

ABSTRACTS

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■ ***What Is It Like***

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What is it like to live in a sleepy village, not in the “center”? The answer given by the writer who lives with his wife, most of the time, in a small village far from Budapest, where they have a small apartment, is quite straightforward. The village is not sleepy: most families have cars, TV, and more than one mobile phone. He can watch news and films also on English and German stations, be in a town in ten minutes by car, where he can buy foreign papers, and most periodicals that are available in the library anyway. He subscribes to the London Times on the Internet and reads the Times Literary Supplement on paper. They have friends both in the village and nearby, and he prefers living and working ‘far from the madding crowd’ and the virulent political tensions that also divide literary life in Budapest. Anyway, he was born and brought up in Buda, not in Pest, which was and still is the center of the city and city life.

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■ ***Life in the Suburbs: Dream or Nightmare?***

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The study focuses on the major theories of urban sociology related to the phenomenon of suburbanization from the conventional perspective of human ecology to critical theories. The first part presents the dilemmas regarding the possible definitions of the suburbanization, followed by the historical process of suburbanization and its various stages, from its incipient forms to the problem of the urban sprawl. The second part discusses the main theoretical approaches to the causes and effects of suburbanization, all exemplified with typical situations encountered in our society. The third part

deals with the possibilities and limitations of new approaches to modern urbanism in the spirit of sustainable development.

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■ ***Articles of Hungarian Major János Tuzson about his Activity during the Hungarian War of Independence in 1848-49***

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In the present paper, the author publishes primary sources on Hungarian Major János Tuzson’s activity during the Hungarian War of Independence in 1848-1849. In 1848, Tuzson served as sergeant in the 15th (2nd *Székely*) Border Guard Regiment, and fought with the mobilised battalion of his unit in Southern Hungary and in the main theatre of operations, and also took part in Major General Józef Bem’s Transylvanian campaign. In February 1849, he returned home and organised a new battalion, which later was numbered 86. He became commander of the latter unit and soon was promoted to major. He took part in the Battle of Tömös in late March, and then from 20 June 1849 he fought with divisions from Brassó (today Braşov, Romania) and other *Székely* regions. He also took part in Bem’s inroad to Moldova. János Tuzson donated his estate to the Székely National Museum. In the 1970s, the archival documents of the Székely National Museum were handed over to the State Archives of Kovászna (Covasna) County. Unfortunately, only remnants of the Tuzson estate have survived, the manuscripts discussing his activity in 1848-1849 are not available. To the author’s knowledge, two of the mentioned manuscripts had been published by the press, but their availability is limited, and therefore it is reasonable to republish their annotated version. In addition, a copy of Tuzson’s letter to Bem has been found in the Hungarian National Archives, which is also published by the author.