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Abstract of the presentation entitled:

**Urban archeology as a main factor of rebuilding the old city structure**

In many regions of the world archaeological works, whether taken in the past or nowadays, remain as important elements in the open landscape or the urban landscape for reading history and the meaning of history. Archaeological discoveries are a challenge for archaeologists - how to expose excavated relics; for architects - how to use the fragments of ruins to compose a clear three-dimensional message for present and future generations; for urban planners - how to integrate archaeological sites and excavated architectural relics into the modern city structure as to be essential elements identifying and distinguishing at the same time public spaces of the city. In all of these cases, the most important element and function in the landscape is the archaeological site.

Sometimes, however, archaeological works are invisible, although their importance to the contemporary structure of the city is priceless. This is the case with large-scale archaeological research for the reconstruction of cities that disappeared from the face of the world during World War II. The presentation will focus on archaeological research and the method of reconstruction of the historical urban landscape of the medieval city of Elbląg.