

Warsaw, and remaking realities



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Warsaw is the capital of a much-contested country. 1918, 1939, 1945, 1989, 2022 – there are not many other places that have so consistently been subject to trauma – after each of which the people of the city have had to remake their reality. Today one finds evidence of previous Warsaws all exposed to the glare of post-1989 late capitalism. Each of these fissures within the contemporary city can reveal physical evidence and ideas for alternative realities, lying latent and waiting to once more be engaged with.

On our seminar week to this remarkable city, we will visit sites that speak of this complexity of realities.

We will meet with people who are wrestling with imaging a contemporary Warsaw that productively engages with previous ones.

The costs are 500 to 750 CHF, including accommodation, transportation in Warsaw, one dinner, entrances and reader. The journey to Warsaw is not included. Category C, 16 students

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