

RESEARCH ON AGENTS OF CHANGE IN OLD INDUSTRIAL REGION

METHODOLOGICAL SEMINAR

The development paths of old industrial areas are constantly shaped (or maintained) by stakeholders with various interests and at different levels.

- But what about the perspective of local people, motivated by their relationship with the place?
- How can we research them? Do we want to help them?
- And if so, how can we avoid going crazy?

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WHEN? 21. 10. 2025
WHERE? Room 103

13:15 – 14:45

HIGH-SKILLED MIGRATION BETWEEN BRAIN-DRAIN AND BRAIN-GAIN

DISCUSSION

Internal migration is considered one of the key factors contributing to spatial polarisation. While skilled migrants continue to concentrate near economic centres, we are also seeing subgroups of educated people moving to rural areas and the periphery.

- How can we study brain drain and brain gain in an environment with imperfect data?
- How can we navigate between quantitative and qualitative approaches when studying these phenomena?
- What planning implications can we draw from this research?



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WHERE? Room 103

HIGH-SPEED DEVELOPMENT?

LOCAL IMPACTS OF PLANNED HIGH-SPEED RAILWAY TERMINALS

SEMINAR

Strategic projects, such as high-speed railways, are generally considered to be beneficial initiatives that improve accessibility to core areas and boost the competitiveness of regions and countries. However, such projects create winners and losers.

- Who is who?
- How can we maximise the positive impact?
- How can planning practices be improved to minimise the number of losers?

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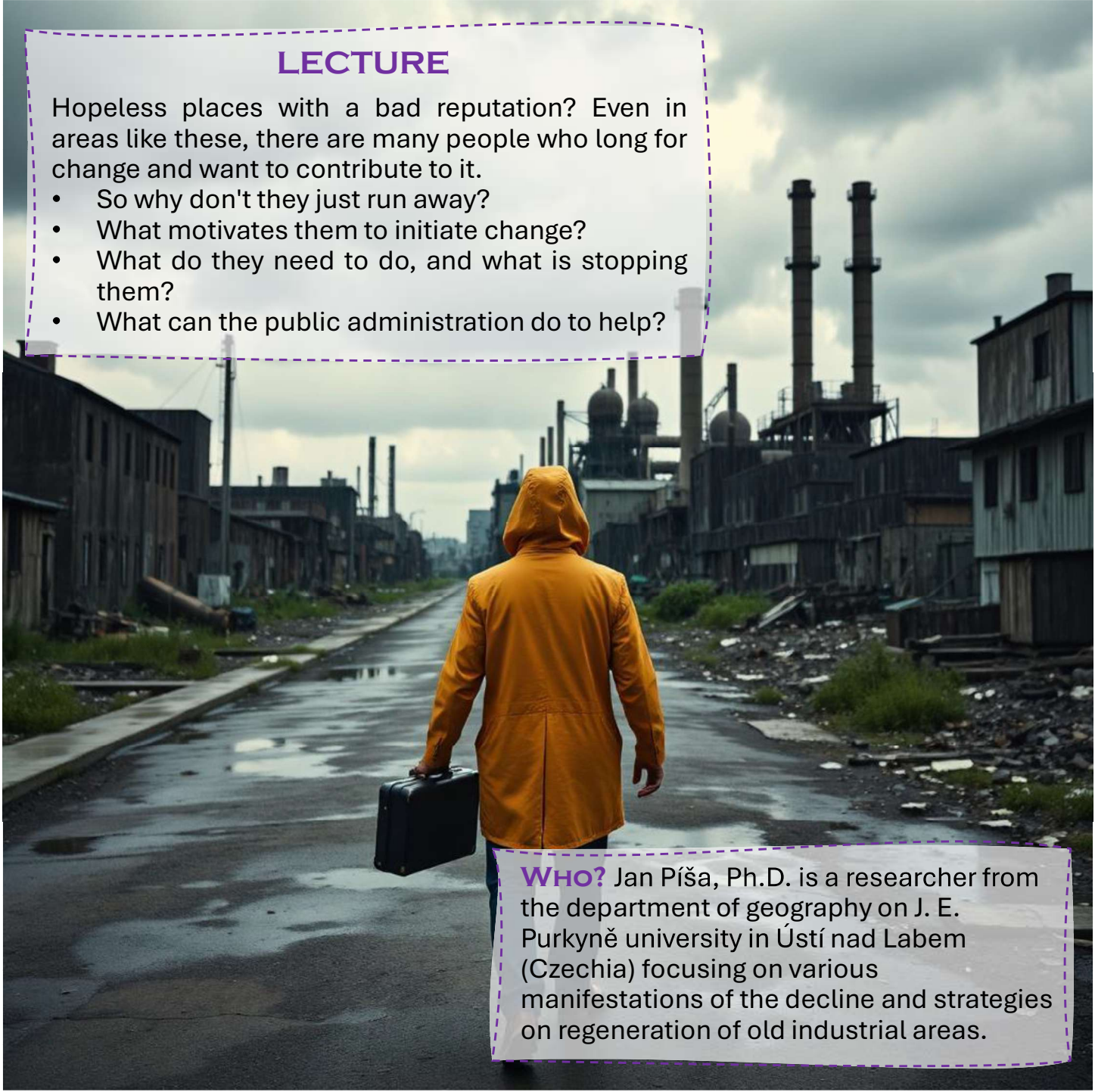
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WHAT CAN I DO FOR MY PLACE?

LECTURE

Hopeless places with a bad reputation? Even in areas like these, there are many people who long for change and want to contribute to it.

- So why don't they just run away?
- What motivates them to initiate change?
- What do they need to do, and what is stopping them?
- What can the public administration do to help?



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10:00 – 11:30

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