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1. INTRODUCTION

During the period reported in the Newsletter 1/2018, January-June 2018, the Commission developed the activities established in its action plan and has been active in the planning and programming of its activities for 2019. The Commission held two sessions in the IGU Thematic Conference in Moscow, in early June, was engaged in the 26th NISPAcee Annual Conference in May, and endorsed the 3rd International Conference on Urban e-Planning that took place in April. The online communication tools, intended to support the work of the Commission - the website, the electronic mailing list and the blog - have been used regularly for the dissemination of information. The digital online archive of past activities and publications continued to be updated. The directory of corresponding members has been enriched with new members. Recent publications by members of the Steering Committee, related to the core subject of the Commission, are listed below. The process for the publication of a selection of the papers presented in the 2017 Annual Conference is being developed as planned and it is expected to be available in print form in 2019.

The action plan for the second semester includes the sessions proposed and organised by the Commission in the IGU Regional Conference, in Canada, in August, and the Commission 2018 Annual Conference, in Portugal, in September. It includes also the session co-convened by a Commission member in the 2018 AESOP Conference, in July; the session convened by a Commission member in the 2018 NZGS-IAAG Conference, in July; and the session convened by a Commission member in the World Social Science Forum 2018, in Japan, in September.

In sum, with these activities, we aim to enhance the current debates on local and urban governance and to strength the Commission as a community of researchers. The Commission will consider and discuss proposals for possible collaboration put forward by the International Council for Science (ISC) as well as by other international science organizations with which the IGU is related. It is also our aim to explore grant opportunities for joint research. We will continue our efforts to expand our activities to other regions of the world, as in 2018 (e.g., Asia/Japan; Oceania/New Zealand; America/Canada), alone or in collaboration with other IGU Commissions as well as organisations outside the IGU. In this context, besides Africa and South America, the Commission will also explore the possibility to hold future meetings in South Asia and in the Middle East. We continue strongly committed to maintain our successful publishing activity. A new Springer book series on 'Local and Urban Governance', founded and edited by Carlos Nunes Silva, was launched in 2018, with the first volumes expected to be published in 2019.



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2. STEERING COMMITTEE, AIMS, THEMES: 2016-2020

2.1 Steering Committee

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2.2 Aims

1. To advance knowledge of the geography of territorial governance, at the urban, local and regional levels, namely the conditions, scale and characteristics of new modes of territorial governance, and its social, cultural, political, economic and environmental consequences.

2. To identify new perspectives and to explore new research methodologies and different geographical approaches in the field of urban, local and regional governance.

3. To provide a platform for the exchange of information, research outcomes, and best practices among its members.
4. To enhance current bilateral and multilateral research cooperation among its members and to support the creation of new research networks in the field of urban, local and regional governance, connecting its members with existing international research programs and organizations, increasing interdisciplinary research collaboration across disciplines.
5. To support and promote the publication and dissemination of scholarly research outcomes of its members, in peer-reviewed international journals and in books.
6. To advance educational activities through workshops focused on urban, local and regional governance issues, contributing to the training of the next generation of scientists in this field.
7. To increase the awareness of urban, local and regional governance issues among citizens, local communities and governments.
8. To develop initiatives focused on specific issues in cooperation with members of other IGU Commissions sharing similar or related interests.

2.3 Themes

The Commission aims to explore, but is not limited to, the following themes:

1. Administrative decentralization and multi-layered governance
2. Local and regional government / governance
3. Urban and metropolitan governance
4. Local and regional government reforms
5. Administrative fragmentation and merger reforms
6. Decentralized cooperation and development
7. Inter-municipal cooperation
8. Cross-border municipal and regional cooperation
9. Governance of spatial planning processes
10. Governance of complex environmental systems
11. Governance in conflict and post-conflict areas
12. Citizen participation in local and regional government
13. Age-, disabled- and gender-responsive approaches in urban, local and regional government policies
14. Administrative systems and local public service delivery
15. Local government finance systems
16. Local Government, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the Habitat-III New Urban Agenda
17. Anthropocene: changes and challenges for urban, local and regional governance

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18. The use of ICTs in urban, local and regional governance: e-Government, e-Governance and Citizen e-Participation
19. Transparency, accountability and good governance in local and regional government
20. Big Data and new digital research methods in urban governance

3. ORGANIZATION AND ACTIVITIES

During the period reported in the Newsletter 1/2018 the following activities have been developed:

- 3.1 Online communication tools
- 3.2 Digital Archive
- 3.3 Activity Plan 2018-2022
- 3.4 Membership
- 3.5 Organization of Conferences and other Meetings
- 3.6 Publications

3.1 Online communication tools. During the first semester of 2018 the online communication tools (website; electronic forum and mailing-list; blog) were continuously updated and/or used for the dissemination of information.

- The IGU-CCoG Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/igugeogov/home>
- Mailing list: <https://sites.google.com/site/igugeogov/mailling-list>
- Blog: <http://igugeogov.blogspot.pt/>

3.2 Digital Archive. The Digital Archive of the Commission has currently five sessions and is available online (<https://sites.google.com/site/igugeogov/archive>). At the end of 2017 the Commission sent to the IGU Central Archive, located in the Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography, Germany, 14 documents related to its activities in 2017.

3.3 Activity Plan 2018-2022. The activity plan for the period 2018-2022 includes a variety of initiatives (e.g., the Commission Annual Conferences; the sessions organized by the Commission in the IGU main meetings, as is the case of the IGU Regional Conference in Canada, in August 2018; and other meetings or sessions convened and organized by members of the Steering Committee in numerous other International Conferences, publications, and tentatively also joint research activities).

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3.4 Membership. The list of corresponding members is being updated and expanded since January 2018.

3.5 Organization of Conferences and other Meetings. As reported in the following sections of this Newsletter, members of the Steering Committee have been very active, during the first semester of 2018, in the organization of scientific meetings focused on themes pertaining to the core subject of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance, as well in the planning and implementation of future meetings in the second semester of 2018 and in the following years.

3.6 Publications. Members of the Steering Committee published books, chapters, articles, and book reviews on issues related to the core subject of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance. The consolidated list of recent publications will be published in the Newsletter 2/2018.

4. CONFERENCES IN 2018

4.1 IGU Thematic Conference "Practical Geography and XXI Century Challenges", Moscow, Russia, June 4-6 2018

The session of the IGU Commission on Geography of Governance "Local Governance for Local Development in the XXI Century: Opportunities and Limitations" was co-convened and co-chaired by Olga Glezer (Institute of Geography, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Steering Committee member) and Carlos Nunes Silva (Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Lisbon, Portugal, chair of the Commission). The Commission Steering Committee was also represented in Moscow by Anna Trono (Department of Cultural Heritage, University of Salento, Lecce, Italy). The session aimed to explore, compare and draw practical lessons from the changes experienced by local government in different regions of the world, in the Global North as well as in the Global South, with special attention to Russia, in the last quarter century.

The main issues of the presentations were the examination of institutional changes in governance at the local level associated with two opposite processes in different countries – decentralization and centralization. Transition from the traditional hierarchical model of governance to network forms; engagement of private entities in local governance and new forms of citizen participation; application of information and communication technologies were analyzed by the participants.

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These processes were considered as challenges to the existing models of local governance.

The session was held on 6 June 2018 and consisted of two timeslots. They included eight oral presentations and one in poster form. Despite the relatively small number of participants, their geographical affiliation was broad: Poland, Hungary, Romania, Italy, Portugal, as well as three participants from Russia. The list of countries in the studies themselves was even more impressive: Poland, Hungary, Romania, Italy, Croatia, Russia and the five Lusophone African countries (Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique and Sao Tome and Principe). The presentations were enthusiastically received by the audience, which consisted not only the speakers themselves, but of other participants of the conference, although there was a great number of concurrent sessions to attend. Every presentation was accompanied by several questions and the answers, in turn, gave rise to a heated discussion. This is not surprising because local government is the level of power nearest to the population and very closely related to the geographical specificities of an area. Thus, it is clearly indicated that the aim set by the organizers of the session – to compare and assess the processes taking place in various countries - was more than successfully achieved.

It is important to emphasize that most of the speakers presented not results of the studies only, but their methodology also, therefore the session had an unconditional scientific value and contributed to the development of geography of governance. It is also important to note that the studies presented cover geographically diverse territories in relation to their size reflecting the multi-scale nature of both the problems and the scientific approaches.

It is worth listing the topics of all presentations. Carlos Nunes Silva conducted a comparative analysis of the progress and results of local government reforms in five Lusophone African countries as a tortuous process of building democracy at the local level. Anna Trono (co-author A. Grasso) presented the role of macro-regions in spatial transformations in Europe. Mihály Lados investigated the challenges of various levels of power in central–local relations in the conditions of centralization of governance in Hungary. Alexei Vasilyev considered urban structures as the basis of the administrative-territorial division of Croatia. Olga Glezer's presentation was devoted to the dynamics and preliminary results of process of legal registration process of municipal borders in Russia. Bartłomiej Kołsut analyzed intermunicipal cooperation in the field of waste management in Poland. Bogdan-N. Păcurar with co-authors studied the ratio of synergy and centrifugal forces in governance within the Cluj-Napoca region in Romania based on GIS mapping. Irina Volkova discussed



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territorial public self-government in Russia as a supplement and alternative to local governance and a form of citizen participation using a case study of the urban municipal settlement Bykovo in Moscow oblast. One more participant from Russia – Gerard Rostom presented a poster on the experience of using the model of special economic zones in Lipetsk for development at local level.

Participants of the section accepted the proposal of Olga Solomina and Vladimir Kolosov (Institute of Geography, RS), as the representatives of the organizers of the Conference, to publish their presentations in the form of full-text articles in some Russian geographical journals indexed in the Scopus Database (in English: '*Geography, Environment, Sustainability*' and '*Regional Research of Russia*'; in Russian: '*Russian Academy of Sciences Bulletin, Geographical Series*').

For more information, see the conference website: <http://100igras.ru/en/>

Full list of presentations in the sessions of the IGU-CGoG and the respective abstracts are available for download in the Commission website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/igugeogov/recent-held-conferences>

and in the Commission blog: <http://igugeogov.blogspot.com/2018/06/igu-thematic-conference-moscow-2018.html>

4.2 III International Conference 'Urban e-Planning', Lisbon, Portugal, 3-4 April 2018

The III International Conference 'Urban e-Planning', convened by Carlos Nunes Silva (Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Lisbon, Portugal, and chair of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance), was organized by the 'International Journal of E-Planning Research' and by the Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Lisbon, and was held in Lisbon, Portugal, on April 3 - 4 2018. The Conference was endorsed by the IGU Commission on Geography of Governance. The program included themes pertaining to the core subject of the IGU-CGoG. The conference was also an opportunity for the recruitment of new members for the Commission. The full conference report will be published in the International Journal of E-Planning Research, Vol. 8 (1), 2019. More information (program, abstracts, PowerPoint, etc.) is available in the conference website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/uep2018conference/>

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4.3 26th NISPAcee Annual Conference 24-26 of May, Iasi - Working Group on Local Governments (Coordinators: Michiel de Vries & Ilona Pálné Kovács)

Ilona Pálné Kovács (Institute for Regional Studies, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Hungary, and member of the IGU-CGoG Steering Committee) co-convened this meeting. The focus of the Working Group was on local government, especially on the centralization trend, and also on the attempts to improve the efficiency in local and regional decision making. Our working group organized five sessions with 19 papers presented by scholars from several countries (Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia, Kazakhstan, Russia, The Netherlands, Sweden, Hungary). One of the main topics was the tendency of recentralization in, among other countries, Hungary, Poland, Romania, and Kazakhstan, and VISEGRAD countries. Another major topic discussed was that of local leadership and especially the role of mayors in municipalities. A third topic discussed was local policy making with regard to, among other issues, homelessness, local finances, and local marketing. The last and major topic discussed concerned the impact of size on local government capacity.

4.4 Workshop on "Quality Brand for Sustainable Tourism", Lecce, Italy, 24-26 May 2018

The Workshop on "Quality Brand for Sustainable Tourism". Lecce, 24-26 May was organized by Anna Trono (Department of Cultural Heritage, University of Salento, Italy, and member of the IGU-CGoG Steering Committee), as scientific manager of the international project "Quality Network for Sustainable Tourism" (QNeST). ADRION Programme. Axis II SO 2.1 (2017-2019). QNeST Project – Quality Network for Sustainable Tourism aims to promote, for tourism purposes, the local cultural heritage (nature, art, handicraft, food, traditions, rites, practices, customs) of the territories of the Adriatic-Ionian Region and enhance their accessibility. To this end it seeks to set up an Adriatic-Ionian network of operators active in the promotion of sustainable tourism and to create a "quality brand" to be attributed to material and immaterial cultural heritage, in particular historic and traditional handicrafts and the Mediterranean Diet. The definition and attribution of the "QNeST brand" will be the result of activities designed to identify a common cultural identity linking the communities of the territories of the Adriatic-Ionian Region. Cultural heritage, especially of the "immaterial" kind, will constitute the key element of a system of shared "objects" characterising an endogenous dynamic of the economy, but social and cultural systems will also be considered, together with established best practices and those adopted by each individual actor involved, all of which however are designed to bring out the most interesting aspects of sustainable tourism.

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5. FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES, 2018-2022

5.1 AESOP 2018 Congress, Gothenburg, Sweden, July 10-14 2018

Peter Schmitt (Department of Human Geography, Stockholm University, Sweden, and member of the IGU-CGoG Steering Committee) is co-chair of the track "Governance" (together with Giancarlo Cotella, Italy and Alois Humer, Finland) at the 2018 AESOP Congress in Gothenburg, Sweden (10-14th of July, 2018). The overall congress theme is "Making Space for Hope". More information will be available in the Newsletter 2/2018 July-December.

5.2 NZGS/IAG Conference 2018 - 'Creative Conversations, constructive connections', University of Auckland, New Zealand, July 11-14

The IGU Commission Geography of Governance sponsored the session titled '(Re)turn of the Regions? Deciding Antipodean regional development' proposed by its member Jeff McNeill (School of People, Environment and Planning, Massey University, New Zealand): <https://sites.google.com/site/igugeogov/nzgs-iag2018> The Conference is jointly organized by the New Zealand Geographical Society and the Institute of Australian Geographers. More information will be available in the Newsletter 2/2018 July-December.

5.3 IGU Regional Conference, Quebec City, Canada, August 6-10 2018

The next regional meeting of the IGU will be held in Quebec City in few days time, from August 6 to 10 2018. The theme of the 2018 IGU Regional Conference is "Appreciating Difference / Apprécier la différence" (<http://igu2018.ulaval.ca/>). According to the most recent information received from the local organization commission, the IGU Commission Geography of Governance (IGU-CGoG) will hold 5 sessions with 24 presentations (23 oral presentations and 1 poster) on 7, 8 and 9 August. More information about the participation of the Commission is available in the Commission website: <https://sites.google.com/site/igugeogov/iguquebec2018> A full report will be published in the Newsletter 2/2018 July-December.

5.4 IGU Commission Geography of Governance - 2018 Annual Conference - "Fifty Years of Local Governance" -, Lisbon, Portugal, 4 - 5 September 2018

The 2018 Annual Conference of the IGU Commission on 'Geography of Governance' (IGU-GoG), organized in collaboration with the Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Lisbon, will be held in Lisbon, Portugal, 4 - 5 September 2018. It is convened by Carlos Nunes Silva (Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning,

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University of Lisbon, Portugal, and chair of the IGU CGoG). The Conference marks the establishment 30 years ago of the IGU Commission on Geography and Public Administration, after an initial period as a Study Group of the International Geographical Union, from 1984 to 1988. The conference seeks to revisit the main research issues addressed by the Commission since the mid 1980s and to explore the current trends and future challenges confronting local governance in the context of the new global urban agendas. More information is available in the Conference website: <https://sites.google.com/site/geogov2018/home>
A full report will be published in the Newsletter 2/2018 July-December.

5.5 World Social Science Forum 2018 - Fukuoka, Japan, September 25-28 2018

Yosuke Maeda (Faculty of Education, Niigata University, Japan, and member of the IGU-CGoG Steering Committee) organizes a session, on behalf of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance (IGU-CGoG) and in collaboration with the Geography of Public Affairs and Local Governance section of the Association of Japanese Geographers, in the “World Social Science Forum 2018”, that will take place in Fukuoka, Japan, September 25-28, 2018. The Forum is hosted by Kyushu University, supported by Science Council of Japan and by Japan Science and Technology Agency. For more information on the Forum, see the Forum website: <http://www.wssf2018.org/index.html>. Our session (28 September 2018) is focused on theme 6 (‘Development and inclusion in urban and rural area’) and its title is ‘New governance models for security and sustainability in rural and urban areas’. The session will consist of 3 or 4 papers from different countries. For more detailed information on the session, see the website: http://www.wssf2018.org/session-parallel-01-list.html#a_c6. A full report will be published in the Newsletter 2/2018 July-December.

5.6 First Workshop “Nordic Policy Styles in Urban and Regional Governance” (Nordic PoSt): 2018-2019, Stockholm, 18-19 October, 2018

Peter Schmitt (Department of Human Geography, Stockholm University, Sweden, and member of the IGU-CGoG Steering Committee) is part of a consortium that is led by Lukas Smas (also Department of Human Geography, Stockholm University, Sweden), which organizes this workshop. Three more workshops are planned until the end of 2019. It is financed by the Joint Committee for Nordic Research Councils in the Humanities and Social Sciences. More information will be available in the Newsletter 2/2018 July-December."

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5.7 International Conference on: “Accessibility and Sustainable Tourism”, Lecce, Italy, March 2019

The conference will be organized by Anna Trono (Department of Cultural Heritage, University of Salento, Italy, and member of the IGU-CCoG Steering Committee).

More information will be available in the conference website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/uep2019conference/>

5.8 AAG Annual Conference 2019, Washington, USA, 3-7 April 2019

Eran Razin (Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel, and member of the IGU-CCoG Steering Committee) and Carlos Nunes Silva (Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Lisbon, Portugal, and chair of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance) will co-organize a session in the 2019 Annual Meeting of the AAG - American Association of Geographers in Washington DC, on 3-7 April 2019. Early bird registration deadline: September 27th 2018.

AAG website: <http://annualmeeting.aag.org/>

More information will be available in due time in the Commission website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/igugeogov/>

5.9 IV International Conference 'Urban e-Planning', Lisbon, Portugal, 23-24 April 2019

The IV International Conference 'Urban e-Planning', convened by Carlos Nunes Silva (Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Lisbon, Portugal, and chair of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance), and organized by the 'International Journal of E-Planning Research' and by the Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Lisbon, will be held in Lisbon, Portugal, on April 2019. The Conference is endorsed by the IGU Commission on Geography of Governance. More information will be available in the conference website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/uep2019conference/>

5.10 Conference "Metropolitan Governance in Poland. Experiences, Effects and Challenges of the intermunicipal Cooperation in Metropolitan Areas", Poznan, Poland, April-May 2019

Tomasz Kaczmarek (Institute of Socio-Economic Geography and Spatial Management, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poland, and member of the IGU-CCoG Steering Committee) will convene and organize this scientific and local self-government conference on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Center for

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Metropolitan Research of the University of Adam Mickiewicz in Poznan. The conference is planned for April-May 2019. More information will be available in due time in the Commission website: <https://sites.google.com/site/igugeogov/>

5.11 Workshop on "New challenges of Decentralisation", Pécs, Hungary, 9-10 May 2019

Ilona Pálné Kovács (Institute for Regional Studies, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Hungary, and member of the IGU-CGoG Steering Committee) will convene and organize a Workshop on the theme "New challenges of Decentralisation", in Pécs, Hungary, in the Spring 2019. Decentralisation has been one of the buzzwords in the neoliberal good governance public policy literature in the last decades. After the main decentralisation trend in the western democracies, in the seventies, the developing and transition countries worldwide were advised to devolve most of the competences in public service delivery and in local economic development. The main argument was the fact that the decentralised democratic, participative way of managing local affairs could improve both accessibility and quality of public services and provide at the same time more transparency and legitimacy. Many territorial reforms have been implemented under the umbrella of principle of subsidiarity and decentralisation, supported and sponsored by the EU (cohesion funds) and other international organisations (OECD, World Bank, UN), referring especially the regional competitiveness and the achievement of the Millennium Goals. Not only the financial crisis in 2008 but also many negative experiences and even failed reforms so far contributed to the scepticism concerning decentralisation and rescaling. Thus, centralisation attempts emerged realizing that decentralisation has crucial preconditions and that for the overall governance, the political, economic, cultural-social and territorial contexts matter. The aim of the workshop is to discuss the experience of these recent territorial reforms. The workshop will include plenary and panel sessions. The call for papers will be announced in the Autumn 2018. The organization plans to publish a selection of the papers presented.

Papers are especially welcome on the following topics or approaches:

- Longitudinal and/or international comparative analysis of territorial reforms, successes and failures;
- Explicit and hidden methods of centralisation;
- National case studies of how local and regional governments used or misused their competences at various policy fields;
- National patterns for consolidating the local- regional governments during the crisis;

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- Theoretical papers on trends, advantages and disadvantages, legal and material preconditions of decentralisation.

More information will be available in due time in the Commission website:

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5.12 EUGEO 2019, NUI Galway, Ireland, 15-18 May 2019

Bríd Quinn (Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Limerick, Ireland, and member of the IGU-CGoG Steering Committee) and Carlos Nunes Silva (Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Lisbon, Portugal, and chair of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance) will co-organize a session in the EUGEO-2019, in Galway, Ireland, on 15-18 May 2019. The EUGEO 2019 general theme is: 'Re-Imagining Europe's Future Society and Landscapes'.

EUGEO 2019 website: <https://www.eugeo2019.eu/>

More information will be available in due time in the Commission website:

<https://sites.google.com/site/igugeogov/>

5.13 IGU Commission Geography of Governance 2019 Annual Conference

The plan to hold the 2019 Annual Conference of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance in Africa, in the second half of 2019, is being developed. More information on this initiative will be provided in the Newsletter 2/2018 July-December.

5.14 34th International Geographical Congress, 2020

The IGU Commission on Geography of Governance will participate in the 34th International Geographical Congress to be held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 17-21 August 2020.

5.15 IGU-UGI Paris 2022: 100^e anniversaire de la fondation de l'UGI / 100th IGU anniversary - 'Le temps des géographes' - 'Time for geographers', Paris, 18-22 July 2022

The IGU Commission on Geography of Governance will participate in the 100th IGU anniversary, to be held in Paris, France, on 18-22 July 2022.

5.16 Plan for other meetings (workshops / conferences / panels)

We aim to take part in other meetings in Europe (RGS-IBG, etc.), North America (UAA, etc.), South America (e.g., Latin America Geographers), Asia (e.g., China), Oceania (e.g., NZGS-IAAG), and in Africa (North and sub-Saharan). This will take the form of panels in large conferences (e.g., IGU Thematic Conferences) or own workshops and conferences. Some of these activities are expected to be developed in association with other IGU Commissions as well as with other professional associations. More information on this plan will be provided in the coming Newsletters.

6. OTHER ACTIVITIES BY COMMISSION MEMBERS

6.1 Ilona Pálné Kovács (Institute for Regional Studies, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Hungary, and member of the IGU-CGoG Steering Committee) has been selected as an alternate member of the Group of Independent Experts on European Charter of Local self-Government, Council of Europe.

6.2 Carlos Nunes Silva (Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Lisbon, Portugal, and chair of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance) is the founding Editor of a new Book Series on '*Local and Urban Governance*' to be published by Springer. This series contains research studies with policy relevance in the field of sub-national territorial governance, at the micro, local and regional levels, as well as on its connections with national and supranational tiers. The series is multidisciplinary and brings together innovative research from different areas within the Social Sciences and Humanities. The series is open for theoretical, methodological and empirical ground breaking contributions. Books included in this series explore the new modes of territorial governance, new perspectives and new research methodologies. The aim is to present advances in Governance Studies to scholars and researchers in universities and research organizations, and to policy makers worldwide. The series includes monographs, edited volumes and textbooks. Book proposals and final manuscripts are peer-reviewed. The series is intended for geographers, planners, political scientists, sociologists, lawyers, historians, urban anthropologists and economists. Launched in 2018, it is expected the first volumes will be published in print in 2019. More information available in:

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8. ANNEXES

8.1 ANNEX I

IGU Commission on Geography of Governance, 2016-2020

(In: IGU CGoG website: <https://sites.google.com/site/igugeogov/aims>)

I. Introduction

The [International Geographical Union \(IGU\)](#) is an international, non-governmental, professional organization devoted to the development of the discipline of Geography. The IGU was formally established in Brussels in 1922. Its instruments are its National Committees (101, in 2016), Commissions (38, in 2016) and Task Forces (3, in 2016).

In 1984, the International Geographical Union established a Study Group under the title 'Geography and Public Administration', which was then used as the preliminary status before a Commission could be launched. It was replaced in 1988 by a Commission on 'Geography and Public Administration'. Since then, the Commission was renamed twice to reflect new issues and perspectives on the relation between territory and public administration. In 2000 became 'Commission on Geography and Public Policy' and in 2008 adopted its current title 'Commission on Geography of Governance'.

An important aspect of the initial period (1984-1988) was participation of Commission members in early debates about restructuring of local and regional government in the central European countries then dominated by the Soviet bloc. Two of the main meetings held in this period dealt with specific aspects of Poland and Hungary, and the wider debates in other Central European countries. Catalan regionalism and separatism also became a very live issue, with the Commission holding a meeting in Barcelona specifically to engage in the debate. A feature of the Commission's activities was collaboration with other organisations, such as the Academy of Sciences in Budapest and in Warsaw, and with the Institute of Catalan Studies in Barcelona. An important partnership was a collaboration with the sister organisation of IGU, the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS). Robert Bennett represented the IGU Group at an IIAS meeting in Berlin in 1984 just prior to the launch of the IGU Commission (Study Group). This founded collaboration with a Study Group of IIAS on L'Amenagement du Territoire (The management of territory), formed mainly of lawyers and administrative scientists, who were also centred on Central European reforms. As well as its own IGU Commission publications, collaboration with the IIAS produced a key publication in 1988: *L'Amenagement du Territoire et les Pouvoirs Locaux et Regionaux face aux Mutations Economiques* (Regional Planning and Local Government confronted with Economic Change), ed. Gerard Marcou (University of Lille). This was interdisciplinary with members of the IIAS, with 5 of the 11 chapters written by IGU members. In February 1988, at the end of the Commission's first four years, a path-breaking meeting was held in Washington D.C. jointly with the US Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, and taking place in the Indian Treaty Room of the White House.

The Study Group formally became a Commission at the IGU Congress in 1988 in Sydney. A key feature of the period 1988-1992 continue to be restructuring of local and regional governmental in the central European countries. In the build-up to the removal of the Berlin Wall in 1990, and its aftermath, the Commission took an active role in many activities to implement new laws and reforms in countries now freed from limitations on open debate. One of its members, Jerzy Regulski became the minister for Local Government reform in Poland; other members in Czechoslovakia, Poland, Hungary and Russia became politicians, or were active as advisors and consultants. It was a dramatic period of change throughout central Europe in which the Commission played a small but important role. The Commission meeting in Moscow in September 1991 was uncertain, but did begin just as the siege of the Russian Parliament and Boris Yeltsin came to an end, with the parliament building surrounded by tanks. Collaboration continued with the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS), and new collaborations developed. A major meeting sponsored by the United Nations University (and others) took place in Spain in 1991 that widened the IGU Commission's brief to developing countries, and also focused on the other key themes of the period of decentralisation geographically, and to markets, often focused on



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privatisation. The Commission over this period also diversified through many bilateral collaborations focused on developing expertise in the new regimes of Central Europe. Key exchanges occurred with Amsterdam (through Petr Dostál) and the London School of Economics (through Robert Bennett) to help colleagues in Prague, Bratislava, Budapest, Warsaw and other centres to access library resources and advice to develop new curricula for students, and to re-equip their teaching and library resources.

The third four-year period (1992-1996) of the Commission maintained a close focus on Central European developments, but also now added routine sessions at the major annual conferences of Geographical bodies in many countries, especially the USA. There was also diversification of the Commission's interests into wider concepts of governance taking debates further into understanding how partner bodies operated with formal government administration in different contexts.

Commission members meet now regularly at its annual conference, held in different parts of the world, and during the sessions or panels organized within the program of the major IGU Congresses and Conferences. Field trips to study and discuss local issues has also been held as part of some of its annual conferences.

The Commission has been highly active during its first three decades of existence, holding numerous sessions in all IGU major congresses and conferences, in addition to its own annual thematic conferences. The Commission facilitates the exchange of research outcomes, experiences and perspectives on local and regional governance issues in different contexts around the world. One of the outcomes of this joint work is the publication of several books and edited collections of selected papers in peer-reviewed international journals, namely in 'Environment & Planning C: Government and Policy', 'GeoJournal', Acta Universitatis Carolinae / Geographica, Bulletin de la Société Languedocienne de Géographie, and in the 'International Journal of E-Planning Research'.

The Commission publishes a Newsletter twice a year, which is sent by e-mail to all its members. The Newsletter informs about its past and future activities, and provides information on meetings organized worldwide by national or local groups of geographers focused on local and regional governance issues.

The Commission has its own website, a blog and an electronic mailing-list focused on issues of urban, local and regional governance.

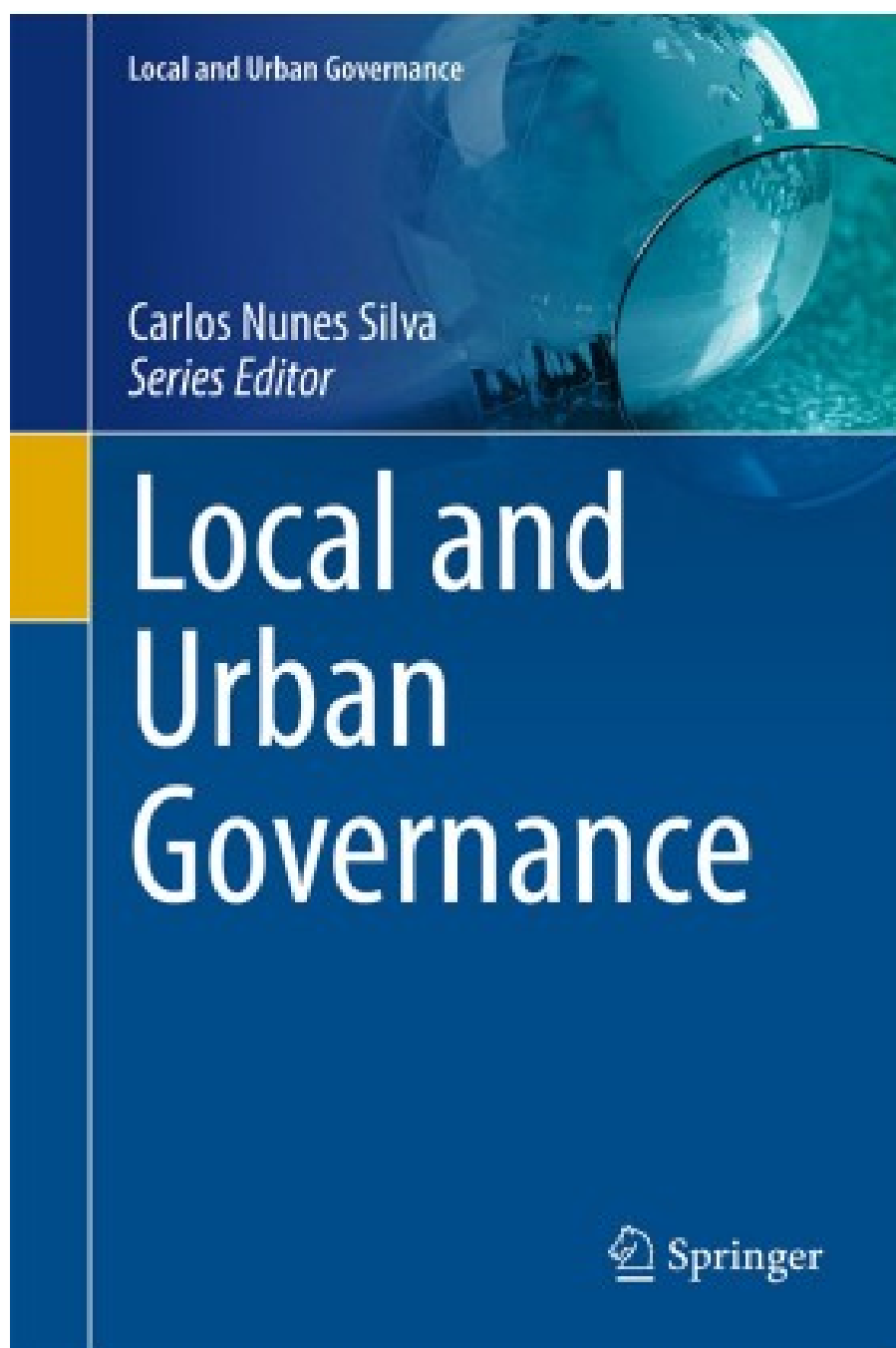
An archive of its past activities (1988-2016) is available in the website.

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8.2 ANNEX II - Book Series 'Local and Urban Governance'

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