

## CONFERENCE PROGRAM HERITAGE AND DEPOPULATION IN EUROPE

### 27. 8. 2025

#### **Interdisciplinary research on cultural heritage and depopulation in Europe (9:00 – 12:20)**

Presentation of the international research project  
Heritage in Depopulated European Areas

Presentations by leading experts in the field of cultural  
heritage research (Ulrich Kockell, Gintaras Prikockis)

#### **Demographic changes and their relation to cultural transmission (13:20 – 15:30)**

Presentations linked to the change of cultural  
transmissions in relation to demographic changes in  
selected European regions, e.g. Armenia, Czech  
Republic, Hungary, Slovakia, etc.

#### **Urban heritage and architecture in depopulated areas (13:20 – 15:30)**

Contributions thematizing the relationship between  
urban cultural heritage, socio-cultural space and  
memory, using studies from the Balkans, Bulgaria, the  
Czech Republic and Lithuania as examples.

#### **Local culture and depopulation (13:20 – 15:30)**

Contributed papers based on research on remote  
regions, mountainous and rural areas in Shetland,  
Kosovo, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic and Armenia.

#### **Round Table - Challenges of depopulation for European regions (16:00 – 18:00)**

A panel discussion with local government officials,  
representatives of non-profit organisations, heritage  
and cultural institutions from the Czech Republic,  
Lithuania and Shetland, focusing on the practical  
implications of depopulation in the regions, particularly  
in relation to cultural heritage.

### 28. 8. 2025

#### **Interdisciplinary research on cultural heritage and depopulation in Europe (9:00 – 10:45)**

Presentations by experts in the field of research on  
European tangible and intangible cultural heritage (Asta  
Prikockienė, Mairéad Nic Craith, Camila del Mármol,  
Kestutis Zaleckis, Alexandra Bitušíková, Annelie  
Sjölander Lindqvist).

#### **Cultural heritage as a path to sustainable communities (11:00 – 14:00)**

A series of presentations reflecting research in the  
regions of Serbia, Croatia, Bulgaria, Armenia, Czech  
Republic, Romania and Latvia.

#### **Depopulation and rural communities (11:00 – 14:00)**

A block of presentations on the depopulation of rural  
regions, the transformation of local communities and  
their coexistence in the regions of Serbia, Armenia,  
Kosovo, Bulgaria, Latvia, Croatia and the Czech  
Republic.

#### **Social and cultural consequences of depopulation (11:00 – 14:00)**

A set of presentations related to the formation and  
transformation of socio-cultural spaces and practices in  
contemporary and historical perspectives in the areas of  
Spain, Sweden, Scotland, Czech Republic and Latvia.

#### **Workshops (14:15 – 15:45)**

Three moderated workshops drawing on applied  
research touching on cultural transmissions in  
depopulated areas of Europe (Latvia, Czech Republic,  
Shetland Islands).

### 29. 8. 2025

**Cultural Heritage Research - ARCHE (Alliance for Research on Cultural Heritage in Europe) (10:00 – 13:00)**  
Current cultural heritage research - project funding and collaborative opportunities

The conference has a limited capacity and confirmed online registration  
is required for participation. [Registration](#)  
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