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## Roundtable Agenda

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### URBAN TRANSFORMATION IN SOCIALIST AND POST-SOCIALIST COUNTRIES IN RESPONSE TO THE PANDEMIC: LESSONS LEARNED

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#### Session 1: Opening Remarks



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#### Session 2: Roundtable Discussion



Moderator: **Cezar Morar**  
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Moderator: **Benjamin Gianni**  
Associate Professor  
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**John Zacharias**  
Chair Professor  
Peking University, China  
"The Management of  
COVID-19 in Cities in  
Socialist and Post-Socialist  
Countries"



**Ewa Korcelli-Olejniczak**  
Associate Professor  
Polish Academy of Sciences,  
Poland  
"Post-covid small vs large: on  
the specific resilience of the  
smaller towns in Poland"



**Gyula Nagy**  
Associate Professor  
University of Szeged,  
Hungary  
"Challenges of European  
Green Deal on urban green  
transition under post COVID-  
19 context"



**Aleksandar Valjarević**  
Associate Professor  
University of Belgrade, Serbia  
"City form as a factor in relation to  
governance and urban culture after  
COVID-19 pandemic"



**Kh Md Nahiduzzaman**  
Assistant Professor  
University of British Columbia, Canada  
"Transformational Facets of Planning  
and Development in Face of the  
Pandemic: insights from Laos, Vietnam,  
and Cambodia"

**Summary:** The COVID pandemic has had a significant impact on on the spatial-social structure of cities and brought about numerous socio-economic changes. As the pandemic is a relatively new phenomenon, there is much to be discovered about its effects on urban planning and development. This session focusses on the role and effectiveness of government intervention in socialist and post-socialist countries with respect to addressing health issues, speeding economic recovery, etc. Scholars have observed the adoption of top-down practices including lockdowns, curfews, tax relief, stimulus packages, rent and mortgage relief, etc. Examining these strategies can provide insights on effectiveness of governance at various levels.

