

International Summer School in Social Anthropology

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The Sociology Department of the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, West University of Timișoara (UVT), gathers international and local participants at the **12th Edition of the International Summer School in Social Anthropology: Urban Transformations and Social Concerns**, held in Timișoara from 6th to 10th of July 2026 (physical mobility), and a virtual component on 22 June 2026, 9-12 CET.

We are BA, MA, and doctoral social science students and researchers interested in European urban studies, cultural heritage, livability, and social identity dynamics, and we are participating in one week of ethnographic fieldwork in international teams, cultural exchange, and cross-disciplinary teamwork in Timișoara.

Academic staff

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 **JULY 10th, 2026**
13:00

 **ROOM A01**
West University of Timișoara, Bv. Vasile Pârvan, No.4

Poster session:

Timișoara - Urban Transformations and Social Concerns

Topics:

Housing and liveability in Timișoara

Green City

Trans- Multi- Inter- Cultural Timișoara

Income, Migration and Work-Life

Students Life

Art & Cultural Heritage of Timișoara

International students in sociology and anthropology explore the culture and social life of Timișoara through participatory observation of everyday situations and sensory ethnographic methods. Their studies include:

- Field visits and collaborative activities
- Capturing images of urban landscapes
- Conducting transect walks
- Engaging in encounters with locals, students, commuters, migrants, and cultural tourists that reveal insights not obtainable through other means
- Sightseeing to uncover the rhythms, boundaries, and embodied knowledge of the city