARSAW
World War II decimated the city of Warsaw, leaving 85 percent of the buildings destroyed and reducing the residential population from 1.3 million to a mere 1,000.
When the war ended, residents returned to the city and quickly began rebuilding. Forty years of communism followed the war.
But today, Warsaw boasts the strongest economy in central Europe and has the attention of foreign investors and businesses. Warsaw stands as an example of how cities can be regenerated and even more resilient following conflict and disaster.
Using Warsaw as a case study, participants will explore a range of themes:
• Designing a resilient city
• Reconstruction challenges: rebuilding the original plan or redesigning to meet changing demands; balancing conflicting interests of different social, economic and ethnic groups
• Funding mechanisms for reconstruction and prioritizing spending
• Housing issues including temporary housing, squatters, and affordable housing
• Property rights issues and compensation for lost property
• Historic preservation including documentation protocols
• Redevelopment as a catalyst for environmental protection and healthier cities
• Social engineering through large-scale redevelopment

Schedule
Monday, June 15
Resurrecting Warsaw’s Past: Resourceful Methods, Strategic Choices and Politics of the Post-War Reconstruction
• Site Visit: Warsaw Uprising Museum
• Lunch and dinner included

Tuesday, June 16
Warsaw Housing Redevelopment in Two Acts: Post-World War II and Post-Communist Regime
• Site Visit: Bus trip including housing developments, Palace of Science and Culture and a Pre-War Water Treatment Plant
• Lunch included

Wednesday, June 17
Local Governance Comes to Poland: Managing Growth during Decentralization of Government Authority
• Free afternoon for sightseeing or personal research

Thursday, June 18
Protecting the Pastoral City: Uncertain Future and Fortunes for Warsaw’s Environmental, Natural and Open Space Resources
• Site Visit: Vistula River, Europe’s last wild river
• Lunch included

Friday, June 19
Post-War Public Infrastructure: The Eras of Reconstruction and Rapid Post-Communist Growth
• Site Visit: Old Town/Royal Castle/Ethnic cemeteries
• Group reflection and next steps
• Lunch and dinner included