

SHORT TERM SCIENTIFIC MISSION (STSM) – SCIENTIFIC REPORT

The STSM applicant submits this report for approval to the STSM coordinator

Action number: COST Action CA16232

STSM title: Post-Socialist Urban Infrastructures - Co-Working on Book Manuscript

STSM start and end date: 11/02/2018 to 18/02/2018

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PURPOSE OF THE STSM/

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The purpose of the STSM was to work towards finalising the book project Post-Socialist Urban Infrastructures (contracted to be submitted to Routledge by April 2018) dealing with various aspects of urban networks and including those of energy infrastructures. During the visit, the applicant planned to meet with the two co-editors (Wladimir Sgibnev who is the host from IfL Leipzig) and Carola S Neugebauer (RWTH Aachen). Together with the editorial team, the aim was to draft and complete the conclusion chapter drawing insights across the eleven chapters by book contributors about changes and persistences of infrastructures in the post-socialist context, highlighting aspects of energy, accessibility, inequalities, material obduracies and transformations. Additionally, the work over the STSM was planned to involve drafting and finalising section chapters for the book as well as doing edits throughout the book manuscript.

DESCRIPTION OF WORK CARRIED OUT DURING THE STSMS

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This was a short-term visit with a clearly defined aim to make a significant step with the book by finalising conclusion and doing edits throughout the edited collection. Host institutions allowed the applicant to use their premises and resources for fulfilling the project tasks. The visit was divided into tasks including work on the conclusion chapter, edits to the chapters and section introductions. In the meeting at the beginning of the STSM, we decided on the work plan and drafted first insights for the conclusion. During the meeting of the editorial team we decided to integrate section introductions to the general introduction, instead of doing separate sections. This was a crucial decision and related to the structure and aim of the book in general. We also set the programme and tasks for the inclusion of student assistants, including input still required from the book contributors and the communication plan between the assistant and the authors. As planned, the STSM applicant through co-working with other editors also edited book chapters and made preparations for sending the complete draft off to proofreading, including seeking extra funding for it. The agreement with the publisher sets the deadline for the submission of book manuscript to be the end of March, 2018.

DESCRIPTION OF THE MAIN RESULTS OBTAINED

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The Scientific Mission was successful and the pre-set tasks were achieved. The main results obtained include drafting conclusion chapter and completing edits on book chapters as well as setting the schedule and tasks for the work of student assistant and editors for the final month before the submission by the end of March, 2018. The visit was also an opportunity to strengthen contacts with IfL Leipzig, an institution the applicant was a visiting research fellow two years ago. The base was thus enhance to sustain a more longer term cooperation.

FUTURE COLLABORATIONS (if applicable)

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The collaboration between the applicant and the host institution is continuing over the course of the spring and potentially beyond (subject to funding decisions on the cooperative project). A plan is already set for a collaborative publication to be developed based on the edited book in the end of May as well as working on a European project application that already passed the first stage and steps are made to prepare the second stage full application.