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1. INTRODUCTION

The 2018 Annual Conference, held in the University of Lisbon, Portugal, in September, was the main activity of the Commission in the second semester of 2018. It marked the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Commission in 1988. The Commission was also active during this semester in the organization of five sessions in the IGU Regional Conference, held in Québec, Canada, in August 2018, in the organization of one session in the World Social Science Forum, held in Fukuoka, Japan, in September 2018, and one in the 2018 NZGS-IAG Conference, in July, in the University of Auckland, New Zealand. It was also engaged in one session co-convened by a Commission member in the 2018 AESOP Conference, in Gothenburg, Sweden, in July. In this second semester the Commission developed intense activity in the planning of its activities for 2019, including, among others, the 2019 Annual Conference that will take place, for the first time, in Africa, in the University of Cape Verde, in Cidade da Praia, Cape Verde, the Workshop on Decentralization, in Pécs, Hungary, and four sessions in the 2019 AAG Annual Meeting in Washington, USA.

The Commission' 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 plan for the publication of a selection of the papers presented in the 2018 meetings, in international peer-reviewed journals and in other formats, is being developed.

The Commission is currently engaged in discussions with other IGU Commissions for the development of joint proposals for the co-organization of IGU Thematic Conferences in 2020-2021. The Commission will explore all forms of 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, 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.



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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.

In sum, with these activities, we aim to enhance the current debates on local and urban governance and to strengthen the Commission as a global community of researchers in this field.

The IGU Commission 'Geography of Governance' publishes two Newsletters every year, the first in June and the second in December. Newsletter 1/2018 reported the activities developed during the first semester (January-June 2018) and presented the activity plan for the following months. This second Newsletter (July-December 2018) reports the activity in the second semester and presents the consolidated report of all activities developed during 2018 and the updated activity plan for the following annual period.



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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 2/2018 the following activities have been developed:

- 3.1 Online communication tools
- 3.2 Digital Archive
- 3.3 Activity Plan 2019-2022
- 3.4 Membership
- 3.5 Organization of Conferences and other Meetings
- 3.6 Publications

3.1 Online communication tools. During the second 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>). In December 2018 the Commission sent to the IGU Central Archive, located in the Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography, Germany, 16 documents related to its activities in 2018 and to those already planned for 2019.

3.3 Activity Plan 2019-2022. The activity plan for the period 2019-2022 includes a variety of initiatives (e.g., the Commission Annual Conferences; the sessions organized by the Commission in the IGU main meetings, 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).

3.4 Membership. The list of corresponding members has been updated with the inclusion of new members.

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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 2018, in the organization of scientific meetings focused on themes pertaining to the core subject of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance, as well as in the planning and implementation of future meetings in 2019 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 and forthcoming publications is available below.

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

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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 of 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 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 –

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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/>

The 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> This list is also available below as Annex II.

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

The III International Conference on '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 has been published in the International Journal of E-Planning Research, Vol. 8 (1), 2019. More information (program, abstracts, PowerPoint, etc.) is available for download in the conference website: <https://sites.google.com/site/uep2018conference/>

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

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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.

4.5 AESOP 2018 Congress - 'Making Space for Hope', Gothenburg, Sweden, July 10-14 2018

Peter Schmitt (Department of Human Geography, Stockholm University, Sweden, and member of the IGU-CGoG Steering Committee) co-chaired the track “Governance” (together with Giancarlo Cotella, Italy and Alois Humer) at the 2018

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AESOP Congress in Gothenburg, Sweden (10-14 July, 2018). The overall congress theme was 'Making Space for Hope'.

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

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 was jointly organized by the New Zealand Geographical Society and the Institute of Australian Geographers, and was held in the University of Auckland, New Zealand, on 11-14 July 2018.

4.7 IGU Regional Conference - 'Appreciating Difference / Apprécier la difference', Québec City, Canada, August 6-10 2018

The IGU Regional Conference was held in Québec City, Canada, in August 6 to 10 2018. The theme of the 2018 IGU Regional Conference was "Appreciating Difference / Apprécier la difference" (<http://igu2018.ulaval.ca/>). The IGU Commission Geography of Governance (IGU-CGoG) held 5 sessions with 24 presentations (23 oral presentations and 1 poster) on 7, 8 and 9 August. All sessions were well attended and the debate was always live and interesting. Some of the papers presented are expected to be published by the Commission. More information about the participation of the Commission in this IGU Regional Conference (full program, abstracts, and a photo gallery) is available in the Commission website: <https://sites.google.com/site/igugeogov/iguquebec2018> . The full program and abstracts for download are available in the Commission website. The full program of these sessions is also available below as Annex III.

4.8 IGU Commission Geography of Governance - 2018 Annual Conference - 'Fifty Years of Local Governance' -, University of 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, was held in Lisbon, Portugal, 4 - 5 September 2018. It was convened by Carlos Nunes Silva (Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Lisbon, Portugal, and chair of the IGU CGoG). The Conference marked 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 revisited the main research



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issues addressed by the Commission since the mid 1980s and explored the current trends and future challenges confronting local governance in the context of the new global urban agendas. The Conference was organized around two main themes: Theme 1 - Thirty years of Local Governance: revisiting institutional changes, processes and outcomes since the 1980s; Theme 2 - Current trends and future challenges in Local Governance. It was structured in 17 sessions, 1 plenary and 16 panels. Participants in the conference came from 35 countries, from Europe, Africa (North and sub-Saharan), America (North and South), Asia, and Oceania. Participants in the conference work in the broad area of Urban, Local and Regional Studies, Geography, Economy, Political Science, Public Administration, History, other Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities. The Conference joined researchers, students and planners from academia, and from public and private sectors organizations. The 2018 Annual Conference received a little over 100 submissions. The abstracts submitted were double-blind peer reviewed for relevance and appropriateness to the conference by an international scientific committee with 13 members. Around 70% of the abstracts submitted in 2018 have been included in the final program. The IGU-CGoG Annual Conference proved once again to be an interesting opportunity for informal networking, for researchers to meet and to discuss future research initiatives and joint publications. A document marking the 3 decades of the establishment of the IGU Commission on Geography of Governance, titled *"IGU Commission on Geography of Governance: Three decades devoted to the development of the Geography of Public Administration, Public Policy and Local and Urban Governance"* was prepared and referred in the Conference by Carlos Nunes Silva, chair of the Commission. It is available in the Conference website for download (pdf): <https://sites.google.com/site/geogov2018/IGU%20CGoG%20-%203%20DECADES.pdf?attredirects=0&d=1>. The 2018 Annual Conference ended with a Post-Conference excursion in Lisbon (centre), Amadora, Sintra, Cascais, Oeiras and Lisbon (West) on 6 September. It is expected that a selection of the conference papers will be published in the international peer-reviewed journals 'People, Place and Policy' and 'International Journal of E-planning Research' and in book format. A Conference Report, by Carlos Nunes Silva, is scheduled to be published in the International Journal of E-Planning Research, Vol. 8 (3), 2019. The full list of papers included in the Program and effectively presented is reproduced, as Annex IV, at the end of this Newsletter. More information (full program, abstracts, PowerPoint, photo gallery, post-conference program and documents, etc.) is available, also for download, in the Conference website: <https://sites.google.com/site/geogov2018/>

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4.9 World Social Science Forum 2018 -'Security and Equality for Sustainable Futures'- Fukuoka, Japan, September 25-28 2018

Yosuke Maeda (Faculty of Education, Niigata University, Japan, and member of the IGU-CGoG Steering Committee) organized 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 took place in Fukuoka, Japan, September 25-28, 2018. The Forum was 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) was focused on theme 6 ('Development and inclusion in urban and rural area') with the title 'New governance models for security and sustainability in rural and urban areas'. For more detailed information on the Forum and on our session, see the WSSF2018 website: http://www.wssf2018.org/session-parallel-01-list.html#a_c6 The list of papers presented in our session is available below in Annex V.

4.10 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) was part of a consortium led by Lukas Smas (Department of Human Geography, Stockholm University, Sweden), responsible for the organization of 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.

4.11 International Conference on 'Perspectives of Local Governments in Central–Eastern Europe – Common Learning and Innovations', Budapest, 15-16 November 2018

The Hungarian Ministry of Interior responsible for local governments organised an international conference on local governance issues in CEE - 'Perspectives of Local Governments in Central–Eastern Europe – Common Learning and Innovations', on 15-16 November 2018, in Budapest. 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) was the chair of the organising committee, and one of the plenary speakers.

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5. FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES, 2019-2022

5.1 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-CGoG Steering Committee).

More information will be available in the Commission website:

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5.2 AAG Annual Meeting 2019, Washington DC, USA, 3-7 April 2019

Eran Razin (Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel, and honorary 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) co-organize four sessions in the 2019 Annual Meeting of the AAG - American Association of, in Washington DC, on 3-7 April 2019, under the title "Local Governance and New Challenges in Urban Policy in a Changing World".

The current plan includes four sessions with five oral presentations each:

Session 1. Local Governance and New Challenges in Urban Policy in a Changing World 1: Governance Networks and Local Government Reform (Chair: Eran Razin);

Session 2. Local Governance and New Challenges in Urban Policy in a Changing World 2: Aspects of urban development I (Chair: Carlos Nunes Silva);

Session 3. Local Governance and New Challenges in Urban Policy in a Changing World 3: Aspects of urban development II (Chair: Eran Razin);

Session 4. Local Governance and New Challenges in Urban Policy in a Changing World 4: A social-environmental sustainability focus (Chair: Carlos Nunes Silva).

More information is available in the Commission website:

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

More information about the AAG Annual Meeting is available in the AAG website:

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

5.3 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 23-24 April

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2019. The Conference aims to address four main themes: Theme 1: Governance and Planning of Smart Cities; Theme 2: Citizens e-Participation in Urban Planning; Theme 3: The Real and Virtual in Urban e-Planning; Theme 4: Data Analytics and New Decision Support Tools for Urban e-Planning. A Post-Conference excursion completes the program. It is expected that a selection of the papers presented will be published in the International Journal of E-Planning Research. The Conference is endorsed by the IGU Commission on Geography of Governance. More information is available in the conference website:

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

5.4 Conference 'Metropolitan Governance in Poland. Experiences, Effects and Challenges of the inter municipal Cooperation in Metropolitan Areas' (Zarządzanie Metropolitalne w Polsce: doświadczenia, efekty i wyzwania). Poznan, Poland, April 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 Metropolitan Research of the University of Adam Mickiewicz in Poznan. The conference is planned for April 2019. More information will be available in due time in the Commission website: <https://sites.google.com/site/igugeogov/>

5.5 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-CCoG 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

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

More information is available in the Workshop website:

<https://sites.google.com/view/igu-cgog-workshop-pecs2019/home>

5.6 Conference 'Between Overtourism and Undertourism: Implications and Crisis Management Strategies', Cavallino, Lecce, Italy, June 27-29 2018

Anna Trono (Department of Cultural Heritage, University of Salento, Italy, and member of the IGU-CGoG Steering Committee) is engaged in the organization of the International Conference on: *Between Overtourism and Undertourism: Implications and Crisis Management Strategies* (www.overandundertourism.com) to be held in Cavallino, Lecce, Italy, on June 27-29. This conference is an initiative of the The University of Salento, Italy, in collaboration with the Ludwig-Maximilians-University- Munich, Germany, and the University of Haifa, Israel.

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5.7 IGU Commission Geography of Governance 2019 Annual Conference - 'Local and Urban Governance: trends, challenges and innovations in a globalizing world', University of Cape Verde, Cidade da Praia, Cape Verde, 4-7 September 2019.

The 2019 Annual Conference of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance on "Local and Urban Governance: trends, challenges and innovations in a globalizing world " will take place in Cape Verde. It is organized in collaboration with the University of Cape Verde (UNICV), will be held in Cidade da Praia, Cape Verde, on September 4-7, 2019. The Conference aims to explore and to discuss the changes, challenges, and innovations confronting Local and Urban Governance worldwide in the context of the new global urban agendas. It will be a forum for the discussion of the state-of-the-art of research on local and urban governance, in the different regions of the world. Within this overall goal, the 2019 Annual Conference of the IGU Commission on Geography of Governance also aims to provide the opportunity for comparisons between African municipalities and African cities as well as comparisons with those in other regions of the world, in particular in the Global South. The Conference will bring together researchers from academia, public and private sectors, and non-governmental organizations, in an effort to present and debate their research on local and urban governance and to share knowledge, viewpoints, methods, research outcomes and policy ideas.

The conference is organized into two main tracks: Track 1 - Local and Urban Governance and the New Global Urban Agendas - aims to address and to discuss new trends, innovations, and future challenges in the field of local and urban governance, independently of the world region or continent; Track 2 - Local and Urban Governance in Africa - aims to address and to discuss specific governance issues in the African context, with emphasis given to the history of local and urban governance in the continent, as well as to the possibility to learn from the African experience in the field of territorial governance. This track will explore local and urban conditions and processes in Africa and their implications for territorial governance. Three Study Visits and a Post-Conference Excursion complete the scientific program. It will provide the opportunity for comparisons between African cities but also with other cities in the Global South. The Commission' Annual Conference will be an opportunity for inter-disciplinary discussions on a broad spectrum of innovative research within the field of the Geography of Local and Urban Governance. More information is available in the Conference website: <https://sites.google.com/view/geogov2019/home>

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5.8 34th International Geographical Congress - 'Geography: bridging the continents', Istanbul, 17-21 August 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. More information will be available in due time in the Commission website. For more information about the Congress see the website: <http://igc2020.org/en/>

5.9 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. More information will be available in due time in the Commission website. For more information about the Congress see the website: <http://www.cnfg.fr/actualites/paris-2022/>

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

We aim to take part in other meetings in Europe (RGS-IBG, etc.), North America (UAA, AAG, etc.), South America (e.g., Latin America Geographers), Asia (e.g., China), Oceania (e.g., NZGS-IAG), and in Africa (North and sub-Saharan). This will take the form of panels in large conferences or our own workshops and conferences. Some of these activities are expected to be developed in association with other IGU Commissions (e.g., IGU Thematic Conferences) as well as with other professional associations. We are currently actively engaged with other IGU Commissions in the preparation of joint proposals for future IGU Thematic Conferences. 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.

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6.2 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). The National University of Public Services (Budapest) is just completing a huge research programme financed by EU (KÖFOP-2.1.2.-VEKOP-15-2016-00001) on public reforms and civil services. Ilona Pálné Kovács was one of the project leaders and submitted a manuscript of a book on county governance to be published next year.

6.3 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 book collection 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: <https://www.springer.com/series/16129> and in Annex VI below.

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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)



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

Session organized by the IGU Commission Geography of Governance
(with 2 Panels & 1 Poster)

C16.12 GEOGRAPHY OF GOVERNANCE — LOCAL GOVERNANCE FOR LOCAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE
XXI CENTURY: OPPORTUNITIES AND LIMITATIONS

CHAIRPERSON(S): Olga Glezer & Carlos Nunes Silva

Panel 1 - 6 June 2018, 9:30-11:00

Chairpersons: Olga Glezer & Carlos Nunes Silva

*Local Government Reforms in the Five Lusophone African Countries: The Tortuous Path to Local
Democracy*

Carlos Nunes Silva

Challenges in Central – Local Relations in Hungary

Mih'aly Lados

Synergy and Decisional Centrifugal Forces in the Metropolitan Area of Cluj–Napoca, Romania

V. Surd, A.–S. Nicula, B.–N. Păcurar, T. Păcurar, V. Raraschiv

Legal Registration of Municipal Boundaries in Russia: The Needs and Process

Olga Glezer

Panel 2 - 6 June 2018, 14:00 - 15:30

Chairpersons: Olga Glezer & Carlos Nunes Silva

*Macro regions and Management of Logistics Structures for a New Scenario in the South–Eastern
Mediterranean*

A. Trono, A. Grasso

*Territorial Public Self–Government in Russia: Contemporary State, Trends and Problems of
Development*

Irina Volkova

Inter–Municipal Cooperation in Waste Management: The Case of Poland

Bartłomiej Kołsut

Spatial Urban Structure as a Base of the Administrative Division: Example of Croatia

Alexey Vasilyev

Poster - 6 June 2018

The applicability of the Special Economic Zone Model of Local Development - Lipetsk Experience

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8.3 ANNEX III - IGU Regional Conference, Québec, Canada, 6 - 10 August 2018

Five sessions organized by the IGU Commission on Geography of Governance

IGU REGIONAL CONFERENCE 2018 - APPRECIATING DIFFERENCE

IGU COMMISSION GEOGRAPHY OF GOVERNANCE (IGU-CGoG)

Québec, 6 - 10 August 2018

FIVE SESSIONS ORGANIZED BY THE IGU-CGoG: C14-SP2; C14-SP3; C14-SP4; C14-SP5

Québec Conference Center - Room 203

List of Papers Presented (Sessions Program)

Full program, Abstracts and PowerPoints

Session C14-SP2 Theme: "Government and citizen interaction: formal and informal modes of citizen participation and community engagement in local government Policy" Session moderator: Carlos Nunes Silva, University of Lisbon, Portugal		
August 7, 2018 - 7 août 2018 - Tuesday 8:30 to 9:45 - ROOM 203		
ABS984	Politisation des sociétés et institution du social au Sénégal : une approche du politique par le bas	PAPER NOT PRESENTED 8:30
<u>ABS100</u> <u>POWERPOINT</u>	<u>Inclusive planning in large urban development projects - between legal planning, investor-driven concerns and integrating the demands of diverse people from the district</u>	Brigitte Wotha 8:45
<u>ABS140</u> <u>POWERPOINT</u>	<u>Green value chains and Advisory Councils: the process of constituting the Chackay spiny lobster collective trademark in Quintana Roo, Mexico.</u>	Victor Manuel Velásquez Durán & Rocio Rosales Ortega 9:00
ABS1080	Enhancing Air Pollution Governance through Geographical Citizen Science: The PM2.5 Monitoring Actor-network in Taiwan	PAPER NOT PRESENTED 9:15
ABS1084	Context Matters: Analyzing the role of local government in mitigating the civic exclusion of marginalized populations in distinct geographies.	PAPER NOT PRESENTED 9:30
Session C14-SP3 Theme: "Spatial justice and the Right to the City: local government policies and governance practices sensitive to social and cultural diversity" Session moderator: Carlos Nunes Silva, University of Lisbon, Portugal		



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<u>ABS360</u> <u>POWERPOINT</u>	<u>Reconfiguration de l'intervention étatique dans le soutien aux personnes âgées au Québec et enjeux de justice sociale</u>	Anne-Marie Séguin 10:30
<u>ABS456</u> <u>POWERPOINT</u>	<u>Justice spatiale et droit à la ville intersectionnel</u>	Claire Hancock 10:45
<u>ABS534</u> <u>POWERPOINT</u>	<u>Le « droit au quartier » dans la lutte pour une gentrification socialement acceptable - Deux études de cas</u>	Leila Ghaffari & Juan-Luis Klein 11:00
<u>ABS770</u>	Social exclusions in Dompok, Indonesia's new master-planned city	PAPER NOT PRESENTED 11:15
<u>ABS1120</u> <u>POWERPOINT</u>	Creating Places of Sanity: Using the Buddhist Mandala Principle as a Urban Planning Tool for Community Building and Social Justice	Guillermo Estrada Rivera 11:30
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<u>ABS1003</u> <u>POWERPOINT</u>	<u>Gouvernance élargie: vieillissement actif et justice territoriale à Rio de Janeiro</u>	Ivaldo Lima 13:30
<u>ABS816</u> <u>POWERPOINT</u>	<u>Space, Production of Space: Politics of Space Behind Social Housing in Brazil and the seeking for the right to the city in Brazil</u>	Sharon Dias 13:45
<u>ABS053</u> <u>POWERPOINT</u>	<u>Resilience and spatial justice: defending gains from a previous era</u>	Geoffrey Deverteuil 14:00
<u>ABS470</u> <u>POWERPOINT</u>	<u>Resisting Gentrification in London, Berlin, and beyond</u>	Loretta Lees & Ilse Helbrecht 14:15
<u>ABS1149</u>	New Urban Governance for spatio-social Justice: Urban Governance for Sustainability in South Africa	PAPER NOT PRESENTED 14:30

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Session C14-SP4 Theme: "The place-based development policy and the role of local government: difference as an advantage in local development" Session moderator: Carlos Nunes Silva, University of Lisbon, Portugal		
August 7, 2018 - 7 août 2018- Tuesday 15:30 to 16:30- ROOM 203		
ABS809	Le découpage régional en Côte d'Ivoire entre jeux politiques et enjeux de développement territorial	PAPER NOT PRESENTED 15:30
ABS205 <u>POWERPOINT</u>	<u>Place-based policy and the role of local governance: refugee resettlement and the role of local immigrant partnerships in Ontario, Canada.</u>	Margaret Walton-Roberts; Luisa Veronis; Huyen Dam; Sarah Wayland & Blair Cullen 15:45
ABS495 <u>POWERPOINT</u>	<u>The structure of powers and the power of structures – the management of development processes in metropolitan areas</u>	Mirosław Grochowski & Sylwia Dudek-Mankowska 16:00
ABS327 <u>POWERPOINT</u>	<u>Governance Cultures in Comparative Perspective: differentiation and harmonization in local self-government institutional models</u>	Carlos Nunes Silva 16:15
Session C14-SP5 Theme: "Planning and governance cultures at the sub-national level – exploring diverging trajectories within and across countries" Session moderator: Carlos Nunes Silva, University of Lisbon, Portugal		
August 8, 2018 - 8 août 2018 - Wednesday 10:30 to 11:30 - ROOM 203		
ABS337 <u>POWERPOINT</u>	<u>Political processes and local governance rooted in an ethic of care for the construction of new supportive housing programs</u>	Marie-Eve Desroches 10:30
ABS023 <u>POWERPOINT</u>	<u>Manufacturing Discourse: Regional Industrial Policy and Post-Recession Governance in Chicagoland</u>	Donald Planey 10:45
ABS463 <u>POWERPOINT</u>	<u>Governing land development in Urban China: Towards a strategic discursive-material perspective</u>	Jiang Xu & King Lam Chung 11:00



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ABS631 POWERPOINT	<u>From planning leviathan to federal sycophant: Towards a critical history of the National Capital Commission's governance role in Canada's capital region</u>	Michael Lait 11:15
POSTER SESSION August 9, 2018 - 9 août 2018 - Thursday 09:00 to 17:00 - ROOM 400		
ABS308	<u>Transformation of cities in Czechia in the shadow of local political conflicts</u>	Lenka Hellebrandová

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8.4 ANNEX IV - IGU Commission on Geography of Governance - 2019 Annual Conference - 'Fifty Years of Local Governance 1980 - 2030', Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Lisbon, Portugal, Lisbon, 4 - 5 September 2018

Conference Convenor: Carlos Nunes Silva, Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Lisbon, Portugal & Chair of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance.

List of Papers Presented (Full Program)

TUESDAY – 4 th September 2018	
Tuesday, September 4 th 8:30 – 9:00	REGISTRATION IGOT Building - Rua Branca Edmée Marques - main entrance (ground floor)
	CONFERENCE OPENING - WELCOME
Tuesday, September 4 th 9:15 – 9:25 Room A ('Sala de Conferências'), (ground floor)	IGOT-UL - Dean Conference Convenor - <i>Opening Session >></i> Carlos Nunes Silva - <i>"IGU Commission on Geography of Governance: Three decades devoted to the development of the Geography of Public Administration, Public Policy and Local and Urban Governance"</i>
PLENARY	
CHAIR	Eran Razin (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel)
DISCUSSANTS	Ilona Pálné Kovács (Hungarian Academy of Sciences & National University of Public Services, Hungary) Rob Atkinson (University of the West of England, United Kingdom)
Tuesday, September 4 th 9:30 – 10:30 Room A ('Sala de Conferências'), (ground floor)	RECENT AND CONTEMPORARY TRENDS IN EUROPEAN STUDIES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL POLITICS Paweł Swianiewicz (University of Warsaw, Poland)
	A CONCEPTUAL AND HISTORICAL ACCOUNT OF METROPOLITAN POLICY MOBILITIES ACROSS EUROPE Peter Schmitt (Stockholm University, Sweden)
10:30 – 11:00	COFFEE-BREAK & INFORMAL NETWORKING
PANEL # 1	
CHAIR	Olga Glezer (Institute of Geography, Russian Academy of Science, Russia)
DISCUSSANTS	Laszlo Kakai (University of Pécs, Hungary) Werner Pleschberger (University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Austria)
Tuesday, September 4 th 11:00 – 13:00 Room A ('Sala de Conferências'), (ground floor)	INTER-MUNICIPAL COOPERATION AND DISTRIBUTIONAL JUSTICE: "THE ROAD TO HELL IS PAVED WITH GOOD INTENTIONS" REVISITED Eran Razin (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel)
	DOES INTER-MUNICIPAL COOPERATION REALLY REDUCE DELIVERY COSTS? AN EMPIRICAL EVALUATION OF THE ROLE OF SCALE ECONOMIES, TRANSACTION COSTS, AND GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS Germà Bel & Marianna Sebö (Universitat de Barcelona, Spain)
	LIMITS OF INTER-MUNICIPAL COOPERATION – IMPACTS OF CORRECTIONS OF

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	<p><u>PERFORMANCE DEFICIENCIES IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION IN HUNGARY</u> Edit Somlyódy-Pfeil (National University of Public Service, Hungary)</p> <p><u>FINDING THE RIGHT FIT: INTER-ORGANISATIONAL COOPERATION AND COLLABORATION IN MEETING THE NEEDS OF SMALL MUNICIPALITIES IN SPAIN</u> Tony Gore (Sheffield Hallam University, United Kingdom)</p> <p><u>ADMINISTRATIVE BOUNDARIES AND INTER-MUNICIPAL COOPERATION. CONFLICTS AND POSSIBILITIES IN THE BORDER BETWEEN CATALONIA, ARAGON AND THE VALENCIAN COMMUNITY</u> Ramon Galindo Caldés (Open University of Catalonia, Spain); Joan Tort Donada (University of Barcelona, Spain) & Albert Santasusagna Riu (University of Barcelona, Spain)</p>
PANEL # 2	
CHAIR	Anna Trono (University of Salento, Italy)
DISCUSSANTS	Martina Jakovčić (University of Zagreb, Croatia) Verna Nel (University of the Free State, South Africa)
Tuesday, September 4 th 11:00 – 13:00 Room B ('Sala 1.1') (ground floor)	<p><u>THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE AS A PROMOTER OF LOCAL DEMOCRACY: REGULATION OF CITIZENS' PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</u> Dana Dobrić Jambrović (University of Rijeka, Croatia)</p> <p><u>COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN PARTICIPATORY LOCAL GOVERNANCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND: SOME CHALLENGES AND ISSUES</u> Catherine Forde & Mark Cullinane (University College Cork, Ireland)</p> <p><u>HOW MUCH PARTICIPATION IS WELCOMED IN THE PLANNING PROCESS OF RENEWABLE ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES ON THE LOCAL LEVEL IN SWITZERLAND?</u> Stefanie Müller (University of Zurich, Switzerland)</p> <p><u>CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION</u> David Swindell & John David Selby (Arizona State University, USA)</p> <p><u>INTEGRATING CULTURAL MAPPING, LOCAL KNOWLEDGE AND COMMUNITY NARRATIVES IN URBAN PLANNING: THE CASE OF BICULTURAL NEW ZEALAND</u> Rita Dionisio, Angus MacFarlane, Simon Kingham & Hirini Matunga (University of Canterbury, New Zealand)</p>
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH
PANEL # 3	
CHAIR	Ilona Pálné Kovács (Hungarian Academy of Sciences & National University of Public Services, Hungary)
DISCUSSANTS	Paweł Swianiewicz (University of Warsaw, Poland) Rita Dionisio (University of Canterbury, New Zealand)
Tuesday, September 4 th 14:00 – 16:00 Room A ('Sala de Conferências'), (ground floor)	<p><u>PLANNING FOR FUTURE URBAN EXPANSION IN THE GARDEN ROUTE BIOSPHERE RESERVE, WESTERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA</u> Robert Fincham (University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa & Nelson Mandela University, South Africa) & Stephen Stead (University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa & Visual Resource Management Africa, South Africa)</p> <p><u>CO-MANAGEMENT OF PROTECTED AREAS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC</u> Margarita Gomez Salas (Universidad Pedro Henríquez Ureña, Dominican Republic)</p> <p><u>THERE AND BACK AGAIN? LOCAL GOVERNANCE AND FRESHWATER IN NEW ZEALAND</u></p>

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	<p>Elizabeth Soal (University of Otago, New Zealand)</p> <p><u>POLITICAL FRAMING OF LOCAL CLIMATE PLANNING AND GOVERNANCE: INSIGHTS FROM THREE NORWEGIAN CITIES</u> Stina E. Oseland (University of Bergen, Norway)</p> <p><u>CLIMATE GOVERNANCE IN TRANSNATIONAL MUNICIPAL NETWORKS: QUESTIONING EXISTING TYPOLOGIES AND ADVANCING A POTENTIAL AGENDA FOR ANALYSIS AND CLASSIFICATION</u> Wolfgang Haupt & Alessandro Coppola (Gran Sasso Science Institute, L'Aquila, Italy)</p>
PANEL # 4	
CHAIR	Peter Schmitt (Stockholm University, Sweden)
DISCUSSANTS	<p>Natasha Cornea (University of Birmingham, United Kingdom)</p> <p>Teresa Marat-Mendes (Instituto Universitário de Lisboa ISCTE-IUL, DINÂMIA'CET-IUL, Portugal)</p>
<p>Tuesday, September 4th 14:00 – 16:00 Room B ('Sala 1.1') (ground floor)</p>	<p><u>SECTOR VERSUS TERRITORY: GOVERNING TRANSLOCAL URBAN INFORMALITIES IN ZIMBABWE</u> Amin Y Kamete (University of Glasgow, United Kingdom)</p> <p><u>NEW SATELLITE CITIES IN AFRICA: EXPLORING THE POLITICS OF PRIVATIZED URBANISM IN APPOLONIA CITY, GHANA</u> Lena Fält (Stockholm University, Sweden)</p> <p><u>PLANNING PRACTICE AT LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEVEL IN SOUTH AFRICA: CHALLENGES, IMPLICATIONS AND NEW APPROACHES</u> Ruth Massey; Stuart Denoon-Stevens & Verna Nel (University of the Free State, South Africa)</p> <p><u>A REFLECTION ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT SPATIAL PLANNING EVALUATION – TOWARDS AN INTEGRATED ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK</u> Daniel J du Plessis (Stellenbosch University, South Africa)</p>
PANEL # 5	
CHAIR	Germà Bel (Universitat de Barcelona, Spain)
DISCUSSANTS	<p>Tigran Mnatsakanyan (Armenian State University of Economics, Republic of Armenia)</p> <p>Mihály Lados (Centre for Economic and Regional Studies of the Hungarian Academy of Science, Hungary)</p>
<p>Tuesday, September 4th 14:00 – 16:00 Room C ('Sala 1.2') (ground floor)</p>	<p><u>PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS IN URBAN DEVELOPMENT: UNPACKING THE GOVERNANCE DIMENSION</u> Rob Atkinson; Andrew Tallon & David Williams (University of the West of England, United Kingdom)</p> <p><u>INSTITUTIONAL SMARTNESS, TOP-DOWN NARRATIVES AND GOVERNANCE OUTPUTS IN SOUTHERN ITALY</u> Teresa Graziano (University of Catania, Italy)</p> <p><u>EXPLORING COMPETITION IN LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: GOVERNANCE AND INFORMAL NETWORKS</u> John R Lombard (Old Dominion University, USA)</p> <p><u>THE CAUSAL EFFECT OF THE GOVERNMENT CAPITAL EXPENDITURE ON THE LOCAL ECONOMIC GROWTH</u> Elham Nobahar (University of Tabriz, Iran)</p>

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	<u>LOCAL GOVERNANCE RESTRUCTURING AND URBAN POLICY REFORMS IN INDIA</u> Tathagata Chatterji (Xavier University Bhubaneswar, India)
16:00 – 16:30	COFFEE-BREAK & INFORMAL NETWORKING
PANEL # 6	
CHAIR	Tony Gore (Sheffield Hallam University, United Kingdom)
DISCUSSANTS	John R Lombard (Old Dominion University, USA) Amin Y Kamete (University of Glasgow, United Kingdom)
Tuesday, September 4 th 16:30 – 18:00 Room A ('Sala de Conferências'), (ground floor)	<u>GOVERNING FOR A SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEM PLANNING</u> Teresa Marat-Mendes; João Borges; Ana Mélice & Raúl Lopes (Instituto Universitário de Lisboa ISCTE-IUL, DINÂMIA'CET-IUL, Portugal) <u>NEW DIRECTIONS IN RURAL GEOGRAPHY (AND BEYOND): RESEARCHING FARMING RESILIENCE AND LOCAL GOVERNANCE IN THE BRAZILIAN METROPOLITAN CONTEXT</u> Felipe da Silva Machado (Plymouth University, United Kingdom & CAPES Foundation - Ministry of Education of Brazil, Brazil) <u>THE RISE AND FALL OF LOCAL GOVERNANCE: THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LEADER METHOD IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC</u> Ondřej Konečný & Zdeňek Šilhan (Mendel University in Brno, Czech Republic)
PANEL # 7	
CHAIR	Mihály Lados (Centre for Economic and Regional Studies of the Hungarian Academy of Science, Hungary)
DISCUSSANTS	Dana Dobrić Jambrović (University of Rijeka, Croatia) Eda Ünlü-Yücesoy (Istanbul Şehir University, Turkey)
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PANEL # 8	
CHAIR	Verna Nel (University of the Free State, South Africa)
DISCUSSANTS	Daniel J du Plessis (Stellenbosch University, South Africa) Margarita Gomez Salas (Universidad Pedro Henriquez Urena, Dominican Republic)
Tuesday, September 4 th 16:30 – 18:00 Room C ('Sala 1.2') (ground floor)	<u>ARTICULATING GOALS AND PUBLIC POLICY: THE 2030 AGENDA ON URBAN PLANNING AND WELL BEING</u> Diana Soeiro (New University of Lisbon, Portugal) <u>DISCARDED LUSAKA – WASTE, EVERYDAY GOVERNANCE AND THE GEOMETRIES OF POWER IN A SOUTHERN AFRICAN CITY</u> Natasha Cornea (University of Birmingham, United Kingdom)

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	<p><u>URBANISATION OF LOCAL STATES REVISTED: THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE GUANGLING NEW TOWN IN YANGZHOU, CHINA</u> Yunpeng Zhang (KU Leuven, Belgium)</p>
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CHAIR	Paweł Swianiewicz (University of Warsaw, Poland)
DISCUSSANTS	Zoltán Hajdú (National University of Public Service, Hungary) Bryan H. Massam (York University, Canada)
<p>Wednesday, September 5th 8:30 – 10:30 Room A ('Sala de Conferências'), (ground floor)</p>	<p><u>WHAT IS WRONG WITH TERRITORIAL BASIS OF LOCAL SELF-GOVERNANCE IN RUSSIA: FIFTEEN YEARS OF THE REFORM</u> Olga Glezer (Institute of Geography, Russian Academy of Science, Russia)</p> <p><u>FROM FINANCIAL CENTRALIZATION TO POLITICAL CENTRALIZATION. THE FOCAL POINTS OF THE MUNICIPAL REFORMS FROM THE TRANSITION UNTIL OUR DAYS IN HUNGARY</u> Laszlo Kakai (University of Pécs, Hungary)</p> <p><u>MUNICIPAL AMALGAMATION REFORM IN AUSTRIA - A LOOK THROUGH TWO LENSES AT AN EPISODE IN STYRIA (2011-2014)</u> Werner Pleschberger (University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Austria)</p> <p><u>THE IMPACT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS ON LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY IN ARMENIA</u> Ruben Hayrapetyan; Sargis Asatryants & Tigran Mnatsakanyan (Armenian State University of Economics, Republic of Armenia)</p> <p><u>FINANCIAL ADJUSTMENTS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORMS IN HUNGARY</u> Mihály Lados (Centre for Economic and Regional Studies of the Hungarian Academy of Science, Hungary)</p>
PANEL #10	
CHAIR	Daniel J du Plessis (Stellenbosch University, South Africa)
DISCUSSANTS	Ryan Bullock (University of Winnipeg, Canada)
<p>Wednesday, September 5th 8:30 – 10:30 Room B ('Sala 1.1') (ground floor)</p>	<p><u>GEOSPATIAL TOOLS ENHANCING LOCAL GOVERNANCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT IN URBAN REGENERATION PROCESSES: THE CASE OF CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND</u> Rita Dionisio, Simon Kingham & Mirjam Schindler (University of Canterbury, New Zealand)</p> <p><u>METHODS TO ENHANCE LOCAL COMMUNITIES CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS OPEN SOCIAL INNOVATION</u> Eleni N. Arvaniti (University of Patras, Greece); Chrysostomos D. Stylios (Computer Technology Institute and Press, Greece) & Vagelis G. Papadakis (Technological Educational Institute of Epirus, Greece)</p> <p><u>NEW ICT TOOLS AND METHODS FOR SUSTAINABLE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AND GOVERNANCE. THE SOCIAL AND TRANSNATIONAL NETWORK PLATFORM GENERATED BY THE "QUALITY NETWORK FOR SUSTAINABLE TOURISM- QNEST PROJECT IN THE ADRIATIC-IONIAN AREA</u> Dimitris Salmas (Technological Educational Institute of Epirus, Greece); Chrysostomos Stylios (Technological Educational Institute of Epirus, Greece) & Anna Trono</p>

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	<p>(University of Salento, Italy)</p> <p><u>AN INFORMATION SYSTEM FOR FLOOD EVENTS MONITORING, MANAGEMENT AND EARLY WARNING IN THE WIDER AREA OF ARACHTHOS</u> Veronica Andrea; Petros Karvelis & Chrysostomos D. Stylios (Technological Educational Institute of Epirus, Greece)</p> <p><u>ASSESSMENT AND MAPPING OF URBAN FLOOD REGULATION ECOSYSTEMS SERVICES IN BULGARIA</u> Mariyana Nikolova & Stoyan Nedkov (Bulgarian Academy of Science, Bulgaria)</p>
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CHAIR	Teresa Marat-Mendes (Instituto Universitário de Lisboa ISCTE-IUL, DINÂMIA'CET-IUL, Portugal)
DISCUSSANTS	<p>Anna Trono (University of Salento, Italy)</p> <p>Raffaella Afferni (Università del Piemonte Orientale, Italy)</p>
<p>Wednesday, September 5th</p> <p>11:00 – 13:00</p> <p>Room A ('Sala de Conferências'), (ground floor)</p>	<p><u>CULTURE AND LOCAL POLICY FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE. PARMA 2020-2030: FROM ITALY'S CULTURE CAPITAL TO A SUSTAINABLE SMART CITY</u> Franca Miani (University of Parma, Italy)</p> <p><u>AUTHORISING THE CLOSURE: THE ROLE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE RISE OF GATED COMMUNITIES IN ISTANBUL</u> Eda Ünlü-Yücesoy (Istanbul Şehir University, Turkey)</p> <p><u>URBAN REGENERATION POLICIES IN GRAVINA IN PUGLIA, SOUTH OF ITALY</u> Lucia Cappiello & Luigi Stanzione (Università della Basilicata - Italy)</p> <p><u>URBAN RENEWAL AND GENTRIFICATION IN POLISH CITIES, THE CASE OF POZNAŃ</u> Przemysław Ciesiołka & Barbara Maćkiewicz (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland)</p> <p><u>EVOLVING RETAIL LANDSCAPE OF THE 21ST CENTURY: EVIDENCE FROM LIVERPOOL CITY REGION</u> Les Dolega (University of Liverpool, United Kingdom)</p>
PANEL # 12	
CHAIR	Werner Pleschberger (University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Austria)
DISCUSSANTS	<p>Olga Glezer (Institute of Geography, Russian Academy of Science, Russia)</p> <p>Nichola Harmer (Plymouth University, United Kingdom)</p>
<p>Wednesday, September 5th</p> <p>11:00 – 13:00</p> <p>Room B ('Sala 1.1') (ground floor)</p>	<p><u>GOVERNANCE AND "GOVERNMENTALITY": INCREMENTAL REFORMS OR A RADICAL RUPTURE?</u> Ildiko Egyed (CERS HAS, South Transdanubian Institute, Hungary)</p> <p><u>THE GREATER LONDON COUNCIL 1981-1986: RADICAL MUNICIPALISM OR RADICAL BUREAUCRACY?</u> Tim Joubert (University of Leeds, United Kingdom)</p> <p><u>REFORM, NEOLIBERALISATION AND DISRUPTED GOVERNANCE IN NORTHERN IRELAND</u> Michael Rafferty (University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg)</p> <p><u>SIMILARITIES, DIFFERENCES AND THE POSSIBLE REASONS OF INSTITUTIONAL PATTERN DIFFERENCES IN CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION BETWEEN CROATIA AND</u></p>

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	<p><u>HUNGARY</u> Zoltán Pámer (Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Hungary)</p> <p><u>SITUATING THE BORDER CITY BREISACH IN ITS RELATIONAL CROSS-BORDER REGION</u> Carola Fricke & Nina Kulawik (University of Freiburg, Germany)</p>
PANEL # 13	
CHAIR	Rassem Khamaisi (University of Haifa, Israel)
DISCUSSANTS	<p>Edit Somlyódy-Pfeil (National University of Public Service, Hungary)</p> <p>Ondřej Konečný (Mendel University in Brno, Czech Republic)</p>
<p>Wednesday, September 5th 11:00 – 13:00 Room C ('Sala 1.2') (ground floor)</p>	<p><u>LOST IN TRANSFORMATION? THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SPATIAL JUSTICE IN A MULTI-LEVEL SYSTEM</u> Judit Keller (HAS Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Hungary)</p> <p><u>CONSTRUCTING SPACE THROUGH (UN)JUST DEVELOPMENT?</u> Tünde Virág (HAS Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Hungary)</p> <p><u>LOCAL GOVERNANCE AND RIGHT TO THE CITY: PARTNERS OR RIVALS? CASE OF THE CITY OF ZAGREB, CROATIA</u> Jadranka Veselić-Bruvo (City bureau for physical planning, City of Zagreb, Croatia) & Martina Jakovčić (University of Zagreb, Croatia)</p> <p><u>FRAMING INDIGENOUS INVOLVEMENT IN CANADA'S RAPIDLY EXPANDING BIOENERGY SECTOR</u> Ryan Bullock; Melanie Zurba; John Parkins & Max Skudra (University of Winnipeg, Canada)</p> <p><u>"TAKING THE MORAL HIGH GROUND" – EXPLORING THE IMPACT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ON ETHICAL PLANNING PRACTICES</u> Rouvé Bingle; Mischka Jacobus & Verna Nel (University of the Free State, South Africa)</p>
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH
PANEL # 14	
CHAIR	Eda Ünlü-Yücesoy (Istanbul Şehir University, Turkey)
DISCUSSANTS	<p>Eran Razin (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel)</p> <p>Franca Miani (University of Parma, Italy)</p>
<p>Wednesday, September 5th 14:00 – 15:30 Room A ('Sala de Conferências'), (ground floor)</p>	<p><u>LOCAL GOVERNANCE & STRANGERS - TOURISTS IN MEXICO: CUI BONO, CUI MALO</u> Bryan H. Massam (York University, Canada)</p> <p><u>READINESS OF INTERMEDIATE LOCAL AUTHORITY IN THE PERIPHERY TO PLANNING REFORM: THE CASE OF ARAB IN ISRAEL</u> Rassem Khamaisi (University of Haifa, Israel)</p> <p><u>LOCAL GOVERNANCE OF IMMIGRATION IN ISRAEL: BETWEEN CLAIMED AUTONOMY AND CONSTRAINED AUTONOMY</u> Amandine Desille (University of Poitiers, France)</p> <p><u>LOCAL GOVERNANCE DURING CONFLICT: AN ANALYTICAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE SYRIAN CASE (2011-2018)</u> Rana Khalaf (University of Manchester / Chatham House, United Kingdom)</p>
PANEL # 15	
CHAIR	Amin Y Kamete (University of Glasgow, United Kingdom)
DISCUSSANTS	<p>Peter Schmitt (Stockholm University, Sweden)</p> <p>Tony Gore (Sheffield Hallam University, United Kingdom)</p>



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<p>Wednesday, September 5th 14:00 – 15:30 Room B ('Sala 1.1') (ground floor)</p>	<p><u>CHALLENGES OF MODERNISATION, CHANGES OF POLITICAL SYSTEMS AND REGIMES, EFFECTS OF EU INTEGRATION ON THE HUNGARIAN TERRITORIAL PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, 1980-2015</u> Zoltán Hajdú (National University of Public Service, Hungary)</p> <p><u>BATTLE FOR SURVIVAL OF MESO LEVEL GOVERNMENTS IN HUNGARY</u> Ilona Pálné Kovács (Hungarian Academy of Sciences & National University of Public Services, Hungary)</p> <p><u>RE-ORGANIZATION OF LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE-TERRITORIAL UNITS IN CROATIA</u> Aleksandar Toskić; Dražen Njegač & Danijel Orešić (University of Zagreb, Croatia)</p> <p><u>TRANSFORMATION OF SYSTEM OF GERMAN MUNICIPALITIES BY THE EXAMPLES OF NORTH RHINE – WESTPHALIA AND RHINELAND-PALATINATE</u> Alexey Vasilyev (Moscow State University, Russia)</p>
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CHAIR	Edit Somlyódy-Pfeil (National University of Public Service, Hungary)
DISCUSSANTS	Barbara Maćkiewicz (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland) Ramon Galindo Caldes (Open University of Catalonia, Spain)
<p>Wednesday, September 5th 14:00 – 15:30 Room C ('Sala 1.2') (ground floor)</p>	<p><u>MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE EXPERIENCES IN THE NORTH-WEST OF ITALY</u> Raffaella Afferni (Università del Piemonte Orientale, Italy)</p> <p><u>IMPACT OF SELF-GOVERNING REGIONS ON THE POSSIBILITIES OF MUNICIPALITIES TO COOPERATE IN THE FORM OF LOCAL ACTION GROUPS IN SLOVAKIA (CASE STUDY OF THE TRNAVA AND NITRA REGIONS)</u> Ľudmila Malíková & Martin Daško (University of St. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava, Slovakia)</p> <p><u>REGIONAL DEVOLUTION AND RESILIENCE: THE CASE OF CORNWALL</u> Nichola Harmer; Geoff Wilson & Carlotta Molfese (Plymouth University, United Kingdom)</p>
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<p>Wednesday, September 5th 15:35 – 15:45, Room A (Sala de Conferências), (ground floor)</p>	<p>IGOT-UL – Dean Conference Convenor - Closing Session >></p>
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8.5 ANNEX V - IGU Commission on Geography of Governance - session in the 2018 World Social Science Forum (WSSF 2018, Fukuoka, Japan, 25-28 September 2018)

List of Papers Presented (Session Program)

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Theme 6: 'Development and inclusion in urban and rural area'

Session CS6-05

'New governance models for security and sustainability in rural and urban areas'
(Session proposed & organized by the IGU Commission Geography of Governance)

Session Chair: Yosuke Maeda (Niigata University, Japan & Member of the IGU-CGoG Steering Committee)

Program

Yosuke Maeda, Niigata University, Japan - Institutionalised community governance after the consolidation of municipalities in Japan

Sergio Montero , Universidad de los Andes, Colombia and Karen Chapple, University of California, Berkely, USA - Fragile Governance and Local Economic Development: Theory and Evidence from Latin American Peripheral Regions

Irene Ngunjiri, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa - Everyday practices in coping with inadequate water services: The case of Mukuru Informal settlement

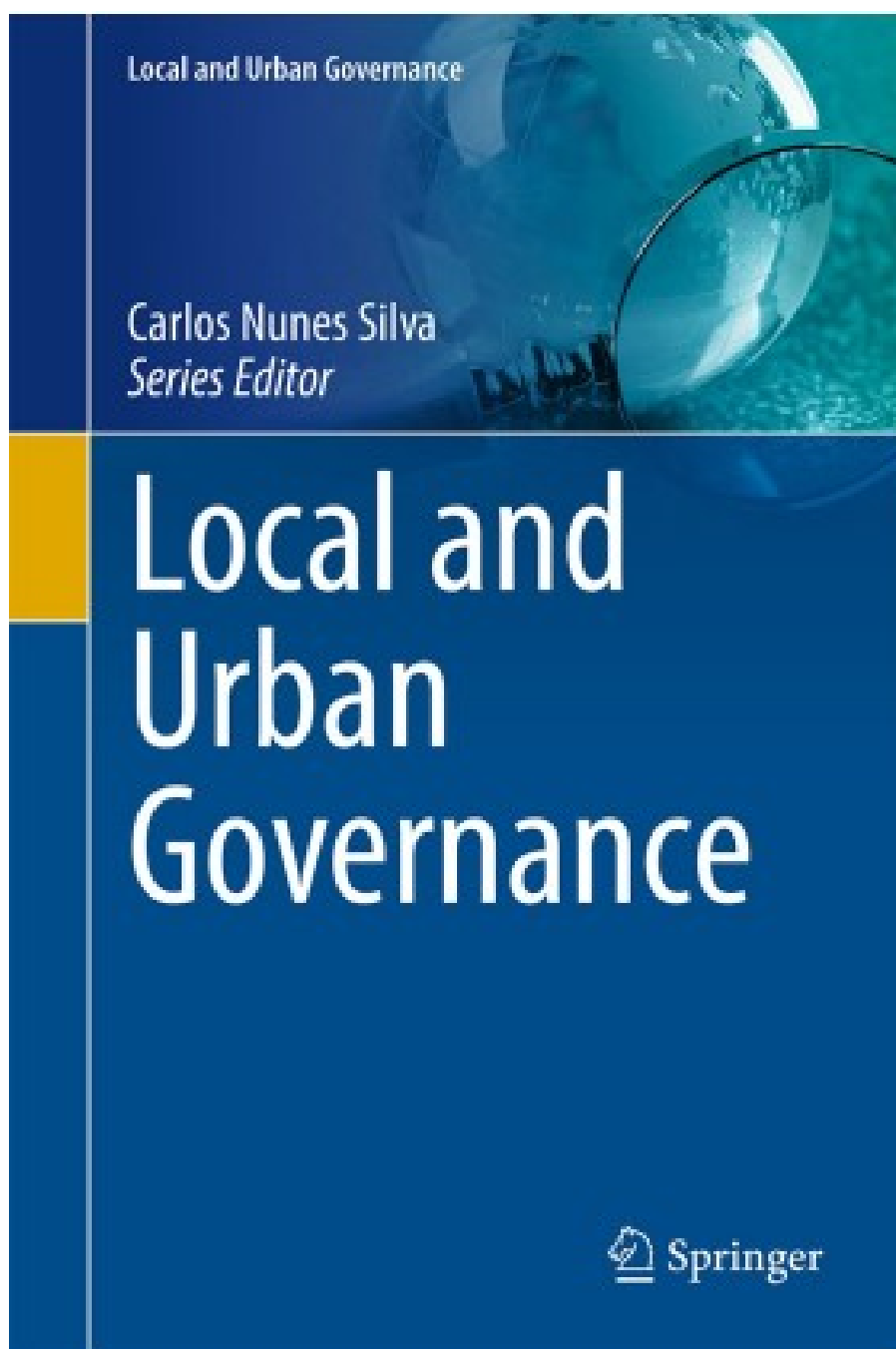
Masashi Sato, Shizuoka University, Japan - Results and issues for turning to local governance in public service provisions: Experiences from Japanese provincial areas

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