

## UrbanMetaMapping Semester Talks: Winter Term 2021/22 via zoom, 12.00 - 13.00 (CEST)

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### Relics of war: identifying and mapping 'destroyed' churches in modern landscapes

At the end of the Second World War many places across Europe, from national capitals to tiny villages, had suffered damage. Prominent buildings were often targets, and churches were commonly affected. This paper extends recent work on the retention of damaged churches as war memorials to consider the identification of such ruins, particularly using digital and social media which are now revealing more of the Eastern European landscape. We consider typologies of such structures, distribution maps and their relationship to their surrounding landscapes and settlement forms. In particular, where the surrounding urban form was also damaged and rebuilt, how did the spatial relationship of retained monument to new urban form change? Is there any link between such relationships and how these monuments are perceived and used, particularly as we move further away from the conflict itself? These are important considerations in the relationship between people and place, and in how relics of difficult heritage are dealt with.



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