

WARSAW REGIONAL FORUM 2015

EXCURSION "TERRITORIAL UNCERTAINTY AND VULNERABILITY IN PRACTICE"

Departure:

Wednesday, 14th of October 2015 at 08.00 a.m. from The Institute of Geography and Spatial Organization, Polish Academy of Sciences (address: Twarda 51/55, 00-818 Warsaw, Poland). Here will be a second day of the conference.

Program:

One-day study trip of the conference will be focused around the principal conference's topics of vulnerability, uncertainty and resilience of territories on the example of southern outskirts and suburban zone of Warsaw. New road investments near Warsaw will be discussed at the very beginning of the tour with dilemma of the role of infrastructure in promoting the development and safety in the regions. Visit to municipality of Lesznowola, which has undergone a huge transformation from a typical agriculture commune to the municipality of residential and entrepreneurship character during last 20 years, will be an opportunity for participants to find out more on development of the municipality, as well as to confront their own theoretical knowledge with the practicalities of local development. Meetings with local authorities are organized and dilemmas such as vulnerability and resilience of cities, resilience of natural environment to spatial and economic changes, social transformations vs. instability of development, and public management under varied social and economic conditions, will be initiated. After the lunch, visit to the remains of the Dukes of Mazovia castle in Czersk is organized. The castle is located on the point of the high escarpment in the Vistula glacial valley and it offers splendid views on surrounding orchards from two of its three remaining towers. Study trip continues with visitation of orchards in Wygodne village, where the discussion with the orchard farmer will take place, on contemporary situation of fruit producers, with dilemma: stability of local development vs. regional and European policy. After helping farmer in his daily autumn job routines with apples, the coach brings participants to the Pencils Factory St. Majewski, which was established in 1889 in Pruszków. The social-economic influence of this factory on development of Warsaw's satellite town of Pruszków is enormous. Nowadays, the developers' transformation of old factory possessions changes Pruszków as well. After the dinner organized in the restaurant placed in an interesting old factory building (<http://www.ucieranietresci.pl/>), participants will be transferred to Warsaw city center (train station "Warszawa Śródmieście") by rapid urban railways (SKM). Expected arrival to Warsaw city center is around 10.00 p.m.