

**Faculty:** Justin Hollander, Professor, Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning, Graduate School of Arts & Sciences

**Project Locations:** Budapest, Hungary, Cardiff, Wales and Medford, MA. Remote work from home or at Tufts University/Medford, MA if international travel is not possible in summer 2022.

**Dates:** Mid-May-late-August (16 weeks)

**Project Title:** Digital public spaces across Europe: A systematic investigation of design and planning strategies in Cardiff, Wales and Budapest, Hungary

**Project Details:** At the time of this writing, multitudes across the planet continue to be living under lock down orders due to the spread of the coronavirus, ostensibly under a version of house arrest. For those of with reliable Internet access, they are trying to live their lives in this alternate virtual reality spending inordinate amount of time online. While the digitalization of our work, social, and educational lives has been steadily growing over the last several decades, since the dawn of the Internet people have always experienced a hybrid between these digital realms and the analog ones – but no longer. This research will employ a comparative research design exploring European and U.S. cities and build on research Professor Hollander in this area with close case studies with collaborating universities in Budapest, Hungary and Cardiff, Wales (UK).

**Tasks and Responsibilities of Research Assistant:**

The student will assist with literature searching and reviewing, case study research design, and qualitative data collection, interviews, and documentary analysis.

**Qualifications:**

- Strong analytical skills
- Data collection and analysis skills (experience with statistical software packages is a plus)
- Experience with qualitative research

**Description of Field Site:**

Two major European cities: Budapest, Hungary and Cardiff, Wales (UK).

**Housing in Hungary and Wales:**

Dormitories at the two partner universities, Mathias Corvinus Collegium and Cardiff University.