

# International Conference

## Cultural reputation and mental mapping: Narva



### Plenary Lecture “Feeling Narva: Unravelling Affective Layers in Urban Coexistence and Identity”

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How do different feelings of Narva residents evoke political meaning and potential? In what ways do sentiments of disenchantment intersect with love and hopefulness, thus offering the potential to inspire action? How do they shed light on diverse problems, hierarchies, solidarities, and senses of belonging that form the intricate fabric of city life? This presentation seeks to address these questions, with a specific focus on the ambiguous nature of feelings, such as boredom, resentment, and shame. Drawing on a long-standing studies of affect and emotions, as well as ethnographic research conducted in Narva, this presentation explores how ongoing socio-political and economic shifts mould and influence the affective dynamics and emotional repertoires of the city's residents. It scrutinises how certain emotions are deemed unfit for the evolving realities of post-socialist life in Estonia, while also examining their potential as catalysts for reimagining social coexistence and perceptions of space and identity within the country.

