

12TH INTERNATIONAL GEOREGNET SUMMER SCHOOL

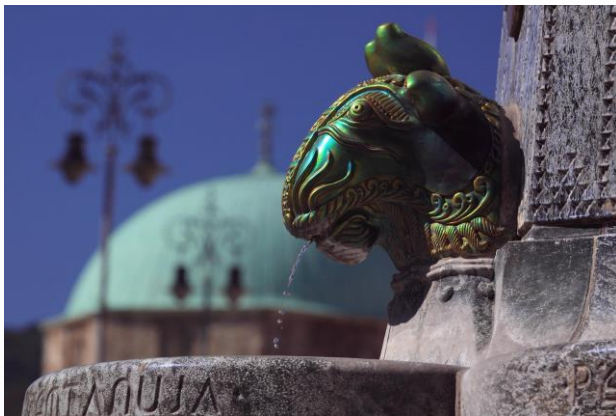
Exploring the different ways of small town development in Central and Eastern Europe

University of Pécs, Hungary, 01/07/2024-06/07/2024

Faculty of Sciences, Institute of Geography and Earth Sciences

Call for the Summer School

Small towns play a special role in Central and Eastern European (CEE) countries. Some of them are historic places with rich cultural heritage and a strong identity. Others were created in the Soviet era and still exist today with an outdated post-industrial vibe. Some have only been urbanised in the last three decades, with a suburban or touristic background.



Beyond the wide **variety of small towns** of different origins, globalization, trends of deindustrialisation, and reindustrialisation have created various trajectories of small towns' development. **Our objective is to reveal the distinctive routes of small towns in Southern Transdanubia, Hungary, and, with the participation of our guests, in the wider CEE region.** During the upcoming Georegnet summer school, we aim to give colourful lectures and seminars about small towns, organizing group-based activities to find answers to development challenges.

During the programme, participants will have the chance to **explore** some of the Hungarian small towns with **excursions**. Furthermore, the summer school provides an opportunity for **networking** and **socialization**, fostering friendships and mutual cultural learning.

The Summer School takes place **in the city of Pécs, Hungary**, which hosts the annual **Zsolnay Light Art Festival** during the same week.

The upcoming Georegnet summer school is organized by the Institute of Geography and Earth Sciences at the University of Pécs, within the framework of the CEEPUS cooperation program. We encourage students from all members of the GEOREGNET network to take part.



Application

When applying to the Georegnet Summer School, please register yourselves to CEEPUS mobility. After that start a new application with the following details:

- ◆ Select the network: CZ-0111
- ◆ Pick **short term mobility**
- ◆ Select the institution: **University of Pécs, Institute of Geography and Earth Sciences**
- ◆ In your study plan please mention in any case, that you are **attending the Summer School** programme.
- ◆ In Motivation, please explain **how the Summer School supports** your studies, thesis etc.
- ◆ All other data should be filled according to the application rules and inquiries.

Please, ask for help at your own CEEPUS coordinator.

Deadlines

The **deadline for applications is 19/04/2024**. Students who wish to participate should contact the organisers, but they also need to officially apply via their own home institutions. For further information, please contact Éva Máté from the local organizing committee at the following email address: MAESAET.PTE@pte.hu



Finances

Every participant will **receive a stipend**, which will be paid upon arrival at the University of Pécs. A **participation fee** should be deducted from the stipend, which **will cover lunches, dinners, and accommodation**. Excursion costs and off-programme activities will be covered by the University of Pécs.

The **stipend amount is 85,000 HUF**, and the **participation fee is 60,000 HUF**, which means that all participants can keep **25,000 HUF**. We regret to inform you that we are unable to cover travel costs to Pécs. In this matter, please contact your local CEEPUS coordinator to inquire whether your country can cover your travel expenses.

About Pécs

Pécs is the fifth-largest city in Hungary and the regional centre of Southern Transdanubia. It reflects a rich history and vibrant culture, highlighted by its UNESCO World Heritage site. The sights of Pécs depict its multicultural background and diverse roots, including Roman tombs and chapels, a medieval cathedral, a mosque, Turkish architecture, as well as German, Croatian, and Bosnian influences stemming from centuries-long mining activities, all contributing to a special atmosphere. Thanks to its rich heritage, the city was designated as the 'European Capital of Culture' in 2010.

For more detailed information, please [visit this website](#).

Zsolnay Light Art Festival

The city of Pécs is also renowned for its traditional and unique chinaware factory, the Zsolnay Manufacture. Over the last few decades, the factory has become a cultural symbol of Pécs. In accordance with this heritage, the Zsolnay Heritage Management Non-profit Ltd. and the municipality of Pécs organize the Zsolnay Light Art Festival annually. This year, the festival starts on 4th July 2024, allowing participants of the Summer School to attend the festival as well. The event is free of charge. For more information about the Zsolnay Light Art Festival, please [visit its website](#).

About the University of Pécs



The University also plays an important role in the city, as the University of Pécs was the first university established in Hungary, in 1367. Although the university's existence has not been continuous throughout its history, the city of Pécs has always been associated with knowledge, science, and high culture. Today, the university has approximately 25,000 students, including more than 8,000 international students. The Institute of Geography and Earth Sciences serves as the main host of the event and recently celebrated the 100th anniversary of geographical higher education in Pécs.

Preliminary Programme

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	30/06	01/07	02/07	03/07	04/07	05/07	06/07
Morning	-	Opening ceremony	Excursion to Szigetvár	Excursion to Komló	One day excursion to Mohács, Harkány and Villány	Student presentations	Farewell
		Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		Lunch	
Afternoon	Arrival to Pécs	Lectures	Lectures and seminars	Lectures and seminars	Free time	Farewell party	
		Dinner	Dinner	Dinner			
Evening		Sightseeing in the city of Pécs	Wine tasting at University of Pécs Vineyard	Quiz night			



People

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