

REPORT



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1. PRESENTATION:

The International Geographical Union - Commission for Latin American Studies is proud to present its annual report 2013 to the delight of its members and organizers of the Commission.

At the International Congress of Geography "Cologne 2012" held in August of that year the Committee on Latin American Studies under the General Assembly was created. The UGI there are 36 working committees, 5 working groups and 1 Special Working Group.

The Committee on Latin American Studies, aims to study Latin America in his space and time, the socio-spatial transformations that have been taking place in our continent, from a critical perspective with endogenous relationships (intra - continental) and exogenous relationships with other continents or sub-continents (North America and Europe).

The mission of the Committee on Latin American Studies of IGU is to *"To establish a social network producer of American Geographical research with a critical view from the academy and from the praxis, formed from the everyday that are looking to explore the rich Latin American knowledge ontology subjected in the geopolitics of knowledge in space - time of the system - world. The Commission for Latin American Studies is a platform for professionals to achieve Latin American geography contributions of high theoretical and methodological level of the various geographies in the service of our people. "*

We appreciate the opportunity given to the idea of publicizing the geographies of Latin America in the International Geographical Union and we hope that from the beginning of our activities we can include more Latin American geographers to the activities of the IGU.

Juan Manuel Delgado Estrada

President

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International Geographical Union

2. BACKGROUND:

The Committee on Latin American Studies, aims to study Latin America in his space and time as well as the socio-spatial transformations that have been taking place in our continent, from a critical perspective with endogenous relationships (intra - continental) and exogenous to other continents or sub-continentes (North America and Europe).

We have plenty interest in analyzing power relations between the political organization of society and geographical space at various scales which often generates crises and changes which are transformed into a new complexity in Latin America.

The Latin American Geography is no stranger to all the world events. In the past our new nation-states began to inventory its natural resources, to organize their territories according to their changing needs of its ruling class, for this geography, with a mapping profile was the main weapon of domination as it was also in the colonial centuries on indigenous peoples and racial, religious minorities. These transformations produce culture and everyday cultural practices of individuals and groups, expressed in institutions, subjectivities and social movements.

The project baselines are based on building relationships with the various regional or global organizations that deal with education, economy and state policies at regional and global levels. Start with the UN system (CEPA , UNU , UNEP, UNDP , UNESCO and others). The relationship would have with the ISSC (International Council for Social Sciences) body attached to UNESCO would be focused to do together events and research in the near future , there is also the possibility of a relationship with other body as FLACSO (Faculty Latin American Social Science) which is a Latin American think tank , CLASCO (Latin American Council of Social Sciences) is a network of research centers in Latin America , we consider very important the relationship with the OAS (Organization of American States) , specifically with its Geographic research executive body which is the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (IPGH), with the commission of Geography.

The Meeting of Latin American Geographers (EGAL) is the highest Latin American event that is the result of this expectation we have Latin American geographers to achieve production from Latin America to the world, so every two years since 1987, the EGAL are made , the first one in Águas de São Pedro, organized by the Universidade Estadual Paulista (UNESP) within the state of São Paulo, Brazil. After have been conducted every 2 years in Uruguay (Montevideo, 1989), Mexico (Toluca, 1991), Venezuela (Mérida, 1993), Cuba (Havana, 1995), Puerto Rico (San Juan, 1997), Argentina (Buenos Aires , 1999), Chile (Santiago, 2001), Mexico (Merida, 2003), Brazil (São Paulo, 2005), Colombia

(Bogotá, 2007), Uruguay (Montevideo, 2009), Costa Rica (San José, 2011), 2013 took place in Lima, Peru EGAL XIV, in which the UGI was the main sponsor.

There are other events that are antecedents that continue to be important for its importance in geography, as the Latin American Meetings of Students of Geography (ELEG) Georayzal (Network Geographers Latin America root), International Meetings Humboldt (Humboldt Red).

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4. PUBLICATIONS:

In 2013 we started a publishing project with Peru National Committee to conduct a project with translations of Brazilian Geographers in Portuguese language to Spanish starting with Carlos Walter Porto Gonçalves and most importantly, this project includes the best-known geographer of America: Milton Santos, the collection will be called Latin Geographic Thought.



Libro de Geografía de América Latina de la UGI Perú y UGI – Comisión de Estudios Latinoamericanos.

- **WEB Page**

The Committee on Latin American Studies UGI established a Web site www.ugi-latinoamerica.org in Spanish with simultaneous translation in English, French and Portuguese.

The website was created to disseminate various areas of activities of IGU with Latin America and also the activities of our committee, from events, publications and research journals in order to encourage networking and database research subscription data for our newsletter Commission.

We have created an online map so that all partners are registered and have a real-time database on the interests of their research to make decisions later.

We have created two Facebook accounts one personal and the other as a fan page, we are also subscribed to twitter and have already created a YouTube channel.



Página web de la Comisión de Estudios latinoamericanos de la UGI.

• E-Newsletter

In our travels during 2013 has been the need to create an IGU Bulletin - LATAM to bring Latin American geographers with the activities of the IGU. Its frequency is semiannual, Secretary of the Committee on Latin American Studies - UGI Nunez Javier Villalba (Bolivia) leads the editorial team, Verenitze Valencia (Ecuador) and Juan Manuel Delgado (Peru) are the other members, and we are awaiting confirmation from other people.

The newsletter will be electronic and distributed to more than 5000 mails that are managed as a database of Latin American Geographers web address is <http://www.ugi-latinoamerica.org/boletin/> and is registered with ISSN.

The structure of the Bulletin of the Commission for Latin American Studies will be as follows:

1. Presentation

2. Highlights

3. Interviews

4. Items:

Situation

Reviews of Books

5. Communication of events and activities

6. Others

• **Latin American Journal of Geography**

We have been investigating whether a previous project but to date we have no answers, although other institutions have their own scale of American magazines. There Journals of geography as "Annales de géographie Revue" in French, also the journal "Annals" of the Association of American Geographers. We therefore consider very important to publish the magazine with the name "Annals of Geography / Geography Anais da" in Spanish and Portuguese.

We are shaping the editorial committee that will feature professional prestige and international recognition as well as we are also designing the editorial proposal to the respective disclosure requests within a dossier of the magazine.

In early 2014 the call for the design of the logo and the call for papers, essays, reviews and interviews will be held.

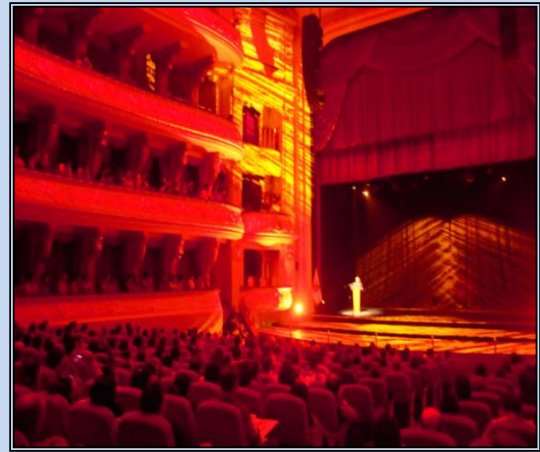
5. EVENTS:

The Commission for Latin American Studies has organized, sponsored and carried out the following events:

ORGANIZED

- **XIV Meeting of Latin American Geographers - EGAL 2013 Peru**

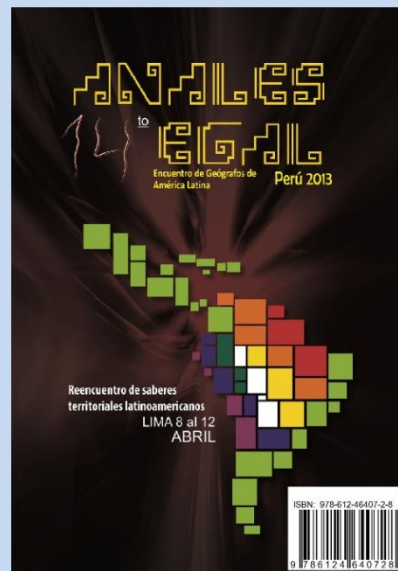
The Fourteenth Meeting of Latin American Geographers - XIV EGAL PERU 2013 was inaugurated at the Municipal Theater of Lima. In the following days, presentations were made in the various branches of the XIV EGAL 2013 Peru, were developed with 11 themes 1312 oral exhibitors and poster and 1632 attendees with almost 70% Brazilians geographers; various lectures were presented, roundtables and mini courses, which were chaired by renowned professionals of geography.



Fotos de la Inauguración del XIV Encuentro de Geógrafos de América Latina 2013 Perú

Having a cultural program in Peru XIV EGAL 2013 was a challenge for the first time to be included in the official program of the event and not as an alternative event such as occurred in previous editions of EGAL. Art exhibitions, books, documentaries, talk shows and photographic expositions with geographic orientation made by participants of the 2013 Peru EGAL XIV were taken.

Was read at the closing words sent by the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the IGU Vladimir Kolossov to the participants of the XIV EGAL 2013 Peru.



Anales del XIV Encuentro de Geógrafos de América latina 2013 Perú

6. INTRA RELATIONS – INTER INSTITUTIONAL:

Communications have been established to make agreements with the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (IPGH), FLACSO (Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences), CLASCO (Latin American Council of Science), Post-Associação de Pesquisa em Graduação and geography (ANPEGE) from Brazil AGB (Associação dos Brasileiros Geographers), and Pan American and regional organizations in Latin America, we have advanced talks sometimes with letters of intent to sign cooperation agreements.

We want to have a close relationship with the CLAG (Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers) and AAG (Association of American Geographers) but by the time the communication is electronic but we like to have a direct link and achieve add members to our committee, we are seeking financial resources to participate in the events they organize.

We are having a lot of resonance for the creation of National Committees UGI in Latin American countries where there still exist these Committees as Venezuela, Bolivia and Ecuador so we believe that soon news will be taken in these countries for the General Secretary and the Executive Committee.

We have had contact with some of the working committees of the IGU as the Education Committee, the working group Olympics panel geography and Global Understanding in 2014 will reinforce the bonds to have suggestions and contributions for his expertise as a committee / working group for many years. With the National Committee Peru obviously have a very fluid and mutually supportive relationship that we hope will be an example to other committees.