

## **C16-37 - URBAN CHALLENGES IN A COMPLEX WORLD**

### **C20.42 URBAN GEOGRAPHY COMMISSION - (RE-)THINKING CITIES AND THE URBAN: FROM THE GLOBAL TO THE LOCAL**

#### **2019-2020 Report**

## **A. MEMBERSHIPS**

### **A1. Steering Committee**

In August 2020, the previous board of directors of the commission was replaced. Until that time the members have been (5 women, 5 men + Chair (woman)):

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## A2. Members

The status of « member » requires the person to have attended at least 2 of the last 6 commission's meetings. The membership list is updated every 4 years in order to elect the next commission's project. The update of 2020 reveals a stabilization of people attending regularly, and an increase of the total number of participants.

Country	2	3	4	5	6	Total
China	4	2				6
Brazil	3		1	1		5
Japan	3		1		1	5
South Africa		2	1			3
Switzerland	2	1			1	4
Spain	1			1	1	3
France	1		1	1		3
Canada		1	2			3
Mexico		1			1	2
Poland			1			1
Russia	2					2
Germany				1		1
Israel	1					1
USA	2					2

Belgium	1					1
Great Britain			1			1
Ireland			1			1
Lebanon					1	1
Luxemburg					1	1
Romania	1					1
Total	21	7	9	4	6	47

The table identifies 47 people who came at least twice since 2015 (see the table). These data show a decrease in participation compared to previous years, because of the commission's conference being held online in 2020 due to COVID19 confinement. Colleagues who usually attend face-to-face conferences on this occasion did not participate. On the other hand, it was considered appropriate to limit the number of participants to 30 papers in order to organize a program avoiding parallel sessions. Among these

47 people, 20 attended participated three times or more, 19 attended four times or more. They constitute the core of the Urban commission. These 47 members come from 20 countries and contribute and participate very actively to the commission's debates.

In total, more than 400 different people attended our own meetings between 2015 and 2020 at least once, coming from a total of 48 different countries (not counting each person several times).

### **A3. Commission mailing list**

The commission mailing list ([iguurban@unil.ch](mailto:iguurban@unil.ch)) counts 1'077 subscribers (December 2020). It is not possible to obtain their location by country as far as many of them have international email addresses.

### **A4. Young scholar support**

Since 2019, the Commission provides grants to help defray the costs of young participation to the Conference. Please note that, due to limited availability of funds, the IGU Travel Grants will provide only the contribution to registration. In 2020 the grant was awarded to 8 researchers.

## **B. MEETINGS**

Since 2016, we introduced a new procedure asking for extended abstracts (3 to 5 pages) and the steering committee together with the young scholar committee and local colleagues evaluate them with 2 reviewers for each paper. The result is highly appreciated, improving the quality of papers. We will continue to improve this procedure over the coming years.

### **B1. Beirut-Lebanon (online)**

Co-organized with the

- Faculty of Human Sciences. Geography Department, Saint-Joseph University of Beirut, Lebanon.
- Faculty of Architecture, Design and Built Environment, Beirut Arab University, Lebanon

- Institute of Geography and Sustainability, Geoscience and Environment Faculty, University of Lausanne

Special thematic:

- Cities Facing Migration Pressure
- Role of Universities in Promoting Urban Health and Well-Being: Research, Awareness, and Outreach

Keynotes:

Hany AYAD, Alexandria University, Department of Architecture: *Advancing research and co-production of knowledge on the urban environment in Alexandria and Beirut: past and current collaboration.*

Anna KRASTEVA, Dep. of Political science, Bulgaria and President of Policy and Citizens' Observatory: migration, digitalization, climate: *Contrasting Flows & Pulsating Cities: Balkan Migrations Between Refugee Flows and Successful Integration.*

Liliane BUCCIANTI BARAKAT, Univ. St Joseph, Beirut: *Lebanon: land of departure or land of exile?*

Beirut 2020 – Papers by Thematic sessions

Session	N° papers
0- Cities facing migration pressure	4
1- Urban Health & well-being	6
2- Complex urban systems and processes of cities' transformation	5
3- Innovative and smart building and transportation in cities	0
4- Innovative and smart building and transportation in cities	1
5- Sustainable to resilient cities	0
6- Sustainable to resilient cities	2
7- Shrinking and ageing cities	1
8- Urban governance, planning and participative democracy	5
9- Subjective/objective Well-Being in cities	0
10- Urban Heritage and Conservation	4
11- New concepts and methods in urban studies	2
Total	30

#### Beirut 2020 – Papers by nationality

Country	Papers
Brasil	1
Denmark	1
France	6
Germany	1
India	1
Lebanon	10
Luxembourg	2
Mexico	2
Netherlands	1
Romania	1
Spain	2
Switzerland	2
Total	30

## **B2. Future Meetings**

2021 –IGC Istanbul – 16th to 20th August 2020. We proposed 11 thematic sessions.

2021 –Beirut IGU Urban Commission meeting “The multiple challenges of urban resilience”, 23rd to 27th August 2021. Local Host: Saint Joseph University – Institute of Geography – Prof. Liliane Barakat.

## **C. NETWORKING**

2023: Mexico – IGU Urban Commission meeting. August 2023

Local Host: UNAM – Javier Delgado & Manuel Suarez

2023: Mexico – IGU Thematic meeting “ Urban Governance: from historic to resilient cities”. August 2023.

Local Host: UNAM – Javier Delgado & Manuel Suarez

- C20.15 Geography of Governance
- C20.17 Geography of Tourism, Leisure, and Global Change
- C20.18 Geoheritage
- C20.30 Latin American and Caribbean Studies
- C20.42 Urban Commission: Re-Thinking cities and the urban: from the global to the local.

## D. PUBLICATIONS

Given the high quality of the papers presented at the congress in Beirut in 2020, a special issue on Beirut/Lebanon urban issues is being organized in "urban planning" Journal.

## E. ARCHIVAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The commission's WEBSITE archives publications from 1984:

<http://www.unil.ch/igu-urban/home/menuinst/publications/igu-urban-commission.html>

Open diffusion of news on the mailing list: [iguurban@unil.ch](mailto:iguurban@unil.ch)  
1'077 subscribers

Publication and archives of the news on the website homepage:

- World conferences on urban topics
- Positions
- New books

<http://www.unil.ch/igu-urban>

The "IGU Urban Commission" FACEBOOK Group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/274054405156/>

The "IGU Urban Commission" TWITTER Group:

<https://twitter.com/iguurban?lang=bg>

## F. FINANCIAL REPORT 2019-2020

Transaction	Income	Expenditure
Report of the 2019 budget	2,217 US\$	
2019 IGU Support to the commission	1,500 US\$	
2019 Young Scholar support		-1,200 US\$
Retribution to Mikhail Rogov for maintaining the website since 2017		-1,500 US\$
Total	3,717 US\$	-2,700 US\$
Balance 2020	1,017 US\$	