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Suburbanisation: Community, identity and everydayness

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Suburbanisation is an ongoing trend in developing post-socialist cities, expanding into their hinterlands. Research in this area has predominantly focused on quantitative analyses of fundamental processes such as migration, construction, and changes in landscape structures. These analyses have typically been approached from the perspective of the metropolitan area. However, significant social and cultural transformations occur within a dynamic environment influenced by intense migration. New identities are being negotiated and created, relationships to locality are being reassessed, and individual experiences of home are being redefined.

What remain insufficiently explored thus far are the specific place-making processes and relations that individuals and groups of different socio-demographic characteristics (age, gender, ethnicity, religiosity, social status, etc.) engage in. These processes are further translated into preferences, ideas, or norms, which confront and change the socio-cultural and institutional environment of the suburbs.

We welcome papers that engage with the following themes:

- local communities in suburban space,
- old and new in a process of dynamic change,
- the future of suburban spaces,
- demographic transformations of the city versus the suburbs.
- processes of identification with place, the making and remaking of home,

- housing versus home,
- the growth of suburban space and the environment,
- identity of place and belonging.

Contributors are kindly requested to submit their abstracts and keywords directly through the editorial system of the Journal Slovak Ethnology (https://journals.savba.sk/index.php/slovenskynarodopis/login) no later than 30th November, 2024.

The final manuscripts will be expected no later than 31st March, 2025, through the same editorial system. They should not exceed 6,250 words or 45,000 characters, including spaces, notes, and references, and should follow the journal's guidelines for authors accessible (HERE).