

Application Guidelines for GSZ Urban Theory Symposium 2026

What is this?

The Urban Theory Symposium is a high-profile public event on an important urban topic or theoretical perspective with 4-6 international guests recognised in the field. Its main aim should be to advance urban theory debates and/or explore new theoretical perspectives for urban studies.

The symposium is organised by at least one post-doc or professor affiliated to the GSZ. It is expected that the organisers play an important role in proposing or advancing the theoretical agenda to be addressed in the symposium.

The symposium should take place at the beginning of the winter semester 2026 and **no later than November 20, 2026**. At least one of the invited guests should give a lecture at one of our first Think & Drink Colloquia. Ideally, the symposium should result in a publication, such as a special issue or edited volume.

Who can apply?

Individuals or groups of post-docs and professors, where at least one organiser is a GSZ member

What is the amount of the Symposium funding?

The Urban Theory Symposium is funded with a maximum of 4.000 € for travel and accommodation costs for the invited guests, as well as for catering during the event.

Which documents need to be included in the application?

1. A letter (3 pages max), including
 - a detailed outline of the proposed Symposium, emphasizing its relevance and timeliness
 - an explanation of how the proposed project fits into the center's specific conceptual foci
 - names of 4-6 international scholars to be invited, including alternatives if invitations are declined
2. A one-page CV for each applicant

How do I submit my application?

Your application must be submitted electronically either in German or English as **one PDF document** to the coordinator of the GSZ: henrik.schultze@hu-berlin.de

The application deadline is April 30, 2026.

Selection Procedure

A selection committee composed of professors and experienced postdocs who are members of the GSZ will review the applications and grant the funding.