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1. INTRODUCTION

The second Newsletter (July-December 2022) of the IGU Commission 'Geography of Governance' reports the activity in the second semester and presents the consolidated report of all activities developed during 2022 and the updated activity plan for the following annual period. The activity of the Commission in the second semester included participation in the IGU Centennial Congress in Paris, in July 2022, the Annual Conference of the Commission, in Mexico City, in August 2022, the Webinar on 'The Response of Local Governance to the Global Climate Emergency', on November 2022, and a session on "The resilience of New Zealand's regional level of governance" in the New Zealand Geographical Society Conference, in November 2022, as well the participation of members of the Steering Committee, in different capacities, in the organization of other meetings referred in the following sections.

In addition to the organization and participation in these meetings, the Commission coordinated the collaborative research efforts in the context of its action plans on Covid-19 pandemic and climate emergency, and remained committed to maintain its publishing activity. The recent publications by members of the Steering Committee, related to the core subject of the Commission, are listed below. In sum, despite the sanitary constraints associated with the Covid-19 Pandemic, still compulsory for most part of the year, the Commission continued to work actively during 2022, enhancing the debate on local and urban governance through the organization of online sessions and onsite meetings, as described below.

Further to the COVID-19 pandemic, the activity of the Commission in 2022 was also marked by the war in Ukraine. The invasion of Ukraine, a sovereign democratic nation, by Russian armed forces, was unequivocally condemned by the International Geographical Union (IGU), on its Declarations issued on 27 February 2022, and 7 March 2022, and in the decision by the General Assembly of the International Geographical Union, at the Extraordinary International Geographical Congress, Paris, 18 - 22 July, 2022, to expel the IGU National Committee of Russia with immediate effect (see Annex 11.3). Declarations and decision with which the IGU Commission on the Geography of Governance fully agreed and supported. And in accord with these declarations and decision, the Commission on Geography of Governance also welcomes, encourages and supports continued engagement with our colleagues in Russia in their individual capacities. For the IGU Commission Geography of Governance it is mandatory that any oral presentation or map presented in its conferences respect the full territorial integrity of Ukraine, as defined by international law. The IGU Commission Geography of Governance organized, on 6 June 2022, an International Webinar on 'Local Government in Ukraine: Formation, Reforms, Geopolitical Implications and Post-War Recovery'. The
Commission is considering to hold in 2023 a larger Conference on 'Local Government and the Post-War Recovery in Ukraine ', being this plan dependent on the evolution of the war.

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. Special attention will be given to collaboration on the core theme of the Commission - local government systems - on the specific themes pertaining to its two current Actions Plans - 'local governance in the post-pandemic' and 'local governance response to the climate emergency' -, on themes related to the 'governance and planning of coastal and maritime areas', and to the role of local government in the Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development.

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 2/2022 the following activities have been developed:

3.1 Online communication tools
3.2 Digital Archive
3.3 Activity Plan for 2023/2024
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 2022 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):

- Archive - Past Steering Committees (1984 - 2020) ->
- Archive - Newsletters (1984 - 2020) ->
- Archive - Past Conferences (1984 - 2020) ->
- Archive - Publications (1987 - 2020) ->
- Archive - Photogallery (2006 - 2020) ->
- Archive - IGU CGoG FLYER (2016 - 2020) ->
- Archive - Aims & Themes (2016 - 2020) ->
The Commission sent, as is usual, to the IGU Central Archive, located in the Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography, Germany, the documents (PDF) related to its activities in 2022.

3.3 Activity Plan for 2023/2024. The activity plan for 2023 includes a variety of initiatives, namely the organization of Conferences and Sessions: the Commission' Annual Conference in Budapest, Hungary, on September 2023; Sessions in the AAG Annual Meeting, on March 2023; Session at the IGU Thematic Conference on 'Islands in Relations: Conflicts, Sustainability, and Peace', in Osaka, April 2023; Session on the IGU Thematic Conference on 'The Ocean and Seas in Geographical Thought', in Milan, on June 2023; Session on the IGU Thematic Conference on 'Urban transformations: Towards resilient cities', in Mexico City, on August 2023; the Symposium: New Zealand Local Government (online), on February 2023; among others; it includes also the start of the plan for the participation of the Commission in the 35th IGU Congress in Ireland on August 2024; publications, and tentatively also joint research activities.

3.4 Membership. The list of corresponding members continued to expand in 2022. 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/aVnvSzTzyTGHnGz08). The Commission has, on 1 December 2022, 650 members in 67 countries.

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 the second semester of 2022, 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.

3.6 Publications. Members of the Steering Committee published books, chapters, articles, 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, including the organization of meetings (sessions, panels in the annual conference), and publication of research outcomes on this issue.

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. The Commission organized panels on this issue within its main meetings or sessions and a Webinar on 'The Response of Local Governance to the Global Climate Emergency', on November 2022.

4. IGU Commissions Excellence Award 2020: Keynote Lecture /Conference in the IGU Centennial Congress, in Paris

The IGU Commissions Excellence Award Committee unanimously nominated the Commission “Geography of Governance” for the IGU Commissions Excellence Award 2020 (see Newsletter 2/2021). With this Award came the possibility to hold a special Keynote Lecture in the IGU Centennial Congress, in Paris, on July 2022. This special Lecture /Conference was delivered by Prof. Verna Nell, University of the Free State, South Africa, as described in Annex 11.6.

5. CONFERENCES IN 2022

5.1 - 6th GeoNight // 6e Nuit de la Géographie - Webinar "Governing the Urban Night - Local Governance of the Urban Night Time", 1 April 2022, 19:00-21:00 GMT. The Webinar, organized by the IGU Commission on the Geography of Governance and 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 held from the University of Lisbon, Portugal. The webinar was moderated by Anna Trono (University of Salento, Italy; and member of the IGU CGoG Steering Committee). It was organized in the context of the International Geographical Union Geo-Nights Program in 2022, explored and discussed how urban growth reorganized space but also time, particularly the night-time, and how it is expected to continue to do so, at an increasingly fast speed. As a result of this, local and urban policies have been increasingly considering, in all regions of the world, and in cities of all sizes, the night-time as a new field of action for local government
policy. The Webinar brought together researchers, geographers and other social scientists, working on this emerging local government policy field, and the wider public - citizens, policy makers and other stakeholders - from different cities around the globe.

The full program, the abstracts, and PowerPoint are available here:
- Program: https://sites.google.com/view/geonight2022igucgog/program
- Abstracts: https://sites.google.com/view/geonight2022igucgog/abstracts
- PowerPoint: https://sites.google.com/view/geonight2022igucgog/download-files

See also Annex 11.4 below.

5.2 - The 6th International Conference 'Urban e-Planning', Lisbon, Portugal, 7 - 12 April 2022. The 6th 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, from the University of Lisbon, Portugal, on 7 - 12 April 2022. The Conference was endorsed, as in previous years, by the IGU Commission Geography of Governance. The Conference addressed four main themes: Track 1 - Governance and Planning of Smart Cities; Track 2 - Urban E-Planning and Climate Emergency; Track 3 - Urban E-Planning and the Covid-19 Pandemic; Track 4 - Citizens E-Participation in Urban Governance. Track 1 with 12 sessions; track 2 with 3 sessions; track 3 with 2 sessions; and track 4 with 5 sessions. The program included 87 papers by authors from 37 countries in all continents. A selection of the papers presented will be published in open access in the International Journal of E-Planning Research (IJEPRE). A Conference Report will be published in the IJEPRE.

The full program and the abstracts are available here: https://sites.google.com/view/uep2022conference/abstracts

More information is available in the conference website: https://sites.google.com/view/uep2022conference/home

5.3 - Webinar "Local Government in Ukraine - Formation, Reforms, Geopolitical Implications and Post-War Recovery" - Monday, 6 June 2022, 12:00 - 16:30 GMT. The Webinar, organized by the IGU Commission on the Geography of Governance, 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 held from the University of Lisbon, Portugal. The webinar was moderated by Ján Buček (Comenius University, Slovakia). It explored and discussed the local government system in Ukraine, its formation and reforms after independence, its role in times of war, and its potential role in the post-war recovery. It brought together researchers, geographers and other social scientists, working on these issues, and the wider public - citizens, policy makers and other stakeholders - in Ukraine and in other countries around the globe.

The full program, the abstracts, and PowerPoint are available here:
- Program: https://sites.google.com/view/lgukraine2022/program
- Abstracts: https://sites.google.com/view/lgukraine2022/abstracts
- PowerPoint: https://sites.google.com/view/lgukraine2022/download-files
- Webinar webpage: https://sites.google.com/view/lgukraine2022/home

See also Annex 11.5 below.

5.4 - International Conference on Governance and Local Development: The African and Middle Eastern Experience. The IGU Commission on Geography of Governance participated, in partnership with the Al Akhawayn University, in the 'International Conference on Governance and Local Development: The African and Middle Eastern Experience', 11-13 February 2022 (Hybrid), Ifrane, Morocco. The Conference was moderated by Eric Ross (Al Akhawayn University, Morocco).

The full program is available here:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SxZya0U7lTMAGx5xqsRm9pizSn2BdZW/view?usp=sharing

5.5 - Workshop on "Smart and Resilient Local Governance", 13-14 June 2022, Gyor, Hungary. The Workshop, jointly organized by the IGU Commission on Geography of Governance and by the West Hungarian Research Department of the Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Institute of Regional Studies, in Gyor, Hungary, was cancelled.

5.6 - WEBINAR QNeST project, 31 March, 2022. Anna Trono (University of Salento, Italy, and member of the IGU CGoG Steering Committee) took part in this meeting, which introduced the concept of cultural routes and itineraries as an innovative and skilful tool to promote quality sustainable tourism in some areas of the Adriatic-Ionian area of Croatia, Greece, Italy, Montenegro and Slovenia.
5.7 - ROUND TABLE QNeST PLUS project 11 May, 2022. Anna Trono (University of Salento, Italy, and member of the IGU CGoG Steering Committee) took part in this meeting. The virtual round table aim was to promote, on a regional, national and international level, the follow-up to the project, that is designed to fulfil the potential of certain coastal areas of the Adriatic-Ionian region of the eastern Mediterranean via the provision of cultural routes and itineraries as the basis of sustainable quality tourism.

5.8 - OPEN DAY. QNeST PLUS Project and Quality Cultural Routes for Sustainable Tourism in Adriatic and Ioanian regions. 10 -11 June, 2022 Minervino di Lecce, Lecce, Italy. Anna Trono (University of Salento, Italy, and member of the IGU CGoG Steering Committee) took part in this meeting. The Open Day event ended five years activities of the projects QNeST - Quality Network for Sustainable Tourism and QNeST PLUS, funded under the EU’s Adrion - Priority Axis programme: n.2 "Sustainable Region", Axis II SO 2.1 "Promoting the sustainable valorisation and preservation of natural and cultural assets as growth assets in the Adriatic-Ionian area".

5.9 - 7th UNESCO UNITWIN Conference 2022: “World Heritage and Tourism Innovation”, Slovenia, Portorose, 15-20 May, 2022. Anna Trono (University of Salento, Italy, and member of the IGU CGoG Steering Committee) took part in this meeting.

5.10 - III Demographic Congress in Poland. Understand the demographic change. Organizer: Committee of Demographic Sciences of the Polish Academy of Sciences. Warsaw on June 13 - June 14, 2022. The aim of the conference was to present the demographic situation of Poland from the European, national and local perspective. The session devoted to migrations was organized by Polish geographers, including Prof. Tomasz Kaczmarek from Adam Mickiewicz University and member of the IGU CGoG Steering Committee. The conference ‘Understanding Demographic Change ...’ dealt with the profound demographic change in Poland after 1989, considered in the context of demographic trends in Europe. The discussion on fertility and family changes, health status and mortality, internal and foreign migration as well as accompanying transformations of population structures was carried out from an interdisciplinary perspective. Not only researchers from Poland were invited to the debate, but also leading representatives of the demographic community in Europe. Dubravka Šuica, Vice-President of the European Commission and Commissioner for Democracy and Demography, was the guest of honour at the conference. More on the program here: https://konferencja.pan.pl/zmiana-demograficzna/programme_english.pdf
The IGU Commission on Geography of Governance participated in the 100th IGU anniversary, held in Paris, France, on 18-22 July 2022. The following Sessions took place within the track 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)

The Lecture / Conference proposed by the IGU Commission Geography of Governance in response to the "IGU Commissions Excellence Award 2020" was delivered during the IGU Centennial Congress by Prof. Verna Nel, University of Free State, South Africa.
5.12 IGU CGoG 2022 Annual Conference on 'Local Governance in a Time of Global Emergencies' - Mexico City, 29 August - 1 September 2022. The International Conference on 'Local Governance in a Time of Global Emergencies', organized by the International Geographical Union (IGU) Commission on Geography of Governance, in collaboration with the Metropolitan Autonomous University - UAM and the National Autonomous University of Mexico - UNAM, and 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 Rocio Rosales Ortega (Metropolitan Autonomous University, Mexico, and Chair of the Local Organization Commission), was held in Mexico City, Mexico, on 29 August - 1 September, 2022. The Conference explored and discussed the challenges and innovations confronting Local and Urban Governance, in the context of global emergencies. It was 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 intended to provide the opportunity for comparisons between countries, in different regions of the world, in both the North and Global South. The Conference brought 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 was organized into four main tracks: Track 1 - Local Government: Trends, Challenges and Innovations - This track examined and discussed current practices, challenges, and innovations in local and urban governance, and compared 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 addressed 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 explored and discussed 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 examined and discussed the role of spatial planning in shaping multi-level territorial governance and the local policy agenda.

In each of these four tracks there were 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 was international, including comparative research. The Conference was 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](https://sites.google.com/view/geogov2022/home)

See also Annex 11.7 below.

5.13 - International Scientific Conference 'Music Tourism: History, Geography and Training'. Cremona, University La Cattolica. Milan, 26 - 27 September 2022. Participation of Anna Trono (member of the IGU Steering Committee) as chair of the Geography Session - "Musical Tourism in Urban Contexts".

5.14 - Webinar on 'The Response of Local Governance to the Global Climate Emergency', on 8 November 2022. The Webinar 'The Response of Local Governance to the Global Climate Emergency' was convened by Carlos Nunes Silva (Chair of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance & Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Lisbon, Portugal), and held from the University of Lisbon, Portugal, with the aim to contribute to the ongoing debate on the implementation and effectiveness of local government policies directed to tackle on the ground the challenge of climate change. The webinar was moderated by Doris Wastl-Walter (Professor Emerita, University of Berne, Berne, Switzerland). The webinar is part of the Commission' Action Plan on 'Local Governance and Climate Emergency: Strategies, Plan, Actions, Outcomes, Impacts. A Worldwide Survey and Comparison'. It took place on 8 November 2022, 13:00 (UTC), on the Zoom Platform. It was held in the week(s) of the COP-27, CMP-17 and CMA-4.

More information in the Webinar website: [https://sites.google.com/view/lgce2022/home](https://sites.google.com/view/lgce2022/home)

See also Annex 11.8 below.
5.15 - CERS - 8th Central European Conference in Regional Science "Resilience of cities and regions in an uncertain time". The conference hosted by the Faculty of Human Geography and Planning at Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland, with Tomasz Kaczmarek (member of the IGU CGoG Steering Committee) in the organization, was held on 21st-23rd November 2022 in virtual format. The conference was co-organized with European Regional Science Association – Polish Section, Hungarian Regional Science Association and Slovak Section of ERSA. CERS have a long tradition and is organized every 2-3 years in one of the Visegrad countries. The previous edition of the conference was held in Sopron, Hungary in 2019. The idea of the conference was to promote research in the field of Regional Science. It is also a good point for the consolidation of many groups of scientists working on human and economic geography, spatial management, spatial economy, regional and urban economics, demography, spatial planning, architecture, and ecology. More information here: http://cers.amu.edu.pl/.

5.16 - New Zealand Geographical Society Biennial Conference, 23-25 November 2022, at University of Canterbury, in Christchurch, New Zealand. This year’s theme: Toitū: Geographies of Resilience. Jeffrey McNeill (Massey University, New Zealand, and member of the IGU CGoG Steering Committee) convened the session on "The resilience of New Zealand's regional level of governance".

More information in Conference website: https://www.nzgsconference2022.co.nz/

6. FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES IN 2023

6.1 - AAG 2023 Annual Meeting, 23 - 27 March 2023, in Denver, USA. The IGU CGoG holds a virtual session, with two panels, titled 'Local and Urban Governance for more Just Geographies' (I and II), in the AAG 2023 Annual meeting in Denver, USA. The Session is proposed by Carlos Nunes Silva (Chair of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance). Local government has been a driving force in the promotion of quality of life, social equity, inclusion, diversity and spatial justice in human settlements. If this has been so in numerous countries, during the last century, local and city governments worldwide are now increasingly confronted with new and complex challenges, related to climate change, pandemic events, energy crisis, natural or human made disasters, among others, which call for reform and innovation in the current local government systems. This Session, sponsored by the International Geographical Union Commission on Geography of Governance (IGU-CGoG), aims to explore and discuss various aspects of the response of local and urban governance towards these new and complex challenges.
6.2 - 7th Conference on Urban e-Planning [Virtual], 27 - 31 March 2023, 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 7th 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 co-organized by the 'International Journal of E-Planning Research' and the Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning – University of Lisbon, will be held online, from the University of Lisbon, Portugal, on 27 - 31 March 2023. It is organized into 5 tracks: Track 1 - Smart Urban Governance and E-Planning - This track examines and discusses current trends, practices, challenges, and innovations in the governance and planning of Smart Cities, including in the context of crisis management. Track 2 - Urban E-Planning and Climate Emergency - This track explores and discusses the role of urban e-planning in local / urban adaptation and mitigation policies, and the respective challenges and outcomes. Track 3 - Managing Natural and Man Made Disasters and the Post-Pandemic - This track addresses and discusses the role of Urban e-Planning in natural and manmade disasters and in the post-pandemic city recovery policies. Track 4 - Urban E-Planning and the Managing of the Energy Crisis - This track explores and compares the city e-planning responses to the current energy crisis. Track 5 - Citizens E-Participation in Urban Governance - This track examines and discusses the multiple forms of e-participation, including Citizen Science, and its role in urban e-planning.

The Conference is endorsed, as in previous years, by the IGU Commission Geography of Governance.

More information in the conference website: https://sites.google.com/view/uep2023conference/home

6.3 - Annual Conference of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance in 2023 - 'Paradigm Shifts in Local and Urban Governance', Budapest, Hungary, 4-6 September 2023. The 2023 Annual Conference of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance - 'Paradigm Shifts in Local and Urban Governance', organized by the
Commission in collaboration with the Centre for Economic and Regional Studies - MTA Centre of Excellence, Hungary, co-convened by Ilona Pálné Kovács (Chair of the Local Organization Commission and CERS, Hungary) and Carlos Nunes Silva (Chair of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance & University of Lisbon, Portugal), will take place in Budapest, Hungary, 4-6 September 2023. It is organized into 3 tracks: Track 1 - Institutional shifts in Local Governance - This track aims to examine and to discuss institutional shifts in local governance systems due to globalization, nationalization, decentralization, and digitalization, the challenges and innovations with which local governance is confronted, and to compare local government systems and practices in different regions of the world. Track 2 – Resilient Local Governance - This track seeks to explore and to discuss the responses of local governance to natural and human made disasters, crisis and emergencies, namely local government climate actions, local government post-pandemic policies, energy crisis and transition, and the role of local government in post-war recovery. Track 3 - Governance of Spatial Planning Systems - This track examines and discusses the role of spatial planning in shaping multi-level territorial governance, including coastal and marine spatial planning.

More information in the Conference website:
https://sites.google.com/view/geogov2023/home

6.4 - IGU Thematic Conference on "The Ocean and Seas in Geographical Thought", University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy, 5-8 June 2023 and Post-conference excursion in Venice, 9-11 June.

The IGU Commission Geography of Governance is one of the co-organizing Commissions of the IGU Thematic Conference "The Ocean and Seas in Geographical Thought", in Italy, June 2023. Organizing Commissions: Commission on the History of Geography (Proponent); Commission on Gender and Geography; Commission on Mediterranean Basin; Commission on Political Geography; Commission on Tourism, Leisure and Global Change; Commission on the Geography of Governance; Proposed Commission on Oceans. The Commission holds a Session on 'Local Governance and Planning of Coastal and Maritime Areas', co-chaired by Carlos Nunes Silva (Chair of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance) and Anna Trono (member of the Commission Steering Committee). The session 'Local Governance and Planning of Coastal and Maritime Areas', organized in hybrid format, aims to explore and discuss local governance and spatial planning of coastal and maritime areas, looking at the interrelationship between inland social, economic, and environmental practices and those in the adjacent maritime areas, raising awareness for the complexity of the relationships between the different users and uses in these areas. The spatial planning system include, in several
countries, a spatial plan specific for the coastal area, in some cases a land strip of few hundred metres along the coast, and whose zoning and constraints the municipal spatial plans (e.g. municipal master plan; urban land use plans) must consider. Another common plan is the land use plan designed for beaches. If these plans are examples of planning instruments for coastal areas that have been in place for several decades now, marine spatial plans are more recent. The articulation between these inland spatial plans and the marine spatial plans, and between these two types of plans and spatial sector plans, as is the case of plans for heritage or tourism activities in the coastal and marine areas, call for new research and critical debate. Papers submitted to this Session can be focused, but not limited, to the following themes or issues:

- Spatial Planning Systems: planning instruments for coastal areas.
- Marine Spatial Planning: instruments, practices and outcomes.
- Spatial data infrastructure to support marine spatial planning.
- Integrated and sustainable planning and management of coastal and oceans areas.
- Spatial planning and marine spatial planning in small islands states.
- Governance and planning of marine protected areas.
- Spatial planning and management of protected areas in coastal regions.
- Governance and spatial planning of coastal cities.
- Heritage and tourism in spatial planning in coastal areas.
- Heritage and tourism in marine spatial planning.

The Session looks especially for contributions which bring a multidisciplinary approach and framework to the understanding of the local governance processes in coastal and maritime areas and to spatial and marine planning more specifically.

More information in the Conference website: [https://igu-chg-2023.unimib.it/](https://igu-chg-2023.unimib.it/)

6.5 - IGU Thematic Conference on “Islands in Relations: Conflicts, Sustainability, and Peace”, Osaka Metropolitan University, Osaka, Japan, 4-6 April 2023. Yosuke Maeda (Niigata University, Japan, and member of the Steering Committee of the IGU Commission on Geography of Governance) is member of the Local Organizing Committee. The IGU Commission Geography of Governance holds a session titled 'Adaptive island governance and climate change: The role of local government and spatial planning systems', convened by Carlos Nunes Silva (Chair of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance & University of Lisbon, Portugal). The Session 'Adaptive island governance and climate change: The role of local government and spatial planning systems' aims to explore and to discuss recent developments of local government systems in small Islands and the respective Spatial Planning Systems, in particular in small Island States. The Session addresses, among others, the following research questions: Is the Local Government System in
small Island States robust enough to address climate change and its effects? How and to what extent does the Spatial Planning System in small Island (States) consider adaptation to climate change? This Session is associated with the Action Plan on “Local Governance and Climate Emergency: Strategies, Plans, Actions, Outcomes, Impacts” of the IGU Commission on Geography of Governance (https://sites.google.com/view/igucgog-climateemergency/home).

More information in the Conference website: https://polgeog.jp/igu-tc2023/

6.6 - IGU Thematic Conference Mexico 2023 on "Urban transformations: Towards resilient cities", Mexico City, 18th to 25th of August 2023. The IGU Commission Geography of Governance is one of the co-organizing Commissions of the IGU Thematic Conference "Urban transformations: Towards resilient cities". The Commission is particularly engaged on the sub-thematic session 2 - "Local and Urban Governance: lessons from the past and prospects for resilient and sustainable development in a time of global emergencies and transitions", organized by Carlos Nunes Silva (Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Lisbon, Portugal, and Chair of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance). In the past, local government’s social, economic and environmental policies have been key drivers in urban transition processes and in the fight against extreme events in all regions of the world. This sub-thematic session, proposed by the IGU Commission on Geography of Governance, aims to examine and discuss lessons from the past, successes and failures in the field of local and urban governance, and prospects for the future, namely in what concerns the challenges associated with globalization, the Covid-19 pandemic, and climate change, as well as to explore innovative approaches on how local and urban government can fulfil its role in the implementation of the principles and goals of the current global sustainable development agendas, such as the 2030 Agenda and the New Urban Agenda. Papers may address issues related to one of the following themes, or other issues related to other aspects of local and urban governance, focusing on lessons from the past and/or on innovative approaches: 1. Local government reforms and the impact on the implementation of sustainable development agendas; 2. Local governance and the Covid-19 Pandemic: the policy responses and the post-pandemic recovery approaches; 3. Local governance responses to Climate Emergency: strategies, plans, actions, outcomes; 4. Citizen participation and co-creation in local and urban governance.

More information in the Conference website: https://igumexico2023.org/
6.7 - Symposium: New Zealand Local Government (online) Symposium 2023, School of People, Environment and Planning, Massey University, Monday 13 February 2023. The interdisciplinary New Zealand Local Government Symposium is convened every three years following local government elections the previous November. Symposium convenor: Jeff McNeill (Massey University, New Zealand & IGU CGoG Steering Committee member).

6.8 - Conference on 'Local Government and the Post-War Recovery in Ukraine'. The Commission is considering the organization of a Conference on this theme, in virtual format, in 2023, building on the results of the Webinar held in June 2022. More information will be provided in the Commission website as soon as possible.

6.9 - Webinar on: “Agenda 2030 and sustainable development of European cultural routes. The European Routes of Emperor Charles V”, February-March 2023. The web seminar organized by Anna Trono (member of the IGU CGoG Steering Committee) aims to illustrate the value of European cultural itineraries as a tool for enhancing knowledge and understanding of Agenda 2030’s Sustainable Development Goals, and it cites the Charles V cultural itinerary as a particularly successful example of respect for the principles of sustainability and good governance of local cultural heritage.

6.10 - 35th International Geographical Congress - 'Celebrating a World of Difference', 25 - 30 August 2024. The IGU Commission on Geography of Governance will be present in the next IGU Congress in Dublin, Ireland, on August 2024, with themed sessions. In addition, the Commission will hold a pre-Congress meeting in Ireland. More information in the Congress website: www.igc2024dublin.org and soon also in the Commission website.

6.11 - Plan for other meetings (workshops / webinars/ conferences / panels) in 2023/2024. The Commission’ activity plan for 2023 is open to include other meetings if the opportunity emerges after the publication of this Newsletter.

More information will be available in the Commission website in due time: https://sites.google.com/site/igugeogov/next-conferences
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 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/confinement months, focused on the broad theme 'Local Government Response Towards Covid-19 Pandemic'.

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-

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

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, 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?

The Commission has already promoted sessions in its own meetings or panels in wider meetings in which it was present, and organized a Webinar on 'The Response of Local Governance to the Global Climate Emergency', on November 2022. It plans to continue doing so in 2023.

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

9. OTHER ACTIVITIES BY COMMISSION MEMBERS

9.1 - Peter Schmitt (Stockholm University, Sweden, and member of the IGU CGoG Steering Committee) was local convenor of the ARL International Summer School - 'Exploring Spatial Justice in times of disruptions', which took place at Stockholm University, 24-27 August, 2022. More information at: https://www.arl-international.com/news/arl-international-summer-school-2022

9.2 - Yosuke Maeda, Niigata University, Japan, and member of the Steering Committee of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance, is member of the Local Organization Committee of the IGU Thematic Conference on "Islands in Relations: Conflicts, Sustainability, and Peace", to be held on April 4-6, 2023, at Sugimoto Campus, Osaka Metropolitan University, Osaka, Japan. More information here: https://polgeog.jp/igu-tc2023/
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11.1 ANNEX - 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)

11.2 ANNEX - URL

- Commission website: https://sites.google.com/site/igugeogov/home
- Commission blog: http://igugeogov.blogspot.pt/
- Corresponding Members mailing list: https://sites.google.com/site/igugeogov/mailing-list
**11.3 ANNEX - DECLARATIONS AND DECISION OF THE IGU REGARDING THE WAR IN UKRAINE**

On 27 February 2022, the International Geographical Union (IGU) issued a Declaration on the invasion of Ukraine by Russian forces:

«The International Geographical Union notes with dismay the alarming situation in Ukraine and finds the invasion of a sovereign democratic nation by Russian forces outrageous and unacceptable. These actions are undermining global security and stability and have led to deplorable human suffering and loss of life. In the interests of peace and stability in international relations, we call for an end to the hostilities and for a resolution that respects the sovereignty of Ukraine and all its people. The International Geographical Union stands in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and its community of geographers, along with those in Russia who are courageously manifesting their rejection of war. We wish the citizens of Ukraine great strength in resisting and overcoming this shocking crisis.» (IGU, 27.02.2022)

On 7 March 2022, the International Geographical Union Executive Committee issued a new declaration suspending the IGU National Committee of Russia:

«The International Geographical Union (IGU) has already expressed its strong objection to the invasion of Ukraine, an independent sovereign state, by Russian armed forces (see: https://igu-online.org/declaration-by-the-international-geographical-union-on-the-ukraine-crisis/). However, the escalation of the military offence and its consequent humanitarian crisis warrants our further response. The Executive Committee of the International Geographical Union (IGU) has, therefore, taken the unprecedented step of suspending membership of the IGU National Committee of Russia with immediate effect, pending a formal decision on its membership at the next IGU General Assembly in July 2022. The Russian National Committee of the IGU has an integral, symbolic association with the Russian Geographical Society (RGS). The RGS President is the Minister of Defence of the Russian Federation and Vladimir Putin, President of the Russian Federation, chairs the RGS Board of Trustees. Their decisions underpin the illegal invasion of Ukraine. The IGU Executive Committee condemns the actions of the Russian government, which are counter to the purposes and values of the IGU as indicated in its Statutes (https://igu-online.org/organization/statutes/). Under these circumstances, the Executive Committee considers that the IGU cannot continue to engage formally with the Russian National Committee. Nevertheless, the IGU Executive Committee recognizes that many Russian geographers are appalled by and strongly object to the continued presence of Russian armed forces and aggression in Ukraine and have openly called for an end to the military operations there. Accordingly, in suspending Russia’s formal IGU membership, the IGU...
maintains an open door for continued engagement with our colleagues in Russia in their individual capacities." (IGU, 7.03.2022)

The General Assembly of the International Geographical Union, at the Extraordinary International Geographical Congress, Paris, 18 - 22 July, 2022, agreed to expel the IGU National Committee of Russia with immediate effect:

«The International Geographical Union (IGU) condemns the invasion of Ukraine by Russian armed forces and notes that the sustained escalation of the military offence continues to take a terrible toll on innocent civilians and is responsible for an ongoing humanitarian crisis in the country. The IGU further notes that the current Russian National Committee of the IGU has an integral, symbolic association with the Russian Geographical Society (RGS), that the RGS President is the Minister of Defence of the Russian Federation, and that Vladimir Putin, President of the Russian Federation, chairs the RGS Board of Trustees and whose decisions underpin the illegal invasion of Ukraine which is counter to the purposes and values of the IGU as indicated in its Statutes (https://igu-online.org/organization/statutes/). In light of these circumstances, the General Assembly of the International Geographical Union at the Extraordinary International Geographical Congress, Paris, July 18th to 22nd 2022, agrees to expel the IGU National Committee of Russia with immediate effect. In so doing, the IGU recognizes that many Russian geographers are outraged by the continued aggression by Russian armed forces in Ukraine. Accordingly, in expelling Russia's formal IGU membership, the IGU welcomes, encourages and supports continued engagement with our colleagues in Russia in their individual capacities and a reconfigured relationship with the Russian geographical community.» (IGU, 18-22.07.2022)
11.4 ANNEX - 6TH GEONIGHT // 6E NUIT DE LA GÉOGRAPHIE - WEBINAR "GOVERNING THE URBAN NIGHT: LOCAL GOVERNANCE OF THE URBAN NIGHT TIME", 1 APRIL 2022, 19:00-21:00 GMT.

PROGRAM

Convenor: Carlos Nunes Silva, Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Lisbon, Portugal
Moderator: Anna Trono, University of Salento, Italy

19:00 - 19:05
**Welcome / Introduction**
Carlos Nunes Silva & Anna Trono

19:10 - 19:25
**Measuring, Regulating and Governing Nightlife in the Americas**
Jess Reia, University of Virginia, USA

19:25 - 19:40
**Neoliberalism and the Nocturnal: A View from the UK**
Marion Roberts, Emerita Professor of Urban Design, School of Architecture & Cities, University of Westminster, London UK

19:40 - 19:55
**Urban Governance Strategies for Sustainable Urban Night Spaces and “Good Night Out Vancouver”**
Sara Gwendolyn Ross, Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University, Canada

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**Reshaping the perception of metropolitan cities: artistic, performative and cultural walks in the night**
Silvia Grandi, Università di Bologna, Italy & Chiara Bernasconi, Università Cattolica di Milano, Italy & School of the Art Institute of Chicago, USA

20:10 - 20:25
**Street Lighting and 'the Phantoms of the Sidewalks' in Sub-Saharan Africa**
Liora Bigon, Interdisciplinary Studies, HIT – Holon Institute of Technology, Israel

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**Lighting in the Urban Space, its Impact on the Urban Experience and How We Can Make it Better**
Hanan Peretz, Peretz Architecture Studio, Israel
ABSTRACTS

Measuring, Regulating and Governing Nightlife in the Americas
Jess Reia, University of Virginia, USA

Abstract: Nightlife is a crucial aspect of our contemporary cities, encompassing territories, communities and multiple activities. It has emerged as a vital component of urban governance worldwide, which led to policies to contain, support, and develop the urban night. Conflicts over the “right to the night” involving several stakeholders have been addressed differently by municipalities. Various efforts to govern, regulate and measure the night have been emerging in the last decade, from grassroots movements to appointed night mayors. The Covid-19 pandemic's arrival in the West led to the closing down of night culture and, two years later, the socioeconomic effects of this process are not completely known. In this context, even the increasing datafication of urban spaces has had little impact in the city after dark, given that this aspect of urban life is rarely the focus of data-centric initiatives. The lack of data focusing specifically on the nighttime economy, and robust analyses of these initiatives beyond daylight leave stakeholders—municipal governments, small businesses owners, neighbourhood associations, night-shifters—navigating challenging circumstances without essential information. This presentation focuses, more broadly, on the consolidation of nightlife governance mechanisms, regulatory frameworks and ways to measure the night in the Americas; and, specifically, on the recent development of a participatory agenda to govern nightlife in Montreal, Canada. Building on the Night Studies transdisciplinary field, this work is based on regulatory and policy framework analyses, interviews, participant observation, and advocacy experience as a member of Montreal’s first Night Council (Conseil de Nuit de MTL 24/24).

Neoliberalism and the Nocturnal: A View from the UK
Marion Roberts, Emerita Professor of Urban Design, School of Architecture & Cities, University of Westminster, London UK

Abstract: As UK nightlife has developed since the millennium, its proponents have combined to create an effective lobby, getting their voices heard in central and local government circles. New organisations and posts have been created and novel practices instituted. Nightlife increased in political legitimacy both prior to and during the pandemic. Economic research carried out by the Greater London Authority demonstrated however that hospitality and entertainment were not the most dominant of activities in the time span 18.00-06.00. The pandemic shone a spotlight on health and social care, while Kolioulis et al (2021)'s important work has exposed an expansion in the gig economy. This presentation will discuss these trends and question whether an alternative scenario for the night might be possible. Sacha Lord, Night Time Economy Advisor for Greater Manchester, tasked his city to ‘build back better’. But what can that mean? Can an alternative citizens’ plan be made for the urban night?
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Abstract: Following extensive public consultations and a two-year pilot program, Vancouver revised its arts event licensing processes to increase accessibility and inclusivity for independent art communities, producers, and consumers for the temporary use of cultural spaces for, among other reasons, fundraising events intended to mitigate decreases in cultural funding and increase efforts for self-reliance within the arts and culture sector. Vancouver City Council also expressed support for the newly established Good Night Out Vancouver program established to promote safer night spaces and a more inclusive nighttime economy. Where marginal or transgressive arts and culture communities are frequently on the periphery of municipal development and cultural protection decision-making, this paper examines developments within Vancouver’s municipal legal framework and policy design that are intended to promote arts, culture, and creativity in line with Vancouver’s recently adopted Creative City Strategy in order to investigate the extent to which these developments are fostering the city’s meaningful engagement with the everyday reality of marginalized (sub)cultural communities.

Reshaping the perception of metropolitan cities: artistic, performative and cultural walks in the night
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Chiara Bernasconi, Università Cattolica di Milano, Italy & School of the Art Institute of Chicago, USA

Background papers:


Street Lighting and 'the Phantoms of the Sidewalks' in Sub-Saharan Africa
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Abstract: Against the background of the fragility of the post-colonial state in Africa and its failure to provide basic infrastructure for its citizens and residents of the cities with an accelerating growth rate, the issue of electric power supply will be highlighted. In particular, bottom-up decentralization of electric energy in urban Africa will be emphasized, in terms of the resilience of the space users, driven by a lack of choice. The talk will examine the anthropo-scene of Southern cities through a series of photographs by the Congolese photographer Baudoin Mouanda from the capital city of Brazzaville, entitled "The Phantoms of the Sidewalks", and through an interview with the artist. These photographs document the phenomenon of an unstructured 'urban library', in the open air, where many dozens of young people go outside of the darkened households every evening to the main streets, to complete their studies under streetlights, where rarely existing, or while using private portable lighting. We will analyze this phenomenon beyond the mainstream of the town-planning and architecture discourse that supports an institutionalized, top-down professional approach involving the material world, towards a perception that sees people themselves as infrastructure, including their motives and movements in space.

Lighting in the Urban Space, its Impact on the Urban Experience and How We Can Make it Better
Hanan Peretz, Peretz Architecture Studio, Israel

Abstract: The solar cycle defines for us the hours of activity and inactivity through light and darkness. In the story of creation, God Himself creates the light and distinguishes between day and night. The city as we know it today has no day and no night. The advent of electricity or in this context the invention of electricity by humans and the use of artificial lighting are a turning point for the functioning of the city and the life in it. The use of light in general and street lighting during the hours of darkness in particular have over the years become a major infrastructure in the fabric of components that make up the public space and the urban experience in the hours of darkness. What is the role of street lighting in the urban space? How does it function today and how can the street experience be enriched through street lighting in the dark? In order to explore possibilities for the enrichment of street lighting, we must understand the complexities that currently exist in the use of street lighting and the background to its development. The discussion about the existing and possible modes of illumination of the city and its streets ranges between two poles - between darkness, emptiness, lack of sense of security and spatial orientation on the one hand, and between glare, multiplicity of lighting to the point of confusion and damage to the urban fabric and even physical damage to humans and other natural systems, on the other hand. As the sense of sight is one of the most influential factors in the way people
absorb experiences, these two poles, whether complete darkness or dazzling glare, leave the user in visual discomfort in the urban space. The relationship between darkness and light is not reciprocal. There is a contradiction, a paradox in the way we treat light and its absence. Light is perhaps the most significant component in our daily existence. It is what allows us to see and from it is derived the existence of different actions and orientation in different spaces. Light and darkness push against each other. It can be said that light and darkness are defined by mutual elimination. Light is the absence of darkness, and darkness is the absence of light. The city, as we know it today, is actually in the range between this duo of darkness-light. The modern age makes it possible to transcend the limits of darkness, and the city is bright and functional even in the hours of darkness. There is another contradiction that arises in relation to the illumination of the city in the hours of darkness. The attitude towards light as part of the infrastructure of urban space in the hours of darkness, as compared to the attitude of light as a generator of all urban features in the hours of darkness. This the point at which the city on this scale is defined through existing infrastructures, regulations, variables and ways of thinking. The systems of considerations that motivate urban dimming lights do not necessarily prioritize the main users of the city and the urbanness, the people who walk the city. The urban space is mostly illuminated by repetitive lighting near the roads. Thus, the experience of the people who walk in the city and experience it in the most intense way receives less treatment than that of the vehicles, which by the way, know how to get along very well with vehicle lighting. Street lighting, in contrast to other infrastructures such as sewage, gas, etc., is an infrastructure that directly affects the way in which the urban space is absorbed and experienced. Therefore, as planners who are in charge of the urban space, we must re-examine the existing situation. The lecture will present a wide range of options for enriching street lighting and for creating higher quality and smarter systems that will benefit the city and its urban nature in a scheme that represents standard street lighting.

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11.5 ANNEX - WEBINAR "LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN UKRAINE - FORMATION, REFORMS, GEOPOLITICAL IMPLICATIONS AND POST-WAR RECOVERY" - MONDAY, 6 JUNE 2022, 12:00 - 16:30 GMT

PROGRAM

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

Moderator: Jan Bucek (Comenius University, Slovakia)

12:00 - 12:15 GMT

OPENING / WELCOME
Carlos Nunes Silva & Jan Bucek (IGU Commission Geography of Governance)
Viacheslav Oleshchenko (Acting President Ukrainian Geographical Society)

12:15 - 13:30 GMT
LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN UKRAINE – FORMATION, MAIN PRINCIPLES, ACTUAL STATE POLICY AND LEGAL REGULATION
Viacheslav OLESHCHENKO (PhD Geography, MD Law, Associate Professor, and Senior Research Scientist. Acting President of the Ukrainian Geographical Society. Koretsky Institute of State and Law. National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Ukraine)

TRANSFORMATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE-TERRITORIAL SYSTEM FOR EFFECTIVE DECENTRALIZATION OF POWER AND LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT IN UKRAINE
Pavlo OSTAPENKO (PhD Geography. Independent adviser of the State Authorities of Ukraine. Expert of international projects. Chairman of the Ukraine Researchers Society, Ukraine)

Tony LEVITAS (Senior Fellow, The Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University, USA; and Intergovernmental Finance Expert, Support to Decentralization Project, Swedish International Development Agency, Kyiv Ukraine)

13:45 - 15:15 GMT
FOUR GEOPOLITICAL DIMENSIONS OF UKRAINE’S DECENTRALIZATION: HOW KYIV’S CURRENT LOCAL GOVERNANCE REFORM AFFECTS POST-SOVIET INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
Andreas UMLAND (PhD Cambridge, Analyst at the Stockholm Centre for Eastern European Studies at the Swedish Institute of International Affairs, Sweden; and Associate Professor of Political Science at the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Ukraine)
EFFECTS OF THE UKRAINIAN DECENTRALISATION REFORM ON SOCIAL COHESION IN UKRAINE'S BORDER REGIONS  
Aadne AASLAND & Oleksandra DEINEKO (Researchers at the Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research - NIBR at Oslo Metropolitan University, Norway)

THE RUSSIAN WAR AND NEW APPROACHES FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF TERRITORIES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN UKRAINE  
Anatoliy MELNYCHUK (PhD Geography, Associate Professor. Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Faculty of Geography, Head of the Expert-Advisory Center for the Development of Communities and Territories, Ukraine)

UKRAINE'S DECENTRALISATION IN TIMES OF WAR: CONTRIBUTION TO DEFENCE AND LEGITIMACY  
Valentyna ROMANOVA (PhD University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, member of the Japan Association of Ukrainian Studies and the COST Network Intergovernmental Coordination from Local to European Governance, Japan)

15:30 - 16:00 GMT

MODERN SPATIAL PLANNING INSTRUMENTS FOR INTEGRATION OF LOCAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL AIDS AND INTERESTS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND EURO INTEGRATION OF UKRAINE  
Yuriy PALEKHA (Dr. Sc. Geography, Professor. Deputy-Director on Research of the Ukrainian State Juryi Bilokon Research and Planning Institute 'DIPROMISTO', Ukraine)

SPATIAL PLANNING AND GIS TECHNOLOGIES FOR INCREASING DEVELOPMENT CAPACITY OF LOCAL TERRITORIAL COMMUNITIES IN UKRAINE  
Anastasija OLESHCHENKO (PhD Geography. Creative Manager and Coordinator of Spatial Planning Branch in the Geospatial Solutions Agency “AGEORA”. USAID local expert, Ukraine)

16:00 - 16:15 GMT

CLOSING  
Carlos Nunes Silva & Jan Bucek (IGU Commission Geography of Governance)

ABSTRACTS

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PhD Geography, MD Law, Associate Professor, and Senior Research Scientist. Acting President of the Ukrainian Geographical Society. Koretsky Institute of State and Law. National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Ukraine.
Existing principles and regulation concerning Local Government in Ukraine was formed on the base of a long way in discussions and step by step transformation from the strongly united, hierarchic administrative system into the modern democratic system of public power, with relevant balance and legal guarantees for relevant independence and mutual responsibility of state power at national and regional levels and local self-government. Main political principles and legal base for such system in modern time were established by Declaration of the State Sovereignty of Ukraine (16 July, 1990) and Act of Independence Declaration of Ukraine (24 August 1991, approved by the national referendum on 1 December 1991), and later – by Constitution Agreement between the Verkhovna Rada (Parliament) of Ukraine and the President of Ukraine on the basic principles of organization and functioning of state power and local self-government in Ukraine for the period until the adoption of the new Constitution of Ukraine. Acting Constitution of Ukraine was adopted by Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine 28 June 1996. On its base special laws concerning Local Self-Government in Ukraine (21 May, 1997), Local State Administrations (9 April, 1999), Supporting of Regions Development (8 September 2005), some other acts were adopted. Concept of the state regional policy was adopted by President of Ukraine Degree (25 May, 2001). Later Law of Ukraine on the principles of state regional policy was adopted by Parliament (5 February, 2015). Substantial changes in territorial organization of power were realized in Ukraine in 2014-2020 mostly in case of its decentralization. General explanation of formation, further development, actual principles of state policy, concerning structure of institutions and legal regulation in this sphere will be a subject of this presentation.

TRANSFORMATION OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE-TERRITORIAL SYSTEM FOR EFFECTIVE DECENTRALIZATION OF POWER AND LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT IN UKRAINE
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Considering European and global experience, on the base of some amendments to the Constitution and relevant laws, Government of Ukraine in 2014 approved the Concept of reforming local self-government and territorial organization of government. This Concept mostly aimed to decentralizing of power, increasing the role and capacity of local self-government for better establishment of democratization at the local level. Such transfer of power to the level of primary units of local self-government is accompanied with establishment of additional guarantees of independence of these bodies in their decisions of local importance issues, in the implementation of their own and delegated by the state powers. In the same time a significant increasing of financial opportunities of territorial hromada was reached. Such changes formed a new reasons and purposes for the appropriate changes in the system of administrative-territorial structure at the local and sub-regional (districts) level. During the implementation of reforms, the number of administrative-territorial units at the local and sub-regional level has already been significantly reduced. This situation led to the transformation of different socially important processes, formation of new tasks, in particular, in the field of ensuring the proper
administration of the provision of administrative, medical and other social services, in
development of transport and other infrastructure, optimization of the system of spatial
planning etc. It is supposed to familiarize the participants with the main results of the
ongoing reforms in this area and with prospects for further action of the Government of
Ukraine and other authorities, with the experience of participation of geographers in the
development and implementation of scientific principles of the relevant activities.

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In the aftermath of the Maidan Revolution and Russia’s first invasion of Ukraine in 2014, the
Ukrainian state rather remarkably decentralized state power to a newly comprehensive and
much strengthened municipal sector. This process was neither easy. Nor was it fully
complete when Russia launched its second more vicious and existential attack on the
country. In this talk, I review the strengths and weaknesses of the financial architecture of
Ukraine’s new system of intergovernmental relations, as well as the most important risks
the war poses for the evolution of this architecture. Most importantly, I discuss the
pressing need for the Ukrainian state to develop the information systems necessary to
identify where its citizens are, and to link their personal income tax payments —the largest
source of municipal revenue— to their place of residence. Without these systems, I argue,
the national government will have difficulty stabilizing municipal finances, rationally
allocating public revenues for resettlement and reconstruction, and exploiting the full
promise of the country’s local governments in building back better.

6 June, 13:45 - 15:15 GMT

FOUR GEOPOLITICAL DIMENSIONS OF UKRAINE’S DECENTRALIZATION: HOW KYIV’S
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Abstract: The Ukrainian local governance reform's Europeanizing, anti-separatist and
diffusion potential makes it an especially salient, interesting and consequential aspect of
Ukraine’s ongoing socio-political transformation. Within the context of some specifically
post-Soviet political challenges, the empire-subverting and state-supporting dimension of
decentralization bestow this particular reform with a larger meaning than other
substantively similar processes of devolution of power from the national and regional to
the municipal and local levels have in other parts of the world. When local communities –
whether within an urban, rural or mixed context – take over major political tasks and public funds, both imperialism and separatism lose their allure. Decentralization can, moreover, help to contain radical nationalism and to facilitate European integration. Studying more deeply the concepts, elements and experiences of the current Ukrainian reset of local self-governance may reveal useful ideas and lessons for administrative reform advocates in other post-Soviet countries and beyond.

EFFECTS OF THE UKRAINIAN DECENTRALISATION REFORM ON SOCIAL COHESION IN UKRAINE’S BORDER REGIONS
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Aadne AASLAND has been involved in projects on local government reform and local democracy in Ukraine since 2008 and from 2018 - 2021 was the leader of the international ARDU project: The Accommodation of Regional Diversity in Ukraine.

Abstract: Ukraine's decentralisation reform which was launched in 2015 has given more power and resources to the municipalities (hromadas). A main feature of the reform has been the amalgamation of small local communities into larger and more viable territorial units. This has, among other things, implied a mix of populations formerly living in smaller, more homogeneous local communities. Based on case studies in two border regions (Kharkiv and Chernivtsi) we have investigated whether issues of social cohesion, including ethno-cultural aspects, have been on the agenda when these new amalgamated territorial communities (ATCs) have been formed, and the effects of the reform on social cohesion, including relations between ethno-cultural groups, in these new entities. Implications for the local responses to the Russian invasion will also be discussed.

THE RUSSIAN WAR AND NEW APPROACHES FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF TERRITORIES AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN UKRAINE
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Huge territories, a lot of state, municipal and private property in all regions of the country have been hit, including housing, public buildings, large energy and industrial facilities, infrastructure, cultural objects, historical places, landscapes, natural reserves, other specially protected territories (a lot of them are under special protection by international agreements and Russian Federation is a party of the most of them). Millions of people have left their homes, become refugees, and found temporary refuge in other regions of Ukraine and abroad. Such genocide and ecocide was never before in Europe since World War II. In such situation formation of the scientific, institutional, financial, legal, information and other conditions for a state policy of territorial development and rapid, large-scale renovation and reconstruction of the country became extremely actual.
information systems and other modern information technology, in cooperation with relevant state authorities, local self-government authorities we are working now for formation of reliable and complete data concerning location, types and depth of damage, for restitution of damages, for reliable planning of reconstruction and development of state programs. Our results and experience will be a subject of this presentation.

UKRAINE'S DECENTRALISATION IN TIMES OF WAR: CONTRIBUTION TO DEFENCE AND LEGITIMACY
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Abstract: The presentation examines the contribution of Ukraine's decentralisation reform to defence and legitimacy since the outbreak of Russia's full-scale military invasion. First, it presents the context: the major deliverables of the post-2014 decentralisation reform in Ukraine. Second, the presentation explains the input of Ukraine's sub-state authorities into the multi-level system of national resilience, in line with the 2021 law on national resilience and on the ground. This input refers to territorial defence units and volunteer (paramilitary) formations in amalgamated territorial communities. Third, the presentation clarifies vertical and horizontal intergovernmental relations between the state and self-government in those municipalities that were occupied (the city of Kherson); surrounded by the invaders (the city of Chernihiv); under attack by the Russian military (the city of Dnipro). Finally, the presentation specifies how domestic sub-state authorities help enhancing legitimacy of power when Ukraine is under military attack and why it matters during the military invasion.

6 June, 15:30 - 16:00 GMT

MODERN SPATIAL PLANNING INSTRUMENTS FOR INTEGRATION OF LOCAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL AIMS AND INTERESTS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND EURO INTEGRATION OF UKRAINE
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According to the National Law “On Regulation of Urban Development” and other acts there are 3 hierarchical levels of spatial planning documentation in Ukraine: national (General scheme of planning of the territory of state); regional (regional and district planning schemes) and local (general plans of settlements, detailed plans of territories, complex plans of spatial development of territorial communities). This system, different procedures, formed in Ukraine on the base of the best national and international practice, allows to ensure formation of common positions and relevant integration of aims and interests at national, regional and local levels, both horizontally and vertically. Actively developed cross-border urban planning projects with Poland, Slovakia and Hungary play an
important role for successful integration of Ukraine into the European space. Here we can draw attention to the experience of DIPROMISTO in developing such projects, formation of common methodology for research and design of cross-border space.

Modern development of spatial planning in Ukraine base on the principles, laid down from the Sustainable Development Strategy of the European Union, documents and decisions of the CEMAT conferences.

SPATIAL PLANNING AND GIS TECHNOLOGIES FOR INCREASING DEVELOPMENT CAPACITY OF LOCAL TERRITORIAL COMMUNITIES IN UKRAINE
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The decentralization processes that have been taking place in Ukraine since 2014 have created conditions for the spatial extension of the powers of local authorities forming an entity of territorial community, named Territorial Hromada. Ensuring effective management of the development of Hromadas’ territories required changes to the spatial planning documentation system used in Ukraine. As a result, a fundamentally new type of spatial planning documentation was established, both in terms of content and methodology – a Complex plan of spatial development of the territory of the Territorial Hromada. The legislative changes have affected not only the content of the documentation, but also the procedures for its development, implementing the latest European approaches in the field of spatial planning. The report will acquaint with the experience gained by our team with support of USAID and other international support programs through implementing a new type of documentation in practice in specific Hromadas of different regions of Ukraine, as well as the use of geographic information systems for supporting efficient decision-making by local authorities on asset management taking into account the spatial context. There is a significant increase in the interest of local authorities in the use of GIS in connection with the spatial expansion of their powers.

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11.6 ANNEX - PARTICIPATION OF THE IGU COMMISSION GEOGRAPHY OF GOVERNANCE IN THE IGU CENTENNIAL CONGRESS, PARIS, 18 - 22 JULY 2022

The IGU Commission on Geography of Governance participated in the 100th IGU anniversary, held in Paris, France, on 18-22 July 2022. The following Sessions took place within the track 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)

The Session "Local And Urban Governance: Stability, Variability, And Innovation", convened by Carlos Nunes Silva (Chair of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance & University of Lisbon) held 18 panels. See program below. The abstracts are available in the Congress website.
### Session Code | Session Title | Session Chair
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A101370CN | Local and Urban Governance: Stability, Variability, and Innovation | Carlos Nunes Silva

Session with 18 Panels (from Tuesday to Friday)

#### 19 July - Tuesday

**PANEL - 1**

19 July 08:30 - 10:15  
CENTRE SORBONNE PANTHEON - Amphi 2A

A101370CN - Local And Urban Governance: Stability, Variability, And Innovation  
Chair: Carlos Nunes Silva  
Co-Chair: Tomasz Kaczmarek

A105327LM - Metropolitan planning and governance in post-socialism - evidence from eight metropolitan areas in Central Eastern Europe  
Lukasz MIKULA, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poland

A103938ES - The Transformation Process to a Hybrid Model of Governance in the Budapest Metropolitan Area  
Edit SOMLYÓDYNÉ PFEIL, Széchenyi István University, Doctoral School of Regional- and Business Administration Sciences, Hungary [PRESENTED ONLINE]

A104300AC - Societal changes and social innovation in the landscape of a small post-socialist industrial town from Romania  
Andreea-Loreta CERCLEUX, University of Bucharest, Faculty of Geography, Romania

#### PANEL - 2

19 July 10:30 - 12:15  
CENTRE SORBONNE PANTHEON - Amphi 2A

A101370CN - Local And Urban Governance: Stability, Variability, And Innovation  
Chair: Carlos Nunes Silva

A102498II - Local governance and merger reforms in the Spanish Local Government System: A Case Study.  
Ángel IGLESIAS, University Rey Juan Carlos, Spain [PRESENTED ONLINE]  
Manuel AGUILAR, University Rey Juan Carlos, Spain
A103025ER - Municipally Owned Corporations in Israel: The pursuit of Flexibility and Local Initiative in a Centralized Context
Anna HAZAN, University of Haifa, Israel
Eran RAZIN, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

PANEL - 3
19 July
12:30 - 14:15
CENTRE SORBONNE PANTHEON - Amphi 2A

A101370CN - Local And Urban Governance: Stability, Variability, And Innovation
Chair: Carlos Nunes Silva
Co-Chair: Tomasz Kaczmarek

A102508NI - Informality and the State: Understanding the State’s complexity in the governance of informal settlements: The case of Abuja, Nigeria
Nuhu Adeiza ISMAIL, Wageningen University and Research, Netherlands, Netherlands

A102633AM - Du central au local: Changement de paradigme de la gouvernance du transport urbain au Maroc.
Abdellah MOUSSALIH, Urbaniste, Enseignant-chercheur à l’Ecole Nationale d’Architecture de Tétouan (ENAT), Morocco [NOT PRESENTED]

A102830CN - Local Government in the Lusophone African Countries: Stability, Variability, and Innovation
Carlos NUNES SILVA, Institute Of Geography And Spatial Planning, University Of Lisbon, Portugal

PANEL - 4
19 July
14:30 - 16:15
CENTRE SORBONNE PANTHEON - Amphi 2A

A101370CN - Local And Urban Governance: Stability, Variability, And Innovation
Chair: Carlos Nunes Silva
Co-Chair: Anna Trono

A102817CB - Dis/Abilities: Enabling Mapping for All. Civic Hacking-Based Decision Support System. The case study of Rovigo (Veneto Region, Italy)
Chiara BORDON, Università Iuav di Venezia, Italy [NOT PRESENTED]
A102828EG - CIVIC ACT 2 : local public action and collective mobilization in the Great Paris : the place of socio-environmental inequalities
Nathalie BLANC, Université de Paris - CNRS (LADYSS), France

A103379EB - Residents’ knowledge in decision-making processes in spatial planning
Edyta BAKOWSKA-WALDMANN, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland

A103372TC - Achieving urban sustainability goals through national data platforms: A review of India's National Urban Digital Mission
Tathagata CHATTERJI, XIM University Bhubaneswar, India

19 July
16:30 - 18:30
CENTRE SORBONNE PANTHEON - Amphi 2A

A101370CN - Local And Urban Governance: Stability, Variability, And Innovation
Chair: Carlos Nunes Silva
Co-Chair: Ilona Pálné Kovács

A105385LD - The impact of a town's membership in the Cittaslow network on its spatial development
Leszek DABROWSKI, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Poland
Elzbieta GRZELAK-KOSTULSKA, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Poland

A104007UK - The idea of Cittàslow as a small town development strategy. Experiences from Germany, Italy and Poland.
Urszula KACZMAREK, Adam Mickiewicz University Poznan / Poland, Poland
Tomasz KACZMAREK, Adam Mickiewicz University Poznan / Poland, Poland

A104313ID - Toward local food systems? Building new links between policy domains and between actors in the French policy of Projets alimentaires territoriaux (PATs)
Isabelle DUVERNOY, INRAE-UMR AGIR, France
Françoise JARRIGE, Institut Agro - UMR INNOVATION, France
Amélie GONÇALVES, INRAE-UMR AGIR, France

A104524Fd - Local strategies to maintain agriculture in areas of urban and environmental conflict with rural land use: the case of the Rio de Janeiro Metropolitan Region
Felipe DA SILVA MACHADO, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Ana Maria BICALHO, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Scott William HOEFLE, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
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CENTRE SORBONNE PANTHEON - Amphi 2A

A101370CN - Local And Urban Governance: Stability, Variability, And Innovation
Chair: Carlos Nunes Silva
Co-Chair: Eran Razin

A102897SD - Policy and governance challenges for a more balanced settlement pattern in Australia
Stefanie DÜHR, University of South Australia, Australia

A102974CK - The Desirability and Feasibility of Local Government Rescaling: Toward a Decision Logic Model
Charles KAYE-ESSIEN, University Of Connecticut, United States [NOT PRESENTED]

A104565WM - A comparative evaluation of public policy performance in both federal and unitary governments structures using network analysis and graph theory approach
Apostol STEFAN, Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Pecs, Hungary

A104596MC - Smart Tourist Destinations: Is this the case of Barcelona and its Metropolitan Area?
Montserrat CREPI VALLBONA, Universitat de Barcelona, Spain
Sofia GALEAS ORTIZ, Universitat de Barcelona, Spain

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A101370CN - Local And Urban Governance: Stability, Variability, And Innovation
Chair: Carlos Nunes Silva
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Chloé SENECAT, Cy Cergy Paris Université , France

A103681IT - The Metropolitan Challenge in European Urban Areas. National governments as gatekeepers over metropolitan development
Ivan TOSICS, Metropolitan Research Institute/városkutatás Kft, Hungary [NOT PRESENTED]
A103238SY - How well is metropolitan governance going in Germany? The Case of Metropolregion Rhein-Neckar
Simin YAN, Institute of Geography, Heidelberg University, Germany
Anna GROWE, Institute of Geography, Heidelberg University, Germany

A103476IL - LOCAL GOVERNANCE IN THE METROPOLIS UNDER SIEGE: THE LIMINARY SPACES OF TERRITORIAL ACTION IN RIO DE JANEIRO
Ivaldo LIMA, Fluminense Federal University, Brazil

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A101370CN - Local And Urban Governance: Stability, Variability, And Innovation
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A103416SK - Momentum of Federalism? Local Government Responses to the COVID-19 Pandemic in Germany
Sascha KRANNICH, Giessen University, Germany [NOT PRESENTED]

A103014FB - Collaborative processes for local urban governance in face of the pandemic: the extension of the Triple Helix model to the Upper Town of Bergamo (Italy)
Federica BURINI, University of Bergamo, Italy

A104288AS - The COVID-19 pandemic: Impacts on SEA and EIA processes
Andreea Raluca SLAVE, University of Bucharest, Faculty of Geography, Romania
Ioan Cristian IOJA, University of Bucharest, Faculty of Geography, Romania
Constantina Alina HOSSU, University of Bucharest, Faculty of Geography, Romania

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A101370CN - Local And Urban Governance: Stability, Variability, And Innovation
Chair: Carlos Nunes Silva
Co-Chair: Stephanus Minnie

A103370TC - Urban Disaster Governance through Community Engagement – Role of Self-Help Groups in Covid Crisis in Odisha, India
Tathagata CHATTERJI, Xavier University Bhubaneswar, India
Debashrita TRIPATHI, Xavier University Bhubaneswar, India

A103689NB - Co-construire la résilience. Pouvoir municipal et communautés face à la Covid-19 à Dakar, Sénégal (mars 2020 à nos jours)
Ndiouga BENGA, Université Cheikh Anta Diop De Dakar, Département D'histoire, Senegal [NOT PRESENTED]

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A101370CN - Local And Urban Governance: Stability, Variability, And Innovation
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A104537LM - Climate vulnerability, local governance, planning and policy recommendations in the EU
Labianca MARILENA, University of Foggia, Italy
Varraso ISABELLA, University of Foggia, Italy [NOT PRESENTED]

A105114LS - La gouvernance urbaine locale face au défi du changement climatique : le cas des Plans Climat Air Énergie Territoire en France
Lénaïg SALLIOU, Laboratoire TREE UMR 6031 (CNRS – Université de Pau et des Pays de l’Adour), France

A104902KA - Climate change adaptation at urban level – a case study of Hungarian cities
Kovacs ANDRAS DONAT, Centre for Economic and Regional Studies, Hungary [E-POSTER]

A103219VN - Coal Wars: An Exploration into the Multiple and Complex Challenges of a Just Transition to a Low-Carbon Future in South Africa: The Case of the Emalahleni Local Municipality
Mark ORANJE, University of Pretoria, South Africa
Verna NEL, University of the Free State, South Africa

21 July - Thursday

IGU Commissions Excellence Award 2020 - (9.30-10.30)
AWARD 2020 - IGU Commission Geography of Governance

DID COVID-19 BYPASS AFRICA?
(Professor Verna Nell, University of Free State, South Africa)
Moderator: Iain Hay, IGU Vice-President
Presentation of Verna Nel by Carlos Nunes Silva, Chair of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance

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A101370CN - Local And Urban Governance: Stability, Variability, And Innovation
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A104849RR - Continuity, Discontinuity and Breakthrough in the Milanese Town Planning over the Last Hundred Years. From Expansion Planning to Regional Governance
Renzo RIBOLDAZZI, Politecnico di Milano Department of Architecture and Urban Studies, Italy

A103345MJ - From "Do not touch my circles" to " build back better" - different development scenarios for dealing with various contemporary urban development problems. Example of the City of Zagreb.
Martina JAKOVIC, Faculty of Science, Croatia
Jadranka VESELIC BRUVO, City Bureau for Physical Planning, Croatia

A103526CP - "Academy for Collaborative Urban Development": Possibilities and Limitations of a Governance Process in Aachen/Germany
Oliver SCHMITZ, RWTH Aachen University, Germany

A103896ZP - The Question of Time in Spatial Planning Management
Zbigniew PASZKOWSKI, West Pomeranian University of Technology in Szczecin, Poland
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A101370CN - Local And Urban Governance: Stability, Variability, And Innovation
Chair: Carlos Nunes Silva
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A103621Fv - Recalibrations: on the versatility of participation in strategic spatial planning. A Dutch case.
Ferry VAN DE MOSSELAER, KU Leuven, Belgium
Dominique VANNESTE, KU Leuven, Belgium

**A103631VN - Local government spatial planning in a polycentric cooperative governance system**
Stephanus MINNIE, *University of the Free State*, South Africa
Verna NEL, University of the Free State, South Africa

**A103646PR - Des citadins de première et de seconde classe ? Disparité de gouvernance dans le développement urbain à Conakry**
Pascal REY, *IFSRA*, Burkina Faso [NOT PRESENTED]
Margot PETITPIERRE, *IFSRA*, Burkina Faso

**A103374MJ - L'urbanisme de rattrapage au Maroc : portée et limites (études de cas)**
Mohammed JADAOUI, *Université Ibn Zohr*, Morocco

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**A101370CN - Local And Urban Governance: Stability, Variability, And Innovation**
Chair: Carlos Nunes Silva
Co-Chair: Tathagata Chatterji

**A105007CF - Geographies of urban housing policies: Methodologies for exploring mobility and materiality**
Carola FRICKE, *Human Geographie, University Of Freiburg, Germany*, Germany

**A104624MM - Transforming housing policy in Berlin, the case of Deutsche Wohnen&Co Enteignen**
Marina MIRONICA, *Humboldt Universität Zu Berlin*, Germany [NOT PRESENTED]

**A103608FR - Fiscal implications of central places for municipal budgets. Empirical results from Germany.**
Richter FRAUKE, *University of Greifswald, Germany*
Daniel SCHILLER, *University of Greifswald, Germany*

**A104612CP - La gouvernance locale et urbaine à travers le prisme de la réutilisation des biens confisqués au crime organisé et la valorisation des espaces urbains à Bari et Lecco (Italie).**
Claudia PALERMO, *Ladyss - Université De Paris 8 Et Studi Sulla Criminalità Organizzata - Università Degli Studi Di Milano*, France
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A101370CN - Local And Urban Governance: Stability, Variability, And Innovation
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Co-Chair: Verna Nel

A102461LB - "Place making" and "place attachment" as key concepts in understanding and confronting contemporary urban evictions: the case of Givat-Amal, Tel Aviv
Liora BIGON, HIT - Holon Institute of Technology, Israel
Yifat BITTON, Achva Academic College, Israel

A103235PJ - Minority place-name standardization. A comparison of regulations and approaches in Europe. Presentation of a scientific project
Peter JORDAN, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Urban and Regional Research, Austria

A105495GT - The productive potential of spatial data inconsistencies in the Russian land registry
German TITOV, Peoples' Friendship University of Russia, Russian Federation [NOT PRESENTED]

A105424LU - Conceptualizing digital/technological and data sovereignty of local governments within the European context
Lena UNGER, Tu Dortmund University, Germany [NOT PRESENTED]

22 July - Friday

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A101370CN - Local And Urban Governance: Stability, Variability, And Innovation
Chair: Carlos Nunes Silva

A103358HS - Declining Local Tax Revenues and the Policy Responses in Tokyo Metropolitan Area
Hiroshi SATO, The University of Tokyo, Japan
A103392YJ - Small horse pulls big cart in the scalar struggles of competing administrations in Anhui Province, China  
Jiang YANPENG, East China Normal University, China [NOT PRESENTED]

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A101370CN - Local And Urban Governance: Stability, Variability, And Innovation  
Chair: Carlos Nunes Silva
Co-Chair: Verna Nel

A104344SN - From the national macrocosm to the urban microcosm: the development of Athens' immigration policies.  
Sofia NTALIOU, University College Dublin, Ireland

A104527AA - Boundless education for sustainable urban development - governing citizens through educational nudges  
Antonia APPEL, University Of Education Freiburg, Germany

A105371S? - Cultural sector in Polish medium-sized cities - is it (un)governed?  
Stefania SRODA-MURAWSKA, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Poland  
Leszek DABROWSKI, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Poland  
Paweł SMOLINSKI, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Poland

A104984MW - Implementation of the reform of the education system in Poland - the role of local governments and consequences for citizens  
Marzena WALASZEK, Faculty of Human Geography and Planning, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, Poland

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A101370CN - Local And Urban Governance: Stability, Variability, And Innovation  
Chair: Carlos Nunes Silva

A104793MF - Territorial partnerships as intermediaries for local communities: The geographical analysis of hyperlinks on Local Action Groups Internet Homepages in Poland  
Marek FURMANKIEWICZ, Wroclaw University of Environmental and Life Sciences, Poland  
Krzysztof JANC, University of Wroclaw, Poland  
Iga SOLECKA, Wroclaw University of Environmental and Life Sciences, Poland  
Richard J. HEWITT, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain
A105190RC - Bridging community struggles and local government politics through the territory: the case of Baron hill, Valparaiso
Rodrigo CAIMANQUE, Universidad de Chile, Chile

A103843VP - THE NEW MOSCOW AND GREATER MOSCOW PROJECTS: A LOCAL GEOPOLITICAL ANALYSIS
Vladimir PAWLOTSKY, Paris 8 University - French Institut Of Geopolitics, France [NOT PRESENTED]

A104545VK - Trends in Federal Regulation of Urban Governance in Russia under the “New Normal”
Vladimir KLIMANOV, RANEPAP, Russian Federation [NOT PRESENTED]

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A101370CN - Local And Urban Governance: Stability, Variability, And Innovation
Chair: Carlos Nunes Silva

A103618CP - La gouvernance locale et urbaine à travers le prisme de la réutilisation des biens confisqués au crime organisé et la valorisation des espaces urbains à Bari et Lecco (Italie).
Claudia PALERMO, Ladyss - Université De Paris 8 Et Studi Sulla Criminalità Organizzata - Università Degli Studi Di Milano, France [E-POSTER]

A103761KO - Citizen energy transition in Algerian policies
Kahina OUAZAR, Université des sciences et de la technologie Houari Boumediene. Algérie/ Faculté des sciences de la terre et géographie et aménagement du territoire/ Laboratoire des recherches et des études en urbanisme., Algeria [PRESENTED ONLINE]
Leila ABBAS MANSOUR, Université des sciences et de la technologie Houari Boumediene. Algérie/ Faculté des sciences de la terre et géographie et aménagement du territoire/ Laboratoire des recherches et des études en urbanisme., Algeria
Emmanuel EVENO, Université Toulouse Jean Jaurès, France

A104640JF - POLITICAL FRAGMENTATION IN THE MADRID REGION: TERRITORIAL TRANSFORMATIONS 2011-2021
Julio FERNÁNDEZ PORTELA, Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED), Spain
María Jesús VIDAL DOMÍNGUEZ, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain
Eva María MARTÍN RODA, Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (UNED), Spain
María Del Carmen MUGURUZA CAÑAS, Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia
**DID COVID-19 BYPASS AFRICA?**  
Professor Verna Nell  
University of Free State, South Africa

As COVID-19 began to spread through the world in 2020, it appeared that Africa had escaped the brunt of its devastating effects. Even in the most recent Worldometer data, African countries have low reported cases and deaths compared to Europe and the Americas. Is this a true reflection of the situation, and if so, why have African countries fared so well? This conference examines the extent and effects of COVID 19 on the African continent and the diverse reactions to it by local/city governments, in various African States, based on secondary data from the WHO, international media reports, and other sources. The analysis reveals a vast divergence between the reported cases and data and the true spread of the disease, which can be attributed to denialism, limited testing and poor health systems. It reveals also the insufficient preparedness of local and urban governments in Africa to face extreme and complex events as the COVID 19 Pandemic.

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**LE COVID-19 A-T-IL CONTOURNÉ L'AFRIQUE ?**

Professor Verna Nell  
Université de Free State, Afrique du Sud

Alors que le COVID-19 commençait à se répandre dans le monde en 2020, il est apparu que l'Afrique avait échappé au poids de ses effets dévastateurs. Même dans les données Worldometer les plus récentes, les pays africains ont un faible nombre de cas et de décès signalés par rapport à l'Europe et aux Amériques. Est-ce le reflet fidèle de la situation, et si oui, pourquoi les pays africains s'en sont-ils si bien sortis? Cette conférence examine l'étendue et les effets du COVID 19 sur le continent africain et les diverses réactions des...
gouvernements locaux/municipaux, dans divers États africains, sur la base de données secondaires de l'OMS, des rapports des médias internationaux et d'autres sources. L'analyse révèle une grande divergence entre les cas et les données signalés et la véritable propagation de la maladie, qui peut être attribuée au déni, aux tests limités et aux systèmes de santé médiocres. Il révèle également la préparation insuffisante des gouvernements locaux et urbains en Afrique pour faire face à des événements extrêmes et complexes comme la pandémie de COVID-19.
11.7 ANNEX - IGU CGOG 2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE - 'LOCAL GOVERNANCE IN A TIME OF GLOBAL EMERGENCIES' - MEXICO CITY, 29 AUGUST - 1 SEPTEMBER 2022

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PROGRAM
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MONDAY – 29th August 2022

Monday, August 29th, 9:00 - 9:30
Room A

CONFERENCE OPENING - WELCOME
Rocío Rosales Ortega & Carlos Nunes Silva (Conference Convenors)
Dr. José Antonio De los Reyes Heredia, Rector General de la Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana (UAM). General Rector of the Autonomous Metropolitan University.
Dr. Enrique Cuna, Director de la División de Ciencias Sociales y Humanidades (UAM-I). Director of the Division of Social Sciences and Humanities.
Dr. Javier Delgado Campos, Director del Programa de Estudios Sobre la Ciudad (UNAM). Director of the City Studies Program.
Dr. Manuel Suárez-Lastra, Director del Instituto de Geografía (UNAM). Director of the Institute of Geography.

SLOT 1 - Monday, 29 August, 9:30 - 11:00

Session A1 TRACK 1. Local Government: Trends, Challenges and Innovations
CHAIR
Rocío Rosales Ortega (Department of Sociology, Metropolitan Autonomous University, Campus Iztapalapa, Mexico)

DISCUSSANTS
Pablo Francisco Gómez Porter (Faculty of Architecture, National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico)
Wei xu (Department of Geography and Environment, University of Lethbridge, Canada)

Monday, August 29th
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Room A

HOW TO IMPROVE LOCAL DEMOCRACY? LOOKING FOR NEW WAYS TO STRENGTHEN THE DEMOCRACY
Iwona Sagan (University of Gdańsk, Poland)

VISOR URBANO, CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES TOWARDS GOVERNANCE OF METROPOLITAN FUTURES
Juan Demerutis-Arenas* (University of Guadalajara – CUAAD, Mexico) & Ayona Datta (Department of Geography, Metropolitan Autonomous University, Campus Iztapalapa, Mexico)
THE CONDITIONS OF THE CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN TABASCO: A PENDING TASK FOR THE DEMOCRACY IN THE LOCAL SPHERE
Mariela Cristell Hernández Pérez* (Universidad Autónoma Metropolitana, Mexico) & Alejandro Guillén* (Instituto de Investigaciones Dr. José María Luis Mora, Mexico)

MAPPING GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES IN PERIPHERAL REGIONS - COOPERATION IN MANAGING CULTURAL TOURISM ASSETS ON THE EXAMPLE OF THE VALLEY OF PALACES AND GARDENS, POLAND
Sylwia Dolfzblasz (Institute of Geography and Regional Development, University of Wroclaw, Poland)

Session B1 TRACK 2. The Responses of Local Governance to the Global Climate Emergency
CHAIR
Naxhelli Ruiz-Rivera (Institute of Geography, National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico)
DISCUSSANTS
Renia Ehrenfeucht (Community and Regional Planning, University of New Mexico, USA)
Rafael Antonio Suárez Castillo (Faculty of Art, Design and Architecture of the Universidad del Valle de México-Campus Puebla, Mexico)

Urban Adaptation Plan to Climate Change as a Responses of Local Governance to the Global Climate Emergency
Marek Degórski* & Bożena Degórska* (Institute Geography and Spatial Organization, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw, Poland)

Climate Adaptation in Mexico and Portugal: A Comparative Table on the Strategies and Instruments in the Management of the Territory of the Two Countries
Nancy Sierra López (Instituto Literario, Estado de México, México) & Francisco da Silva Costa* (University of Minho, Portugal)

Co-creation for Developing the Local Climate Emergency Responses – Lessons from Poznań Agglomeration in Poland
Paweł Churski*, Andrzej Miziołk, Katarzyna Fagiewicz, Damian Łowicki, Tomasz Herodowicz, Piotr Lupa, Joanna Moraw ska-Jancelewicz, Patryk Kaczmarek* (Faculty of Human Geography and Planning, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland)

Session A2 TRACK 1. Local Government: Trends, Challenges and Innovations
CHAIR
Eran Razin (Department of Geography, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel)
DISCUSSANTS
Anna Majewska (University of Lodz, Institute of the Built Environment and Spatial Policy, Poland)
Konrad Czaplewski (Institute of Geography and Spatial Organization, Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland)

Opportunity of Local Governments’ Budget Optimization
Maris Pukis*; Lilita Seimuskane* & Janis Upenieks* (Department of Management Sciences, Faculty of Business, Management and Economics, University of Latvia, Latvia)

Exploring the Multifaceted Motivations Behind Remunicipalisation: The Case of the ILM-Kreis, Thuringia, Germany
Franziska Paul (Adam Smith Business School, University of Glasgow, United Kingdom)

Institutional Conformity, Entrepreneurial Governance and Local Contingency: Problematizing Central-Local Dynamics in Localizing China’s Low-Income Housing Policy
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Marek Sobczyński*; Marek Barwiński* & Andrzej Rykała* (Department of Political and Historical Geography and Regional Studies, Faculty of Geographical Sciences, University of Łódź, Poland)

### GOVERNANCE AND REGULATORY REFORM: MEXICAN CITIES’ RESPONSE TO COVID-19
Francisco Porras* (Instituto de Investigaciones Dr. José Ma. Luís Mora / Mora Research Institute, Mexico)

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**INFORMAL GOVERNANCE: INSIGHTS FROM WINDHOEK’S INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS**

Jennilee Kohima (Department of Architecture and Spatial Planning, Namibia University of Science and Technology, Namibia) & Lucia Leboto-Khetsi* (Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of the Free State, South Africa; Letlotlo Green, Lesotho)

**Tuesday, 30 August, 19:00**

19:00  Conference dinner  
Restaurant: El Cardenal Tacuba  
(Address: Marconi 2 on the corner with Tacuba. Next to Plaza Tolsá)

**WEDNESDAY – 31 August 2022**

**SLOT 6 - Wednesday, 31 August, 9:30 - 11:00**

**Session A6**  TRACK 3. Local Government Response Towards the COVID-19 Pandemic  
CHAIR: Eran Razin (Department of Geography, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel)  
DISCUSSANTS: Katia Magdalena Lozano Uvario (Department of Geography, University of Guadalajara; Mexico)  
Sophie Didier (Lab’URBA, University Gustave Eiffel, France)

**Wednesday, Aug ust 31st** 
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RELATIONS BETWEEN THE STATE AND THE DOMESTIC SPACE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN MEXICO CITY. A GENDERED PERSPECTIVE  
Julie-Anne Boudreau* & Kelly Muñoz (Instituto de Geografía - UNAM, Mexico)

THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON FLEXIBLE TRANSPORT SERVICES IN A METROPOLITAN AREA: THE CASE OF SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA  
Miguel Loyola*; John Nelson; David Levinson & Geoffrey Clifton (Institute of Transport and Logistics Studies, The University of Sydney Business School, Australia)

STUDY ON COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE TEL AVIV-YAFFO MUNICIPALITY AND ITS RESIDENTS DURING CRISIS  
Ophir Pines-Paz (Local government Institute, Tel Aviv University, Israel)

POLITICIZING LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESPONSES TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC: A COMPARISON BETWEEN OEI RAS AND ISTANBUL  
Isabel David* (Centre for Public Administration and Public Policies (CAPP), School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Lisbon, Portugal); Carla Guapo Costa* (School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Lisbon, Portugal) & Duygu Cihanger Ribeiro (Department of City and Regional Planning, Middle East Technical University, Turkey)

11:00 - 11:30  BREAK

**SLOT 7 - Wednesday, 31 August, 11:30 - 13:00**

**Session A7**  TRACK 3. Local Government Response Towards the COVID-19 Pandemic  
CHAIR: Ophir Pines-Paz (Local government Institute, Tel Aviv University, Israel)  
DISCUSSANTS: Iwona Sagan (University of Gdańsk, Poland)  
Isabel David (Centre for Public Administration and Public Policies (CAPP), School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Lisbon, Portugal)

**Wednesday, Aug ust 31st** 
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Yezelia Danira Cáceres Cabana (Faculty of Economics, Universidad Nacional de San Agustín de Arequipa, Peru)

CONTINGENCY PLANNING: THE PROCESS IN THE ELABORATION OF THE CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR COVID-19 EDUCATION IN THE STATE OF SANTA CATARINA/BRAZIL  
Francisco Costa* (Department of Geography, University of Minho, Portugal); Fabiana Lima (Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil); Regina Panceri (Santa Catarina Civil Defense, Brazil); Mário Freitas (Brazilian Association for Scientific, Technological Research and Innovation in Risk and Disaster Reduction,
Brazil); Caroline Margarida (Santa Catarina Civil Defense, Brazil) & Cleonice Maria Beppler (Federal Institute Catarinense, Brazil)

REBUILDING A MORE RESILIENT CULTURAL AND CREATIVE ECONOMY AFTER COVID-19 AS A CHALLENGE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT
Krzysztof Stachowiak* & Marcin Adamczak* (Faculty of Human Geography and Planning, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, Poland)

13:00 - 14:30 BREAK FOR LUNCH

SLOT 8 - Wednesday, 31 August, 14:30 - 16:00
Session A8 TRACK 4. Local Governance, Spatial Planning and Development
CHAIR Rocío Rosales Ortega (Department of Sociology, Metropolitan Autonomous University, Campus Iztapalapa, Mexico)

DISCUSSANTS Ludek Sykora (Department of Social Geography and Regional Development, Faculty of Science, Charles University, Czech Republic)
Eran Razin (Department of Geography, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel)

Wednesday, August 31st 14:30 - 16:15 Room A TYPOLOGIES OF TERRITORIAL GOVERNANCE IN THE LOBSTER FISHERIES OF THE SIAN KA’AN AND BANCO CHINCHORRO BIOSPHERE RESERVES, QUINTANA ROO, MÉXICO
Víctor Manuel Velázquez Durán* (Department of Geography, National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), Mexico) & Rocío Rosales Ortega* (Department of Sociology, Metropolitan Autonomous University, Campus Iztapalapa, Mexico)

TERRITORIAL JUSTICE CONCEPT AS AN OPTIMAL FOR RURAL AREAS POLICY PLANNING IN THE EUROPEAN UNION
Barbara Wieliczko; Agnieszka Kurdyńska-Kujawska & Zbigniew Florianczyk* (Institute of Agricultural and Food Economics - National Research Institute (IAFE-NRI)), Poland

PLANNING UNDER CONDITIONS OF UNCONTROLLED SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT - EXAMPLE OF POLAND
Tomasz Komornicki (Institute of Geography and Spatial Organization, Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland)

OPERATIONALIZING THE HOUSEHOLD WATER INSECURITY CONCEPT IN MEGACITIES: WATER INTERMITTENCY IN MEXICO CITY
Ernesto Salomon Lara-Romero (University of Waterloo, Canada)

PREPARATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT TOWARD A REFORM IN PLANNING SYSTEM, THE CASE OF ARAB IN ISRAEL
Rassem Khamaisi (Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, University of Haifa, Israel)

Wednesday, August 31st 16:15 - 16:30 Room A CONFERENCE CLOSING SESSION
Rocío Rosales Ortega & Carlos Nunes Silva (Conference Convenors)
(Eran Razin in substitution of Carlos Nunes Silva)

2022 - 1st September - Conference Closing Session
Vencheslav T. Radev

THURSDAY – 1st September 2022
8:00 - 17:00 Post-Conference Excursion: Teotihuacán or Xochimilco
Room A = Magna (60); Room B = Colegio (30); Room C = Juan Pablo (14)
Room C will function as meeting/working room for participants in the conference

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69/87 IGU Commission Geography of Governance (C20.15) - Newsletter # 2 2022, July - December
11.8 ANNEX - WEBINAR "THE RESPONSE OF LOCAL GOVERNANCE TO THE GLOBAL CLIMATE EMERGENCY CLIMATE", 8 NOVEMBER 2022, 13:00 - 16:40 UTC

The Webinar "The Response of Local Governance to the Global Climate Emergency Climate", convened by Carlos Nunes Silva (Chair of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance & University of Lisbon, Portugal) was moderated by Doris Wastl-Walter (Professor Emerita, University of Bern, Switzerland).

PROGRAM

13:00-13:15 (UTC)
OPENING - A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO THE WEBINAR
Carlos Nunes Silva (Chair of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance & University of Lisbon, Portugal)
Doris Wastl-Walter (Professor Emerita, University of Bern, Switzerland)

13:15 - 14:45 (UTC)
HOW CAN ‘ORDINARY’ CITIES BECOME CLIMATE PIONEERS?
Wolfgang Haupt (Leibniz-Institute for Research on Society and Space, Germany)
Peter Eckersley (Leibniz-Institute for Research on Society and Space, Germany & Nottingham Trent University, United Kingdom)
Kristine Kern (Leibniz-Institute for Research on Society and Space, Germany & Åbo Akademi University, Finland)

URBAN ADAPTATION PLAN TO CLIMATE CHANGE AS A RESPONSE OF LOCAL GOVERNANCE TO THE GLOBAL CLIMATE EMERGENCY
Marek Degórski (Institute Geography and Spatial Organization, Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland)
Bożena Degórska (Institute Geography and Spatial Organization, Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland)

THE COVENANT OF MAYORS IMPLEMENTATION IN SMALL ITALIAN MUNICIPALITIES: BUILDING AN INTEGRATED AND CLIMATE-RESPONSIVE URBAN VISION IN ITALY
Luigi Santopietro (University of Basilicata, Italy)
Francesco Scorza (University of Basilicata, Italy)

COAL WARS: AN EXPLORATION INTO THE MULTIPLE AND COMPLEX CHALLENGES OF A JUST TRANSITION TO A LOW-CARBON FUTURE IN SOUTH AFRICA: THE CASE OF THE EMALAHLENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY
Verna Nel (University of the Free State, South Africa)
Mark Oranje (University of Pretoria, South Africa)

14:45 - 15:00 (UTC) - BREAK

15:00 - 16:30 (UTC)

EXPERIENCES WITH DEVELOPING THE CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLAN FOR THE POZNAŃ AGGLOMERATION IN POLAND - CO-CREATION WITH ENGAGING CITIZENS, SCIENTISTS, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
Paweł Churski (Faculty of Human Geography and Planning, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poland)
Patryk Kaczmarek (Faculty of Human Geography and Planning, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poland)

VULNERABILITY OF THE RUSSIA’S POPULATION TO CLIMATE RISKS: SPATIAL DIMENSION
Vera Vinogradova; Alexandr Sheludkov & Olga Glezer (Moscow, Russia)

CLIMATE CHANGE DISASTER RISK REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS IN POOR NEIGHBORHOODS: A CASE STUDY OF BUFFALO CITY, SOUTH AFRICA
Natal Buthelezi (Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of the Free State, South Africa)
Abraham Matamanda (Department of Geography, University of the Free State, South Africa)
Verna Nel (Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of the Free State, South Africa)

16:30 - 16:40 (UTC)

CLOSING
Doris Wastl-Walter (Professor Emerita, University of Bern, Switzerland)
Carlos Nunes Silva (Chair of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance & University of Lisbon, Portugal)
ABSTRACTS

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ABSTRACT
One way to tackle climate change locally is to adopt already successful approaches pioneered by other cities. Thus, we challenge the common research practice of focusing on large leading forerunner cities. Instead, more researchers should study ‘ordinary’ cities “off the map”. While those cities lack a reputation as climate policy pioneers, their creative practices have the potential to be replicated by a myriad of other ‘ordinary’ cities. Drawing on climate and environmental governance literature and two cases from Germany, this chapter explores how ‘ordinary’ cities may become pioneers. Mid-sized cities like Remscheid and Gottingen demonstrate that local governments can catch up with the leaders, even if they have only limited resources and capacities, for example through frequent participation in third-party funded climate-related projects. Nevertheless, many more hidden pioneers and their creative approaches need to be discovered because they can serve as models for the transformation from ‘ordinary’ to pioneering cities.

URBAN ADAPTATION PLAN TO CLIMATE CHANGE AS A RESPONSE OF LOCAL GOVERNANCE TO THE GLOBAL CLIMATE EMERGENCY

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ABSTRACT
Faced with the threat of an increased frequency and intensity of extreme phenomena resulting from climate change, the priority task in local management is to undertake adaptation measures aimed at ensuring favourable conditions for the social and economic development of the country. The European Commission, when publishing the EU Strategy on adaptation to climate change in April 2013, indicated that in order to prepare the Member States for the anticipated climate changes, it would be necessary to undertake work at all levels - national, regional and local. One of the activities that is very important at
the local level is the development of an urban adaptation plan to climate changes, which should present the climatic threats that may occur in a given city and how to minimize them. Such activities should be closely related to the results of research carried out in this area, both in the socio-economic and natural systems of the geographic megasystem. The overriding criterion for operational activities should be the quality of life of residents and their safety. The aim of the presentation is to present such activities on the examples of Polish cities, to indicate the possibilities of using the potential of the environment to reduce the effects of extreme phenomena (ecosystem services) and to strengthen the resilience of cities to negative exogenous factors.

THE COVENANT OF MAYORS IMPLEMENTATION IN SMALL ITALIAN MUNICIPALITIES: BUILDING AN INTEGRATED AND CLIMATE-RESPONSIVE URBAN VISION

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ABSTRACT
Sustainable Energy and Climate Action Plans (SECAPs) are voluntary plans representing valuable opportunity to deeply influence urban development through a structured planning approach. SECAPs unlocked the ineffectiveness of traditional planning systems in Italy and other EU Countries and is operative practice promoting strategic urban vision building based on energy efficiency and climate adaptation. We focus on the small Municipalities (i.e. under 5000 inhabitants) representing a relevant SECAP implementation scale. In this work, starting from the evidence of EU SECAPs experience, we applied and integrated methodology to define the strategic framework of the SECAP in a small Italian town: Castelsaraceno (Basilicata Region). This case study is proposed as a model demonstrating the feasibility of the planning approach proposed by the authors and representative of the issues identifiable in the majority of EU small urban centres. The outcomes highlight how the territorial transformations included in the SECAP through an integrated strategic urban vision, overcoming the sectoral approach proposed by SECAP, may face relevant planning issues that usually didn’t find effective solutions through traditional planning tools and regulations. From a planning point of view, we affirm that the CoM started a new season of urban planning in Europe covering the planning demand in sustainable territorial development, increasing the “environmental awareness” and the commitment degree of the involved actors. Future perspectives of this research are to compare case study application of the proposed methodology reinforcing citizens involvement and stakeholders’ engagement in the SECAP design process.
COAL WARS: AN EXPLORATION INTO THE MULTIPLE AND COMPLEX CHALLENGES OF A JUST TRANSITION TO A LOW-CARBON FUTURE IN SOUTH AFRICA: THE CASE OF THE EMALAHLENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

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ABSTRACT
For almost the last hundred years, coal has been the sole source behind South Africa’s electricity-generation, with (1) a substantial investment in that technology, (2) a large workforce employed in the coal-energy industry, and (3) a number of settlements owing their existence to it. Emalahleni Local Municipality, located in the heart of South Africa’s Mpumalanga coal mining and electricity generation region, has several coal-fired power plants, many of which are old, inefficient and unreliable. It consequently is a region with high levels of atmospheric pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. Eskom, the state utility responsible for electricity supply to the nation since 1923, is struggling with heavy debts and ageing infrastructure and has been further weakened by state capture running into billions of Rands. The result of all of these challenges has been frequent power shortages/outages that have slowed economic growth, severely damaged the national psyche and hampered domestic and foreign direct investment. As a signatory to the Paris Accord and a 2021 Climate Change Bill, South Africa is slowly moving from coal to cleaner energy and embarking on climate change mitigation. However, despite the public commitments to pursuing clean and renewable energy, there are many challenges to ensuring this transition, not least the vested interests in the ‘coal complex’. In this paper, the complex problem and multiple conflicts between business, labour and national, and local government involved in ensuring the desired just transition from coal is explored. This is done against the background of (1) near-to-total national coal dependency, (2) the South African electricity-generation crisis, and (3) the many lives, livelihoods, settlements and industries built on and around the coal and related industries.

BREAK

EXPERIENCES WITH DEVELOPING THE CLIMATE ADAPTATION PLAN FOR THE POZNAŃ AGGLOMERATION IN POLAND. CO-CREATION WITH ENGAGING CITIZENS, SCIENTISTS, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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ABSTRACT
The climate crisis is a global challenge, but solutions to problems related to it should also be sought on a local scale, in line with the principle: "think globally - act locally". Climate change is a complex phenomenon that affects communities in different places around the globe in a different way, further deepening the divergence of development. Local authorities planning interventions in the field of adaptation and mitigation of climate change in their area should take into account the voice of local stakeholders creating local helixes of cooperation (residents and non-governmental organizations, enterprises, science, authorities), among which residents play a special place. According to the approach of citizen science and responsible research & innovation (RRI), they are the main source of knowledge about local needs and problems. It is also the inhabitants who are the main recipients of adaptation and mitigation measures, and therefore their inclusion in the process of creating strategies and programs is a necessary condition for building a sense of shared responsibility for the space in which we live and use together. The presentation aims to present the conclusions from the development of the Plan of Adaptation to Climate Change in the Poznań Metropolis relating to the identified local problems related to the impact of climate change and their co-creation solutions with wide participation of the local community. The presented conclusions are based on the results of the field research carried out, in which the innovative crowdmapping technique (developed under the TeRRIFICA project) was used and several consultation workshops in the living lab formula were organized. An additional value of the presented results is the conclusions on the benefits and barriers identified in the process of creating conditions for social participation to limit and counteract climate change in the conditions of the COVID-19 pandemic.

VULNERABILITY OF THE RUSSIA’S POPULATION TO CLIMATE RISKS: SPATIAL DIMENSION

Vera Vinogradova
Alexandr Sheludkov
Olga Glezer
Moscow, Russia

ABSTRACT

For assessing the vulnerability of the population to climate change the spatial unevenness of warming and its natural consequences, as well as the development and settlement pattern of the territory should be taken into account. A differentiated approach is necessary not only at the global level, but also within large countries. Russian regions and municipalities differ dramatically in the degree of vulnerability to shocks and risks associated with climate change and global climate policy as a response to the change. Large-scale macro regional shifts in population distribution over the last 30 years, increasing building density in a few urban and metropolitan areas occur along with increasing frequency of climatic hazards and changes in climate favourability in different parts of the country. The authors’ methodology includes the search and processing of retrospective, current and forecast (scenario) climatic and socio-demographic parameters and their time spatial harmonization and comparison. This technique allows us to obtain quantitative
estimates of the distribution and dynamics of the population on the territory of Russia, taking into account climate change and the transformation of settlement pattern. At this stage, the distribution of the population of Russia in the second half of the 20–beginning of the 21 century by zones of climatic comfort is estimated. The results of the assessment can be used by federal and regional governance, namely, determining priority areas to prevent unfavourable climatic impact on population.

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ABSTRACT
The paper analyses climate change disaster risk reduction management systems employed by the state in South Africa’s secondary cities. The analysis is situated in a distinct urban canvas comprising proliferating informal settlements and rising inequality. Secondary cities are expected to accommodate a larger share of future urban growth in sub-Saharan Africa. This population growth will be largely driven by low-income groups who are most vulnerable to climate change-related extreme weather. The paper presents a pro-poor climate change adaptation inquiry underpinned by the inequality disparity concept using a qualitative study approach. The study analyses the local government policy framework, planning, and implementation on climate change adaptation in vulnerable communities and further examine their effectiveness in risk reduction and the empowerment of residents. The study argues that many urban management systems that are currently operational are structurally rigid and entrenched in systems based on historical inequalities that only serve a minority. Low economic productivity coupled with poor infrastructure development and ineffective urban planning guidelines to adequately translate the national climate change action plan to local levels will exacerbate the vulnerability of the poor to emerging climate change hazards. The primary recommendation from the study is for the co-production of knowledge on urban climate resilience between local communities and the state. The paper concludes that climate-proof or resilient strategies are only effective when sensitive to the present urban realities, with the poor being the focal point.

The PowerPoint presentations are available in the webinar website: https://sites.google.com/view/lgce2022/abstracts-powerpoints
11.9 ANNEX - Flyers
WEBINAR

GOVERNING THE URBAN NIGHT
Local Governance of the Urban Night Time

Friday, 1 April 2022
19:00 - 21:00 GMT

With

Jess Reia, Marion Roberts,
Sara Ross, Silvia Grandi &
Chiara Bernasconi,
Liora Bigon, Hanan Peretz

Moderator: Anna Trono
Convenor: Carlos Nunes Silva
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN UKRAINE
FORMATION, REFORMS, GEOPOLITICAL IMPLICATIONS AND POST-WAR RECOVERY

Monday, 6 June 2022
12:00 - 16:30 GMT

With
Viacheslav Oleshchenko; Pavlo Ostapenko; Tony Levitas; Andreas Umland; Aadne Aasland; Oleksandra Deineko; Anatoliy Melnychuk; Valentyna Romanova; Yurii Palekha; Anastasiia Oleshchenko

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WEBINAR
The Response of Local Governance to the Global Climate Emergency

Tuesday, 8 November 2022
13:00 - 16:30 UTC

With
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Session 10
LOCAL GOVERNANCE AND PLANNING OF COASTAL AND MARITIME AREAS

Chairs
Carlos Nunes Silva (University of Lisbon, Portugal)
Anna Trono (University of Salento, Italy)

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Session type: hybrid

Session description: The session aims to explore and discuss local governance and spatial planning of coastal and maritime areas, looking at the interrelationship between inland social, economic, and environmental practices and those in the adjacent maritime areas, raising awareness for the complexity of the relationships between the different users and uses in these areas. The spatial planning system include, in several countries, a spatial plan specific for the coastal area, in some cases a land strip of few hundred metres along the coast, and whose zoning and constraints the municipal spatial plans (e.g. municipal master plan; urban land use plans) must consider. Another common plan is the land use plan designed for beaches. If these plans are examples of planning instruments for coastal areas that have been in place for several decades now, marine spatial plans are more recent. The articulation between these inland spatial plans and the marine spatial plans, and between these two types of plans and spatial sector plans, as is the case of plans for heritage or tourism activities in the coastal and marine areas, call for new research and critical debate.
Papers submitted to this Session can be focused, but not limited, to the following themes or issues:

- Spatial Planning Systems: planning instruments for coastal areas.
- Marine Spatial Planning: instruments, practices and outcomes.
- Spatial data infrastructure to support marine spatial planning.
- Integrated and sustainable planning and management of coastal and oceans areas.
- Spatial planning and marine spatial planning in small islands states.
- Governance and planning of marine protected areas.
- Spatial planning and management of protected areas in coastal regions.
- Governance and spatial planning of coastal cities.
- Heritage and tourism in spatial planning in coastal areas.
- Heritage and tourism in marine spatial planning.

The Session looks especially for contributions which bring a multidisciplinary approach and framework to the understanding of the local governance processes in coastal and maritime areas and to spatial and marine planning more specifically.

Keywords: local governance, spatial planning, marine spatial plans, coastal areas, maritime areas

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Submit the Abstract (Google form) here:
https://igu-chg-2023.unimib.it/call-for-abstract/

Deadline: 9 January 2023

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ISLANDS IN RELATIONS: CONFLICTS, SUSTAINABILITY, AND PEACE

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

SESSION (Virtual)
Adaptive island governance and climate change: The role of local government and spatial planning systems

Session co-chairs: Carlos Nunes Silva (University of Lisbon, Portugal)
Yosuke Maeda (Niigata University, Japan)

The Session aims to explore and to discuss recent developments of local government systems in small Islands and the respective Spatial Planning Systems, in particular in small Island States. The Session will address, among others, the following research questions: Is the Local Government System in small Island States robust enough to address climate change and its effects? How and to what extent does the Spatial Planning System in small Island (States) consider adaptation to climate change? This Session is associated with the Action Plan on “Local Governance and Climate Emergency: Strategies, Plans, Actions, Outcomes, Impacts” of the IGU Commission on Geography of Governance (https://sites.google.com/view/igucgog-climateemergency/home). The Session seeks papers on the role of local government on climate action in small islands (states), in Seas and in the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific Oceans.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION, HERE: https://polgeog.jp/igu-tc2023/abstracts/

Deadline for Abstract submission: 15 October 2022

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URBAN TRANSFORMATIONS: TOWARDS RESILIENT CITIES

Call for Abstracts

Sub-thematic Session 2

Local and Urban Governance: lessons from the past and prospects for resilient and sustainable development in a time of global emergencies and transitions

Organizer: Carlos Nunes Silva, University of Lisbon, Portugal
IGU Commission Geography of Governance

In the past, local government’s social, economic and environmental policies have been key drivers in urban transition processes and in the fight against extreme events in all regions of the world. This sub-thematic session, proposed by the IGU Commission on Geography of Governance, aims to examine and discuss lessons from the past, successes and failures in the field of local and urban governance, and prospects for the future, namely in what concerns the challenges associated with globalization, the Covid-19 pandemic, and climate change, as well as to explore innovative approaches on how local and urban government can fulfil its role in the
implementation of the principles and goals of the current global sustainable development agendas, such as the 2030 Agenda and the New Urban Agenda.

Papers may address issues related to one of the following themes, or other issues related to other aspects of local and urban governance, focusing on lessons from the past and/or on innovative approaches:

- Local government reforms and the impact on the implementation of sustainable development agendas
- Local governance and the Covid-19 Pandemic: the policy responses and the post-pandemic recovery approaches
- Local governance responses to Climate Emergency: strategies, plans, actions, outcomes
- Citizen participation and co-creation in local and urban governance

Conference website: [https://igumexico2023.org/](https://igumexico2023.org/)

Abstract submission: [https://igumexico2023.org/abstracts-submission/](https://igumexico2023.org/abstracts-submission/)

Deadline for abstract submission: 31 January 2023

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