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1. INTRODUCTION

The IGU Commission 'Geography of Governance' publishes two Newsletters every year, the first in June and the second in December. The second Newsletter (July-December 2021) reports the activity in the second semester and presents the consolidated report of all activities developed during 2021 and the updated activity plan for the following annual period.

The activity of the Commission was affected by the restrictions associated with the Covid-19 Pandemic. All in-person scientific meetings had to be converted to online. It was the case of our 2021 Annual Conference in Poznan, Poland, in June 2021, or the IGU Thematic Conference on "Heritage Geographies: Politics, Uses and Governance of the Past", in Lecce, Italy, in May 2021, as well as our participation in the 34th International Geographical Congress "Geography: bridging the continents", in Istanbul, Turkey, in August 2021. The same happened with the 5th Conference on Urban e-Planning, a conference endorsed by the Commission, which was held online, from Lisbon - Portugal, in September 2021.

Despite the constraints imposed by the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Commission continued to work actively, enhancing the debate on local and urban governance and engaging on promoting the debate on the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on local and urban governance, on a global scale, through its collaborative research project, and through the organization of online sessions in several conferences, as described below.

The Commission launched in October 2021 a new Action Plan, which will be fully developed during 2022, on the Local Government responses to the Climate Emergency.

The Commission also continued strongly committed to maintain its successful publishing activity in spite of all the adversities related to the pandemic. The recent publications by members of the Steering Committee, related to the core subject of the Commission, are listed below.

As before, the Commission will consider and discuss proposals for possible collaboration and will continue its efforts to expand its activities to other regions of the world, alone or in collaboration with other IGU Commissions, as well as with organisations outside the IGU.
The conferences planned for 2022 include: participation in the IGU Centennial Congress, in Paris, in July 2022, with several sessions proposed under the umbrella of the Commission; the 2022 Annual Conference of the Commission, in Mexico City, in August 2022; a Workshop, in Győr, Hungary, in June 2022; and the 6th Conference on Urban e-Planning, with which the Commission will be associated as in the previous years, in Lisbon - Portugal.

The work developed by the Commission was recognized by the Executive Committee of the International Geographical Union. As referred in the previous Newsletter, the Commission 'Geography of Governance' was nominated unanimously for the IGU Commissions Excellence Award 2020 (see Annex 11.6). We feel honoured for this distinction awarded by the IGU Executive Committee to us. We will continue to do our best to honour the responsibility associated with the Award.

2. STEERING COMMITTEE, AIMS, THEMES: 2020-2024

2.1 Steering Committee, 2020-2024

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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, in particular those that will emerge as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic crisis, 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, namely through digital tools.
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. Local government reforms
2. Urban and metropolitan governance
3. Local Government and the 2030 Agenda: 'localization' of the Sustainable Development Goals
5. Decentralization and multi-layered governance: new relations between national, regional and local government in the post-pandemic
6. Digitalization of local government and Citizen e-Participation
7. Governance of spatial planning processes
8. Citizen participation in local and regional government
9. Administrative fragmentation and merger reforms
10. Decentralized cooperation and development
11. Inter-municipal cooperation
12. Cross-border municipal and regional cooperation
13. Climate change, the governance of complex environmental systems and the challenges for local action
14. Age-, disabled-, minorities, and gender-responsive approaches in urban, local and regional government policies
15. Administrative systems, housing, health services, and local public service delivery
16. Local government finance systems
17. Anthropocene: changes and challenges for urban, local and regional governance
18. Governance in conflict and post-conflict areas
19. Transparency, accountability, good governance, and human rights 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 2/2021 the following activities have been developed:

3.1 Online communication tools
3.2 Digital Archive
3.3 Activity Plan for 2022
3.4 Membership
3.5 Organization of Conferences and other Meetings
3.6 Publications
3.7 Action Plan and Research Project focused on 'Local Government response towards the COVID-19 Pandemic'
3.8 Action Plan and Research Project focused on 'Local Governance and Climate Emergency'

3.1 Online communication tools. During the second semester of 2021 the online communication tools (website; electronic forum and mailing-list; blog) were updated and/or used for the dissemination of information.

- The IGU-CGoG Website: https://sites.google.com/site/igugeogov/home
- Mailing list: https://sites.google.com/site/igugeogov/mailing-list
- Blog: http://igugeogov.blogspot.pt/

3.2 Digital Archive. The Digital Archive of the Commission has currently seven sessions and is available online (https://sites.google.com/site/igugeogov/archive):
3.3 Activity Plan for 2022. The activity plan for 2022 includes a variety of initiatives (e.g., sessions organized by the Commission in the IGU Centennial Congress, in July 2022; the IGU CGoG 2022 Annual Conference in Mexico City, in August 2022; publications, and tentatively also joint research activities).

3.4 Membership. The list of corresponding members continued to expand in 2021. New members have been added after the meetings organized by the Commission and as a result of an open call for new corresponding members launched in 2021, which had an excellent result. This call will continue open until end of the term (https://forms.gle/aVnvSzTZyT GhNgZo8).

3.5 Organization of Conferences and other Meetings. As reported in the following sections of this Newsletter, members of the Steering Committee have been active, during 2021, 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 of other meetings for the following years. Due to the restrictions to onsite meetings and international travels all these meetings had to be organized online and those in 2022 are being prepared with all these options open (in-person; online; mixed).

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 list of recent publications is available below.
3.7 Action Plan and Research Project focused on 'Local Government response towards the COVID-19 Pandemic'. The IGU Commission Geography of Governance launched, on 25 March 2020, a collaborative Action Plan and research project focused on the 'Local Government response towards the COVID-19 Pandemic' as described below in section 7 of this Newsletter. Members of the Commission have been actively developing the project, and further outcomes, besides those already published, are expected in the coming months.

3.8 Action Plan and Research Project focused on 'Local Governance and Climate Emergency'. The IGU Commission Geography of Governance launched, on October 2021, a collaborative Action Plan and research project focused on the 'Local Governance and Climate Emergency' as described below in section 8 of this Newsletter. This Action Plan is expected to be fully developed during 2022 and beyond.

4. IGU Commissions Excellence Award 2020

The IGU Commissions Excellence Award Committee unanimously nominated the Commission “Geography of Governance” for the IGU Commissions Excellence Award 2020 (see Annex 11.7):

«The Commission “Geography of Governance” is very active and highly productive. It participates consistently in IGU Congresses and Conferences, organizing successful sessions on processes of governance worldwide. The Commission is exceptionally active, has a strong tradition of collaboration with IGU Commissions as well as organisations outside IGU. The Commission collaborated in 2020 with several IGU Commissions in the Thematic Conference on Geographies of Heritage, in Lecce (the thematic conference was later postponed to 2021, because of the Covid emergence). The Commission has developed a diverse way of communication, internally and externally, through its website, newsletter and email list. The Commission has been also successful in publishing, producing a relevant list of titles, authored or edited by members of the Steering Committee. Moreover, the Commission launched, on 25 March 2020, a collaborative Action Plan and research project focused on the “Local Government response towards the COVID-19 Pandemic” (see https://sites.google.com/view/igucogog-covid19/home), an initiative of great importance for knowledge and research on public action to spatial reorganisation and disaster»
5. CONFERENCES IN 2021

5.1 - AAG 2021 Annual Meeting - Seattle, USA - April 7 - 11, 2021

The IGU CGoG organized 6 sessions under the title "Local Governance and the COVID-19 Pandemic: impacts, challenges, responses" (I to VI).

The aim of the session 'Local Governance and the COVID-19 Pandemic: impacts, challenges, responses' was to examine and discuss the impact of the pandemic on central-local government relations and on local government policies, on public services, housing, social services, mobility, and spatial planning. It discussed the actions taken by local government towards the COVID-19 pandemic, and its outcomes and impacts, during the first and second waves of the pandemic, as well as lessons for the future. The session addressed various aspects of the role of local government during the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts, as well the ongoing changes in local governance systems in this context, namely changes associated with the use of new digital technologies. The sessions discussed:
- What strategies, plans, policy measures, and actions have been adopted by local government to control and shape the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic locally and what has been its impact on the effects of the pandemic?
- What strategies, plans, policy measures, and actions have been adopted by local government to tackle the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on health, on society and on the local economy?
- What strategies, plans, policy measures, and actions are local government employing to distribute resources and care among local populations, what cooperation with local community action networks and citizen initiatives during the pandemic?
- What changes have been introduced in central-local relations (decentralization / re-centralization), what innovations in multi-level governance have been tried to tackle more effectively the COVID-19 pandemic, what has been the role of inter-municipal cooperation and metropolitan government in this context, and what is being done through cross-border municipal and regional cooperation during the pandemic?
What has been the role of technologies in local mobility, on remote work and education, and on surveillance through tracking and tracing the COVID-19 in urban areas?

What local government strategies, policy measures, planning scenarios, and actions are being designed for the post COVID-19 crisis, namely towards building resilient, smart communities?

These 6 sessions were associated with the Action Plan developed by the IGU Commission on Geography of Governance - 'IGU-CGoG COVID-19 Action Plan' (for more information, see the commission website: https://sites.google.com/view/igucgog-covid19/home).

The program of these sessions is available in the Annex 11.3 (below).

For more information see the IGU CGoG website: https://sites.google.com/site/igugeogov/next-conferences

5.2 - IGU Commission Geography of Governance Annual Conference, Poznán, Poland - June 2021

The 2021 Annual Conference of the IGU Commission on Geography of Governance on "New Challenges of Local Governance in Times of Uncertainty and Complexity", organized by the International Geographical Union (IGU) Commission on Geography of Governance, in collaboration with the Adam Mickiewicz University, was held in Poznán, Poland, on 23-25 June 2021. The conference was convened by: Tomasz Kaczmarek, member of the IGU CGoG Steering Committee and Professor in the Faculty of Human Geography and Planning, Adam Mickiewicz University, which also chaired the Conference Local Organization Commission; Paweł Churski, Dean of the Faculty of Human Geography and Planning, Adam Mickiewicz University; and Carlos Nunes Silva, Chair of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance.

The Annual Conference was a forum in which the state-of-the-art of research on urban, local, metropolitan and regional governance, in the different regions of the world, was explored. The Conference brought together researchers from academia and other sectors, who shared knowledge, viewpoints, methods, research outcomes and policy ideas. Local government and governance, urban policies and patterns of spatial change are of prime significance for the quality of life in human settlements. Public management at the urban, local, metropolitan and regional level is close to the people and their needs, and at the same time is strongly dependent
on national policies and, in the case of Europe, also on the policy of the European Union. Various concepts and visions of the state clash in the world today, based either on neo-liberalism or on neo-populism or even post-democracy. They result from economic crises, political and ideological transformations, climate change, technological progress and recently also from pandemic threats. These concepts also affect the organization and functioning of local government, centralization and decentralization tendencies, and new forms of civic involvement and participation.

The Conference was thus an excellent occasion for the discussion of these highly relevant issues. The Conference was organized in 5 tracks:

Track 1. Centralization and decentralization trends. Difficult paths of democracy
  · Territorial-administrative reforms and their outcomes
  · Changing relations between central government and local and regional authorities
  · New forms of local democracy – public participation and citizens’ involvement

Track 2. Governance and planning
  · Role of planning in shaping new spaces of territorial governance
  · Planning visions and political agenda in local, regional and national governments
  · Interplay between formal and informal planning institutions, procedures and documents

Track 3. Local governance and climate change
  · Climate change adaptation and mitigation in local and regional policies
  · Emerging governance networks in managing climate change
  · The concept of urban resilience in local development strategies

Track 4. Impacts and challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic on local government
  · Local government during a pandemic - reactions and actions
  · Responses of local government to the pandemic threats and outcomes
  · Reshaping of organization of public services in the pandemic time

Track 5. Uncertainty and complexity in territorial governance
  · Long-term foresight and future scenarios for strategic development of territorial units
  · Innovative institutional arrangements for complex challenges of local governance
  · The financial situation of local and regional governments – trends and projections

More information is available in the conference website:

See also Annex 11.4 below.

5.3 IGU Thematic Conference, Lecce, Italy, May 2021

The IGU Thematic Conference - "Heritage Geographies: Politics, Uses and Governance of the Past" -, was held in Lecce, Italy, on 26 - 28 May 2021, co-
organised by the IGU Commission on Geography of Governance and five other IGU Commissions.


The IGU Commission Geography of Governance proposed 4 sessions. Carlos Nunes Silva (University of Lisbon, Portugal and Chair of the IGU CGoG) an Anna Trono (University of Salento, Italy and member of the IGU-CGoG Steering Committee) were responsible for the participation of the Commission in this Conference.

See the program of the sessions proposed by the IGU-CGoG in Annex 11.5.

More information is available in the Commission website: https://sites.google.com/site/igugeogov/next-conferences

5.4 - Tourism & World Heritage Sites: Recommendations For Better Synergies #2. In The Framework Of The Our world heritage Initiative

Anna Trono (University of Salento, Italy & member of the IGU-CGoG Steering Committee) was engaged in this Initiative.

5.5 - 34th International Geographical Congress, Istanbul, 16-20 August 2021

The IGU Commission on Geography of Governance participated with 14 sessions in the 34th International Geographical Congress "Geography: bridging the continents" held in Istanbul, Turkey, on 16 - 20 August 2021, in virtual / online format due to the pandemic. Carlos Nunes Silva (Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Lisbon, Portugal, and chair of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance) was responsible for the sessions organized by the Commission in this Congress.

More information is available in the Commission website: https://sites.google.com/site/igugeogov/next-conferences
See also Annex 11.6 below.

5.6 - The 5th International Conference 'Urban e-Planning', Lisbon, Portugal, 7 - 10 September 2021

The 5th 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, was held in virtual/online format, due to the pandemic, from Lisbon, Portugal, on 7 - 10 September 2021. The Conference addressed three main themes: 1. Governance and Planning of Smart Cities; 2. Citizen E-Participation in Urban Governance; 3. Urban e-Planning and the Covid-19 Pandemic. These three tracks included 24 sessions. Track 1 with 14 sessions; track 2 with 6 sessions and track 3 with 4 sessions. A little over 100 papers were presented, by over 160 authors, 230 counting with the co-authors, from 42 countries in all continents. The Conference was endorsed by the IGU Commission on Geography of Governance. A selection of the papers presented will be published in open access in the International Journal of E-Planning Research (IJEPR). A Conference Report will be published in the IJEPR in its 2022 volume.

The full program and the abstracts are available here: https://sites.google.com/view/uep2020-conference/abstracts

More information is available in the conference website: https://sites.google.com/view/uep2020-conference/home

5.7 - International Conference: “The Path of Abraham, Mosaic of Peace”. In Memory Of Kahled Al Assad, Director Of Palmyra and Gino Strada, Founder of Emergenc. Lecce- Trani, University of Salento & Archeoclub Trani, 3-4 September 2021.

The aim of the Conference was to present the project on the "Path of Abraham" and to promote the path of Abraham and its the mosaic of religions, starting from Puglia, as a link between Western Europe and other territories, in order to rediscover historical religious and cultural roots that can be met along the
territories that make up the journey. Anna Trono (University of Salento, Italy, and member of the IGU-CGoG Steering Committee) was engaged in this Initiative.

5.8 - Conference COGITO ERGO SUD - An active South Italy, Engine of Design Capabilities. Bari, 24 October 2021

It discussed the political and economic situation of Southern Italy in the period post COVID-19 and the Recovery Plan of the Italian Government. Anna Trono (University of Salento, Italy, and member of the IGU-CGoG Steering Committee) was engaged in this Initiative.

6. FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES: 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. The following Sessions were proposed under the umbrella of the IGU Commission on Geography of Governance:

SESSION: Local and Urban Governance: Stability, Variability, and Innovation
Chair: Carlos Nunes Silva (Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Lisbon, Portugal)

SESSION: Governance Challenges in Peripheral Areas
Chair: Ilona Kovács Pálné (CERS Institute for Regional Studies, Hungary)
Co-Chair: Réka Horeczki (CERS Institute for Regional Studies, Hungary)

SESSION: Government and Local Communities in Participatory Processes Towards Sustainable Management of World Heritage Sites
Chair: Anna Trono (University of Salento, Italy)

SESSION: Tourism Governance in the Anthropocene: Enhancing Landscape, Local Knowledge and Pro-Environmental Behaviour for Facing Environmental Crisis
Chair: Federica Burini, University of Bergamo, Italy
Co-chair: Andre Holden (Goldsmiths, University of London, UK)
Co-chair: Sara Beloti (University of Bergamo, Italy)

**SESSION: Scattered Urban Development and Planning in Cross-Border Context**  
Chair: Joël Idt (Université Gustave Eiffel, France)  
Co-chair: Antoine Pauchon (Université Gustave Eiffel, France)  
Co-chair: Camille Le Bivic (Université Gustave Eiffel, France)

**SESSION: The Local Reception of Exiled People: Spaces, Actors, Times**  
Chair: Rafik Arfaoui (UCA, UMR Territoires, France)  
Co-chair: Thomas Lacroix (CNRS, Sciences Po, CERI, France)  
Co-chair: Bénédicte Michalon (CNRS, UMR Passages, France)

**SESSION: "Regulariza Amazônia" Project: Brazil-European Union Bilateral Cooperation for Land Governance**  
Chair: Alyson Fernando Ribeiro (University of São Paulo, Brasil)

**SESSION: Imaginer L'Après-Pandémie: Quelle(S) Stratégie(S) Pour La Gouvernance Régionale Des Frontières Du Cône Sud?**  
Chair: Miguel Dhenin (Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Brasil)  
Co-chair: Fernanda Moscarelli (Université Nanterre – Paris, France)

More information is available in the Commission website:  

### 6.2 IGU CGoG 2022 Annual Conference - 29-31 August 2022

The International Conference on Local Governance in a Time of Global Emergencies, convened by the International Geographical Union (IGU) Commission on Geography of Governance, and organized in collaboration with the Metropolitan Autonomous University - UAM and the National Autonomous University of Mexico - UNAM, will be held in Mexico City, Mexico, on August 29-31, 2022. The Conference aims to explore and to discuss the challenges and innovations confronting Local and Urban Governance, in the context of global emergencies. It will be a forum for the discussion of the state-of-the-art of research on these issues in the different regions of the world. Within this overall goal, the 2022 Annual Conference of the IGU Commission on Geography of Governance also aims to provide the opportunity for comparisons between countries, in different regions of the world, in both the North and 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 four main tracks: Track 1 - Local Government: Trends, Challenges and Innovations - This track aims to examine and to discuss current practices, challenges, and innovations in local and urban governance, and to compare local government systems and practices, and its recent reforms, including those associated with digitization, in different economic systems or varieties of Capitalism, in the North and in the Global South. Track 2 - The Responses of Local Governance to the Global Climate Emergency - This track seeks to address the challenges and the policy responses to Climate Change / Climate Emergency, in the field of local and urban governance. Track 3 - Local Government Response Towards the COVID-19 Pandemic - This track aims to explore and to discuss the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic on local government and the local policy responses for the post-pandemic. Track 4 - Local Governance, Spatial Planning and Development - This track examines and discusses the role of spatial planning in shaping multi-level territorial governance and the local policy agenda.

In each of these four tracks the Conference welcomes country and cross-country approaches, studies of individual cities or municipalities, and the comparison of cities, municipalities or countries with one another, and with those in other regions of the world. The scope of the sessions is international, including comparative research. The 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 Conference website: https://sites.google.com/view/geogov2022/home

6.3 - 6th Conference on Urban e-Planning, 7 - 12 April 2022, Lisbon - Portugal

The IJEPR Annual Conferences are a multi- and interdisciplinary forum for the exploration, presentation, and discussion of innovative theoretical and empirical research on Urban e-Planning. The 6th 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), and organized by the 'International Journal of E-Planning Research' in collaboration with the Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning – University of Lisbon, will be held onsite in Lisbon, Portugal, on 11-12 April 2022. The Conference has 2 types of sessions: online sessions on 7-8 April; and
onsite / in-person sessions on 11-12 April. The 6th International Conference on 'Urban e-Planning' aims to explore: the governance and planning of smart cities; the role of urban e-planning in sustainable urban development and in the response to the challenges of climate change; new developments in citizen e-participation in planning; and the urban e-governance responses to the Covid-19 pandemic. More information is available in the conference website: https://sites.google.com/view/uep2022conference/home

6.4 - Workshop on Local Governance, June 2022, Hungary

The possibility to organize a meeting in Gyor, Hungary, in 2022, is being considered by Ilona Palné Kovács (member of the IGU-CGoG Steering Committee) and colleagues in Gyor. More information soon in the Commission website.

6.5 Other meetings in 2022

Ilona Palné Kovács (member of the IGU-CGoG Steering Committee) will organize a Panel on ‘Governance of peripheral areas' in the ERSA Annual Conference, in Pécs, Hungary, in August 2022.

6.6- Plan for other meetings (workshops / conferences / panels) in 2023

The Commission will develop in early 2022 its plan for meetings in 2023. These will take the form of sessions or panels in large conferences or own workshops and conferences. Some of these activities are expected to be developed in association with other IGU Commissions, based on conversations already held with this purpose, as well as with other professional associations.

7. ACTION PLAN AND RESEARCH PROJECT - 'Local Government Response Towards the COVID-19 Pandemic' - IGU Commission on Geography of Governance (IGU-CGoG)

The IGU-CGoG COVID-19 Action Plan - "Local Government Response Towards Covid-19 Pandemic: Strategies, Plans, Actions, Outcomes, Impacts. A Worldwide Survey and Comparison" - launched by the IGU Commission on Geography of Governance, on 25 March 2020, two weeks after the World Health Organization informed, on 11 March 2020, that the COVID-19 could be characterized as a pandemic, aims to collect and to curate a list of resources related to the strategies, plans, policy measures,
and actions taken by local government towards the COVID-19 pandemic, around the world, and its outcomes and impacts.

The IGU-CGoG COVID-19 Action Plan has three main goals:

1. First, to collect evidence of the strategies, plans, policy measures, and actions taken by local government around the world towards the COVID-19 pandemic, making it available to all, as soon as possible, in its website, in a way that this information can still be useful during the current pandemic.

2. Second, to promote joint comparative research on the responses of local government towards the COVID-19 pandemic, its outcomes and impacts, and lessons for the future, to be carried out by members of the IGU Commission on Geography of Governance, and other interested partners, as soon as possible in the coming months.

3. Third, to present, discuss, and publish the outcomes of the comparative research on the worldwide responses of local government towards the COVID-19 pandemic. Specific meetings and/or panels, as well as publications, will be considered in the 2021 and 2022 activity plans of the IGU Commission on Geography of Governance.

The "IGU-CGoG COVID-19 Action Plan" aims to address the following research questions:

1. What strategies, plans, policy measures, and actions have been adopted by local government to control and shape the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic locally?
2. What strategies, plans, policy measures, and actions have been adopted by local government to tackle the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on health, on society and on the local economy?
3. What strategies, plans, policy measures, and actions are local government employing to distribute resources and care among local populations and what cooperation with local community organizations and citizen initiatives during the pandemic?
4. What has been the relationship between local government strategies, plans, policy measures, and actions towards COVID-19 pandemic and public behaviour?
5. How has local government strategies, plans, policy measures, and actions towards COVID-19 impacted on the effects of the pandemic?
6. How effective were different local government strategies, plans, policy measures, and actions, taken in different countries worldwide, in reducing the local spread of COVID-19?
7. What changes have been introduced in central-local relations (decentralization / re-centralization) and what innovations in multi-level governance have been tried to tackle more effectively the COVID-19 pandemic?
8. What has been the role of inter-municipal cooperation and metropolitan government in this context?
9. What is being done through cross-border municipal and regional cooperation during the pandemic?
10. What local government strategies, plans, policy measures, and actions are being designed, in different countries worldwide, for the post COVID-19 crisis?

The stage 1 of this Action Plan consisted in the organization of a 'Worldwide Inventory of Local Government Actions towards the COVID-19 Pandemic' in March-April 2020. All countries in the world have a presence in this online repository of websites/portals with information on the national or city policies (responses) being developed by governments and cities across the world. This page compiles resources and information on local government strategies, plans, policy measures and actions towards the COVID-19 pandemic. This information can be accessed through the links available here: https://sites.google.com/view/igucgog-covid19/local-government-survey

The stage 2 of this Action Plan consists in the preparation of a series of individual contributions on specific countries or cities. These case studies started during the lockdown/confainment months, focused on the broad theme 'Local Government Response Towards Covid-19 Pandemic'. The full set of these studies will be published by Springer in the Local and Urban Governance Book Series.

The project publishes country and local studies (on municipalities, cities, metropolitan areas, regions, and other geographies) in its website: https://sites.google.com/view/igucgog-covid19/country-local-studies, namely in the form of Working-Papers: https://sites.google.com/view/igucgog-covid19/working-papers. Other publication options for the outputs of the project have also been considered. A special issue in the International Journal of E-Planning Research (IJEPRE) has already been published. A book titled 'Local Government and the COVID-19 Pandemic. A Global Perspective' is due to be published by Springer in February 2022. More information available in the project website: https://sites.google.com/view/igucgog-covid19/home

Collaboration in this Action Plan is open to all members of the IGU Commission on Geography of Governance (Steering Committee and Corresponding Members) and
to anyone interested on these themes. For additional information, please contact us: igu.geogov@gmail.com

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8. ACTION PLAN AND RESEARCH PROJECT FOCUSED ON 'LOCAL GOVERNANCE AND CLIMATE EMERGENCY'

The IGU Commission on Geography of Governance launched in October 2021 the Action Plan on 'Local Governance and Climate Emergency' as an international collaborative research platform that seeks to survey, examine, and compare the responses of local government to the global climate emergency. It seeks to collect and to curate a list of resources related to the strategies, plans, policy measures, and actions taken by local government, across the globe, towards the Climate Emergency, and its outcomes and impacts. The "IGU-CGoG Action Plan on Climate Emergency" has three main goals: 1.) First, it aims to collect evidence of the strategies, plans, policy measures, and actions taken by local government around the world towards the Climate Emergency, making it available for those engaged in the design of future local government actions. 2.) Second, to promote joint comparative research on the responses of local government towards Climate Emergency, its outcomes and impacts, and lessons for the future, to be carried out by members of the IGU Commission on Geography of Governance, and other interested partners. 3.) Third, to present, discuss, and publish the outcomes of the comparative research on the worldwide responses of local government towards the Climate Emergency, in conferences, specific meetings and/or panels, as well as in publications, in 2022, 2023, and 2024, as part of the activity plan of the IGU Commission on Geography of Governance.

The IGU-CGoG Action Plan on 'Local Governance and Climate Emergency' seeks to address, but is not limited to, the following research questions:

I. Local Government Mitigation Policy - Reducing GHG Emissions
1. To what extent the current Local Government policies reflect the ambition of the Paris Agreement, namely the ambition of national government commitments to achieve its Paris Agreement goals?
2. What has been the path followed by Local Government for a low-carbon transition? What strategies and policy measures have been adopted by Local Government to reduce greenhouse gas emissions?
3. What has been the role of Local Government in the promotion of universal access to clean energies?

II. Local Government Adaptation Policy - Responding to Climate Change Impacts
4. What strategies, plans, policy measures, and actions have been adopted by local government to address Climate Change impacts on the environment, society and on the local economy?
5. What strategies, plans, policy measures, and actions are local government employing to address the socially unequal impacts of Climate Change? And how equitable have been climate change mitigation and adaptation policies implemented by Local Government?

6. What sort of accelerated adaptation policies have been implemented by Local Government to face the higher temperatures, the altered weather patterns, the more frequent extreme weather events, and the related economic losses?

7. What has been the response of Local Government to the rising average temperatures and to the altered rainfall patterns, in particular in tackling the food and water insecurity in certain regions of the world?

III. Local Government Institutions, Finance and Policy Arrangements

8. What changes have been introduced in central-local relations (decentralization / re-centralization) and what innovations in multi-level governance have been tried to tackle more effectively the Climate Emergency?

9. What has been the role of inter-municipal cooperation and metropolitan governance in this context?

10. As Climate Change does not respect national borders, what sort of coordinate response has been implemented by Local Government through cross-border municipal and regional cooperation? How is it reflected in Local Government climate change adaptation policies?

11. What lessons from current local government engagement in multi-scalar and cross-sectoral coordination in the context of Climate Change mitigation and adaptation policies?

12. How can Local Government mobilise the financial resources necessary for an effective response to the climate emergency? And what capacity have Local Finance Systems to support the required substantial and sustained investment in a low carbon transition?

13. What will be the impact of the borrowing Local Government have had to resort during the Covid-19 pandemic on their capacity to sustain the energy transition and the move towards a low-carbon economy?

14. How do local governments address multiple global challenges concurrently (Covid-19 Pandemic; Biodiversity Crisis; Climate Emergency...)?

15. How is Local Government Post-Covid 19 Recovery policy related to the policy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions? Or is it mainly a carbon-intensive local government recovery policy?

More information is available in the website: https://sites.google.com/view/igucgog-climateemergency/home
9. OTHER ACTIVITIES BY COMMISSION MEMBERS

9.1 - Expertise for Hungarian Local-government Association on main directions of local government reform in Hungary, by Ilona Pálné Kovács (Member of the IGU-CGoG Steering Committee).

9.2 - The four years EU Horizon 2020 research project ‘Resituating the local in cohesion and territorial development’ – RELOCAL, with the participation of Peter Schmitt (Member of the IGU-CGoG Steering Committee), has just been finalised. More info at www.relocal.eu. RELOCAL has aimed to identify factors that condition local accessibility of European policies, local abilities to articulate needs and equality claims and local capacities for exploiting European opportunity structures. The project was based on case studies of local contexts (cities and their regions) that exemplify development challenges in terms of spatial justice. The principal rationale of the RELOCAL project has been to contribute to conceptually and empirically enhancing the knowledge base on spatial justice and territorial inequalities and thus to identifying policies promoting spatial justice and socio-economic well-being at various levels of governance.

9. PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS (2021 & forthcoming)


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IGU Commission on Geography of Governance, 2020-2024
(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 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 and half 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 (1984-2020) is available in the website.

Colleagues interested in the Commission activities are welcome to contact the Commission
Chair, Carlos Nunes Silva (University of Lisbon, Portugal, e-mail: cs@campus.ul.pt)

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- Commission website: https://sites.google.com/site/igugeogov/home
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11.3 ANNEX - AAG 2021 Annual Meeting - Seattle, USA - April 7 - 11, 2021

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**Speaker:** Edith Somlyódyné Pfeil  
**Location:** Hungary

### Centralisation of power and decentralisation technology. Critical analysis of the implementation of blockchain technology in e-voting solutions in the city of Moscow (Russia)

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## Governance and urban regeneration (11:15 – 13:00)

**Chair of the session:** Krzysztof Stachowiak

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Canada

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Sessions proposed by IGU Commission on the Geography of Governance.

27th May - Parallel sessions

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Smart governance, Urban Planning and Heritage
*(Chairs: Carlos Nunes Silva & Anna Trono)*

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  - **Sandra Leonardi,** La Sapienza University, Rome (Italy), **Michele Pigliucci,** University of Rome “Tor Vergata” (Italy)

- **An Innovative ICT platform for Sustainable and Quality Tourism Development**
  - **Dimitrios Salmas,** **Chrysostomos Stylios,** University of Ioannina (Greece)

- **Urban heritage conservation in France: recent evolution and controversy**
  - **Marie-Alix Molinié-Andlauer,** Sorbonne University (France), **Federica Appendino,** ESPI Paris (France)

- **Non-urban heritage in urban environment of Moscow**
  - **Tatiana Borodina,** Institute of Geography Russian Academy of Sciences (Russian Federation), **Alexander Savchenko,** The Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (Russian Federation)
Heterotopia of decline: disentangling associations between old industries and social exclusion
Eva Nedorostová, Pavel Raška, Silvie R. Kučerová, M. Zubík, University in Ústí nad Labem (Czechia)

Heritage Conservation in the Inner-City: For Whom? A Case of the Walled City of Lahore
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28th May - Parallel sessions
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Local Government and the Governance of Urban Heritage
(Chairs: Carlos Nunes Silva & Anna Trono)

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Local heritage for neo-endogenous rural development. Valorization, participation, local government and governance in Andalusia
Eugenio Cejudo Garcia, José Cañete, Universidad de Granada (Spain), Francisco Navarro

Difficult governance of modern heritage: Four case studies of the Architectural Work of Le Corbusier (France, Switzerland)
Ismahan Hamzaoui, Université Clermont Auvergne (France)

Impacts of urban development factors on cultural heritage in post-socialist period. Bucharest as case study
Florentina-Cristina Merciu, Andreea-Loreta Cercleux, George Merciu, University of Bucharest (Romania)

Regeneration and gentrification of historical districts. The case of Poland
Barbara Maćkiewicz, Przemysław Ciesiółka, Adam Mickiewicz University of Poznań (Poland)

Industrial heritage without history: diverse conceptualizations of industrial heritage in the Ústí nad Labem Region (Czechia)
Vladan Hruška, Michaela Štěbetáková, Pavel Raška, Eva Nedorostová, Zdeňka
Smutná, Silvie Rita Kučerová, Tomáš Sýkora, Petr Hlaváček, Jan Evangelista
Purkyně University in Ústí nad Labem (Czechia)

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Citizen Participation in the Governance of Urban Heritage
(Chairs: Carlos Nunes Silva & Anna Trono)

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Public Participation in Urban Planning: from symbolic engagement to citizen control
Carlos Nunes Silva, University of Lisbon (Portugal)

Robust civic participation in management of heritage houses as a tool for sustainable human settlements
Lucia Leboto-Khetsi, Verna Nel, University of the Free State (South Africa)

«Come, Listen to the Story»: A Story about a Nepalese Oral Heritage Conservation Project
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