This year Kharkov Club — an international non-governmental organization — celebrates its 10th anniversary. Kharkov Club has been established in the first capital of Ukraine as the unity of intellectualists, public figures and businessmen whose aim is to issue the challenges concerning modern social and in particular urban development.

Kharkov is the second largest city in Ukraine according to population — 1.5 million people — after the capital Kiev. Kharkov is the most important intellectual centre of Ukraine, an “educational capital” of the country; in the years of Ukrainian independence the number of students here has grown from 130 up to 300 thousands. After more than 15 years of stagnation the new building boom is expanding in the city.

These changes attendant the free market development take place on the background of all-embracing crisis of the urban way of life and corresponding decay of the city environment. Here a question arises — whether these crisis phenomena in the city culture are only the satellites of post-communist development, the “teething troubles” of new democracies or they indicate certain characteristic features common for the large contemporary cities.

Preliminary we plan to hold the discussions in six sections subdivided according to most painful modern challenges:

- **Section 1. Goals and Resources of Metropolis Development**
- **Section 2. Distribution of Social Functions/Dysfunctions across Metropolitan Territory**
- **Section 3. Oblivion of Historic Roots and of Vision of Future**
- **Section 4. Physical, Mental and Spirit Health of Townspeople**
- **Section 5. Social and Moral Responsibility of the Metropolis**
- **Section 6. Urban Ethics and Aesthetics**

The Conference participants will be also invited to the full-scale investigation of Kharkov city current changes — a case study of the post-communist development of urban cultural and social environment.

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**Preliminary programme:**
- Tuesday, 28th Oct. – Start reports, round table discussions and a exploring tour around city centre
- Wednesday, 29th Sept. and Thursday, 30th Sept.– Reports and discussions in the sections. Case studies
- Friday 31st Oct. – Presentation of case studies results. Conclusions of the Conference

**Deadlines:**
- 15th September – receiving the abstracts of papers
- 30th September – accepting the abstracts of papers
- 10th October – sending the final programme of the Conference to the participants

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