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Strategic Approach to Urban Challenges

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Course Objectives

The course will focus on the urban and city policy related processes (analysis, formulation, acceptance and implementation) and strategic planning and implementation methodologies. It will start from the review of the context where local governments operate and the available strategic planning approaches, after it will single out specific issues related to financial and sector policies, and in the closing block it will reconnect issues through the discussion of some integrated urban strategies. The course will cover issues like decentralization, strategic planning methodology and practice and will have discussions on municipal finance and service delivery with special attention to local financial management and different partnership arrangements. The sectors like transportation, utilities, as well as programs and projects of urban rehabilitation, local economic development and urban development will be analyzed in detail. On the other hand, issues such as social inclusion, environment and urban economy will be treated as cross cutting issues and discussed through their implication and relevance to the various key topics. Overall, the course will be specifically tailored around the crucial issues of local governance in the post-socialist region but will include methodology and analysis suitable for all countries involved in the globalization processes as well as case studies from different parts of the world.

Course applicants will be asked to submit a **case study** as the equivalent of one of the general application requirements listed in Section VIII. Attachments of the application form (An English language article/research paper in progress, which you would like to develop for publishing as the outcome of the course)

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Application deadline: February 14, 2005

Further information on the course (detailed course description, faculty CVs, etc.), on eligibility criteria and funding options available at http://www.ceu.hu/sun

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