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## e-Newsletter – February 2023

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### ***From the President's desk***

*As I write, the recovery efforts following the catastrophic earthquake in Turkey and Syria are still underway, with a toll numbering in tens of thousands of dead and injured that testifies to the vulnerability of our species in the greater scheme of things. Typically, the heaviest burden in such tragedies is carried largely by the marginalized and vulnerable who are least equipped to respond.*

*For me, this emphasizes the need to redouble our efforts to tackle the number one priority of the UN Sustainable Development Goals – the eradication of poverty.*

*On a more positive note, travel and other restrictions relating to the COVID-19 pandemic are thankfully – at least for the time being – a thing of the past (even if the virus itself is not!). Here in China, where last year I had to endure as much as one month of quarantine in order to obtain access, I am now able to enter and travel freely around. I think in the past we may have taken national and international travel for granted, but I have learned over the three years that travel is an extraordinary privilege – especially for geographers who are, after all, born explorers! So, once again in this issue of the e-newsletter, IGU is able to showcase a number of in-person conferences that will hopefully attract many of our community to visit the respective venues and rekindle those personal and professional relationships that – while kept alive via the virtual platforms – will again be able to flourish.*

*There is much to look forward to this year with IGU thematic conferences in Osaka in April, in Milan in June, and in Mexico City in August. Over and above these events, IGU will again be supporting the GeoNight initiative and will continue to ensure that*

*Geography - and Geographers - are fully represented in the various activities arranged by our international organization partners, in particular the International Science Council and the International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences. Our place within the broader context of global science and, indeed the importance of science in general in addressing major global challenges, has never been more important.*

Michael Meadows

President IGU

Nanjing, Jiangdu Province, China

February 21, 2023



**35<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL  
GEOGRAPHICAL  
CONGRESS 2024**  
24-30 August | Dublin, Ireland

## Important dates

**Call for sessions:** May – September 9, 2023

**Call for abstracts:** October – January 12, 2024

**Registration opens:** December 2023

You can already visit the [Website of the conference](#)

For the most up-to-date information and important reminders, please sign up for our conference newsletter [here](#).

For academic/program queries, please contact [chair@igc2024dublin.org](mailto:chair@igc2024dublin.org)

The [Geography Olympiad](#) will take place outside Dublin, the week before the Congress.

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## 7th edition - GEONIGHT 2023

April 14, 2023





This year marks the 7th edition of the “**Nuit de la Géographie/GeoNight**”, which was initially launched in 2017 by the CNFG and rapidly supported and promoted by EUGEO and IGU. Over the years, new countries have joined the adventure and hundreds of events have been organized worldwide to promote geography and geographers to so many people.

Remember that the main goal of GeoNight's events is to promote geography and geographers to the general public (and not only academics) one night/evening a year simultaneously around the world. These events can be either organized in person or online. In case you decide to organize events online, various activities could be considered such as lectures, podcasts, posters/photos competitions, virtual urban walks (using Google Street View, for instance), quizzes (using a video-conference platform), amongst others. Just be creative, as always!

You will find all the information on the [website](#)

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## Do not forget to register to the 3 THEMATIC CONFERENCES OF 2023

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IGU Thematic Conference on  
**Islands in Relations:  
Conflicts, Sustainability, and Peace**

April 4-6, 2023 - Osaka, Japan







### Organized by

- The local Organizing Committee for the IGU Thematic Conference Osaka 2023
- The Japan National Committee for the IGU

In collaboration with IGU Commissions on:

- Geography of Tourism, Leisure, and Global Change
- Geography of Islands
- Latin American and Caribbean Studies
- Political Geography
- Toponymy

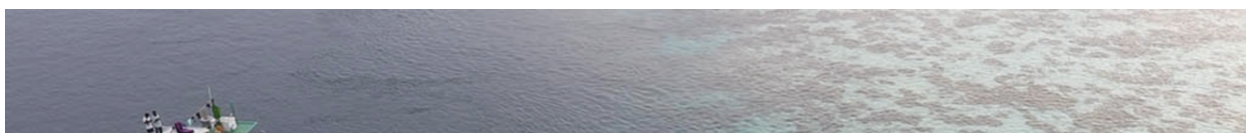
[Conference website](#)

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## IGU Thematic Conference on The Ocean and Seas in Geographical Thought

Milan (Italy), University of Milano-Bicocca, 6-7 June 2023

Post-conference excursion: Venice (Italy), 8-9 June 2023







### Organizing Commissions:

- Commission on the History of Geography
- 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

**Early birds registration:** [April 3, 2023, to May 6, 2023](#)

[Conference website](#)

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## IGU Thematic Conference on Urban transformations: Towards resilient cities

**August 20-23 2023, UNAM Mexico City (Mexico)**



## Organizing Commissions:

- Urban Commission: Re-Thinking cities and the urban: from the global to the local
- Commission on Geography of Governance
- Commission on Geography of Tourism, Leisure, and Global Change
- Commission on GeoHeritage
- Commission on Latin American Studies
- Commission on Population Geography

**Local organizers:** Prof. Manuel Suarez, Prof. Javier Delgado

Submission of an abstract is still possible for a few days

Registration will start on [April 2023](#)

[Conference website](#)

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## NEXT IGU COMMISSIONS' CONFERENCES

### **The IGU Commission on African Studies - Annual Meeting - 2023**

*Mobilizing geographical knowledge in response to increased and intensified pandemics and risks*

**May 28 - 30, 2023 - Univ. Pedagógica de Maputo, Campus da Lhanguene, Moçambique**

[Contact](#)

[Commission website](#)

### **30th Annual Colloquium Commission on the Sustainability of Rural Systems**

**(CSRS) - Clashes of knowledge: "Green deal" concepts and challenges for sustainable rural systems**

**June 05 - 09, 2023, Lodz, Poland**

Three thematic sessions:

- Environmental risk and social transformations in rural areas.
- Rural local communities towards the challenges of the "green deal".
- Transformation of the rural cultural landscape.

**6 February - 6 March 2023:** Conference Early-bird registration opens

**7 March - 21 May 2023:** Late registration opens

[Contact](#)

[Conference website](#)

## **IGU conference on Health, Environment, and Sustainable Development**

*Changes, challenges, and opportunities in a post-pandemic world*

**June 13 - 16, 2023 - Bucharest and Danube Delta, Romania**

The conference aims to address a wide diversity of approaches and topics related to the geography of health and healthcare, theoretical and methodological perspectives on land use, and environmental changes and impacts on local and regional development. It aims to explore the direct or indirect impacts of covid-19 on population health, healthcare, and well-- being, both negative or positive effects of the pandemic on the environment and land use, COVID-19 economic recovery measures, and potential strategies for longer-term resilience and sustainable development.

Under the auspices of:

The International Geographical Union (IGU)

- Health and the Environment Commission
- Land Use/Land Cover Change Commission
- Local and Regional Development Commission

& Romanian National Committee of Geography

**Abstract submission deadline (250 words in English): April 20, 2023**

[Conference Website](#)

## **IGU Commission Geography of Governance - Annual Meeting - 2023**

*Paradigm Shifts in Local and Urban Governance*

**September 04 - 06, 2023, Budapest, Hungary**

Contact E-mails: [igu.geogov@gmail.com](mailto:igu.geogov@gmail.com), [cs@campus.ul.pt](mailto:cs@campus.ul.pt)

[Conference website](#)

## **IGU Commission on the Dynamics of Economic Spaces (IGU CDES) - Annual Meeting - 2023**

*Rethinking the economic geography of smaller urban places: Transformation and well-being in small and medium-sized towns.*

**September 13 - 15, 2023 - Bern, Switzerland**

For further details, please visit the [Commission's website](#)

## **A symposium co-hosted by the Applied Geography Commission and the Commission on Population Geography of the International Geographical Union (IGU) and the Department of Geography, University of the Aegean**

*The relevance of Applied Population Geography Research*

**September 19 - 22, 2023 - University of the Aegean, Lesvos, Greece**

Abstract submission deadline: February 28, 2023

[Conference website](#)



### **The IGU Tourism Commission - Pre-meeting Galway 2024**

A three-day pre-meeting in Galway, Ireland immediately prior to the IGC Dublin in August 2024,

coordinated by Dr. Bernadette Quinn (TU Dublin).

More information will be available soon on the [commission's website](#)

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## **OTHER CONFERENCES**

### **4th International Geomorphology Week- International Association of Geomorphologists (IAG)**

**March 01 - 07, 2023**, online

IAG is again organizing webinars to celebrate the week in ten international regions.

[See the program](#)

[Registration is mandatory](#)

### **AAG 2023 ANNUAL MEETING - IGU Commission Geography of Governance**

*Session on "Local and Urban Governance for more Just Geographies" (I and II)*

**March 23 - 27, 2023 (Virtual Sessions)**

[Website Slot I](#)

[Website Slot II](#)

E-mail: [cs@campus.ul.pt](mailto:cs@campus.ul.pt), [igu.geogov@gmail.com](mailto:igu.geogov@gmail.com)

### **22nd Jornadas de Campo Nacionales de Biogeografía y IV Simposio Internacional de Biogeografía**

**March 23 - 28, 2023 - Blanca (Murcia), Spain**

Deadline for registration: **March 10, 2023**

[Conference website](#)

### **7th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE on 'URBAN e-PLANNING'**

**March 27 - 31, 2023 (Virtual meeting)**

International Journal of E-Planning Research & Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning - University of Lisbon

**Sponsored by the IGU Commission Geography of Governance**

[Conference website](#)

E-mail: [cs@campus.ul.pt](mailto:cs@campus.ul.pt), [ijepr.conference@gmail.com](mailto:ijepr.conference@gmail.com)

### **EUROGEO conference 2023 "Future-ready Geography"**

### **April 27 - 29, 2023 - Krakow, Poland**

Deadline for submission of abstracts for papers, posters, or workshops: [April 14, 2023](#)

[Conference website](#)

### **8th International Workshop on the Sharing Economy IWSE**

**May 22 - 23, 2023 - Vienna, Austria**

The IGU Tourism Commission is co-sponsoring a special session track entitled *Resisting norms in a digitally mediated world: Alternatives in tourism and mobilities-related platform economies*.

Session chairs: Dr. Maartje Roelofsen, Dr. Lluís Garay, and Dr. Julie Wilson, NOUTUR Research Group, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya, Spain.

[More information and abstract submission](#)

### **6th International Congress on "Risks and Territorial Conflicts"**

**May 23 - 26, 2023 - Coimbra, Portugal**

Deadline for submission of abstracts: [February 28, 2023](#)

Deadline for registrations: [March 31, 2023](#)

[Conference website](#)

### **3rd Congreso Nacional de Geografía de Ecuador**

organized by FLACSO Sede Ecuador and the association of geography of Ecuador

*Expandiendo horizontes disciplinares desde el pensamiento espacial*

**June 01 - 03, 2023 - FLACSO Quito, Ecuador**

[Conference website](#)

### **Association Internationale de géographie francophone - Congrès de fondation**

**June 13 - 15, 2023 - Rabat, Morocco**

Deadline for abstract submission: [March 17, 2023](#)

[Conference website](#)

### **Regional Studies Association - RSA Annual Conference 2023**

Special session organized by the IGU Commission on Marginalization, Globalization and Regional and Local Response : SS39: *Responding to the Marginalisation of 'left behind places' in an era of Local, Regional and Global Uncertainty*

**June 14 - 17, 2023 - Ljubljana, Slovenia**

Session Organiser:

Stanko Pelc, University of Primorska, Slovenia

Deadline for abstract submission: [February 28, 2023](#)

[Conference website](#)

### **3rd European Rural Geographies Conference**

**June 26 - 29, 2023 - Groningen, The Netherlands**

*Rural Geographies in Transition*

[Conference Website](#)

### **19th GEOGRAPHY MEETING FROM LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN - EGALC**

**June 26 - 30, 2023 - Autonomous University of Santo Domingo, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic**

*Role of Geography: Sustainable Development, Adaptation, and Resilience to Climate Change in Latin America and the Caribbean.*

#### **LANGUAGES**

Spanish, Portuguese, French, English, and Dutch.

**Submission of abstracts deadline:** [March 01, 2023](#)

Full paper submission deadline: [May 20, 2023](#)

Start registration and early payment: [October 13, 2022](#)

[Conference Website](#) – Email [egalc2023sd@gmail.com](mailto:egalc2023sd@gmail.com)

### **28th General Assembly of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG2023)**

**July 11 - 20, 2023 - CityCube in Berlin, Germany**

Deadline for abstract Submission: [February 14, 2023](#)

[Registration and abstract submission](#)

### **9th EUGEO Congress**

**September 04 - 07 2023 - Barcelona, Spain**

Call for abstracts: [February 1, 2023, to March 15, 2023](#)

Communications acceptance: [April 15, 2023](#) - Final Program: [July 15, 2023](#)

[Conference website](#)

**Special Session** organized by the IGU Commission on Marginalization, Globalization and Regional and Local Response: *Landscape and change in marginal regions*

#### **Convenors:**

Prof. Walter Leimgruber, University of Fribourg/CH (Switzerland),

Prof. Stanko Pelc, University of Primorska, Koper (Slovenia)

Code: 01183

### **Conference 'From Recovery to Resilience: Sustainable Pathways for Transforming Tourism'**

**September 11 - 12, 2023 - Johannesburg, South Africa**



The conference is co-organized by the University of Johannesburg, South Africa, and the University of Oulu, Finland.

Deadline for abstracts: [May 15, 2023](#)

[Conference website](#)

## **28th CONGRESO DE LA ASOCIACIÓN ESPAÑOLA DE GEOGRAFÍA**

*Geografía: Cambios, Retos y Adaptación*

**September 12 - 14, 2023 - Logroño (La Rioja) Spain**

[Conference website](#)

## **23rd edition of the European Colloquium of Theoretical and Quantitative Geography (ECTQG)**

**September 13 - 17, 2023 - Braga, Portugal**

Deadline for submission of special sessions – [March 31, 2023](#)

Please send your Special Session proposal to [2023@ectqg.eu](mailto:2023@ectqg.eu) including the name(s) of the organizer (s), a short title for the session, a half-page description of its scope, and possible intentions and plans to publish a special issue in a journal. Each Special Session will have between 4 to 6 registered participants.

Deadline for submission of abstracts – [May 15, 2023](#)

[Conference website](#)

## **8th CROATIAN GEOGRAPHICAL CONGRESS**

*Geographic responses to challenges in a contemporary world in the 21st century and the celebration of 140 years of geography at the University of Zagreb*

**October 04 - 06 2023 - Malinska, Krk Island, Croatia**

Submission of abstracts deadline: [March 20, 2023](#)

[Conference website](#)

[Contact](#)

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# **CALLS**

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## **The History and Philosophy of Geography Research Group launches the Award 2023**

The History and Philosophy of Geography Research Group (HPGRG) of the Royal

Geographical Society with the Institute of British Geographers (RGS-IBG) is launching a new initiative. Every two years, HPGRG will offer an award of £150 to support projects which seek to widen audience engagement within the history and philosophy of geography.

Projects which meet the criteria might include public engagement through presentations, media presence, artwork, workshops, exhibitions, and other events, ideally in collaboration with museums, archives, savant societies and institutions, galleries, and libraries, whose collections and purposes relate to themes about the histories and philosophies of geography.

Deadline: [June 30, 2023](#)

[More information](#)

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## Call for a special issue in the journal

### DOCUMENTI GEOGRAFICI

**Special Issue on "The relational space of transhumance: uses, values, visions".**

(July-December 2023)

Edited by Monica Meini and Marco Petrella

Possible areas of interest (non-exclusive)

- Transhumance networks at a local, regional and supra-regional scale (in Italy and other European and non-European contexts)
- Physical, social, and cultural dimensions of transhumance practice
- Forms and processes of transhumance transformation (Alpine, Mediterranean, vertical, horizontal...)
- Interaction and connectivity of places through transhumance routes
- Relationship between settled communities and subjects on the move
- Relations between economic chains, knowledge, practices, and landscapes
- Linkages between man, animals, environment, and territory (also with a reflexive rather than human approach)

#### Deadlines

- **28 February 2023:** submission of abstracts (no longer than 2,000 characters, to be sent to [redazione@documentigeografici.it](mailto:redazione@documentigeografici.it))
- **25 March 2023:** notification of acceptance of proposals by the Editorial Board
- **31 July 2023:** submission of papers (no longer than 40,000 characters, with possibly limited illustrative material)

[Editorial rules](#) (which we recommend you adhere to scrupulously)

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## CALLS FOR BOOKS

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### IGU Book Series - Springer Publisher

[Advances in Geographical and Environmental Sciences](#)

Editors: Yukio Himiyama et Subhash Anand

#### Call for book proposals

Contacts:

[Yukio Himiyama](#), former IGU President & Hokkaido University of Education, Japan

[Subhash Anand](#), University of Delhi, India

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### IGU Book Series - Edward Elgar Publisher

The International Geographical Union Series on Contemporary Geographies

Editors: Iain Hay et Holly S. Barcus

#### Call for book proposals

Contacts:

[Professor Iain Hay](#), Flinders University, Australia

[Professor Holly S. Barcus](#), Macalester College, USA

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## IGU RECENT BOOKS

**(2022) "Refugee Migration to Europe - Current Challenges and Potentials for Cities and Regions"- special issue of the Journal comparative population Studies**

Guest editors: Rainer Wehrhahn and Zine-Eddine Hathat

[Find all articles in open access](#)

**(2022) Indian Atlas of Sustainable Development and Inclusive Growth**

Prof. Dr. D.M. Bohra

15% discount directly by the [author](#)



(2022) Spanish contribution to 35th IGC. Spanish geography at contemporary times. State of question (1972-2022). Paris 2022. Francia. [Download](#)

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## INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS NEWS

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### Inauguration in Bonn of the new United Nations Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence (UN-GGCE)

On 4 November 2022, an agreement "On the Operationalization of the United Nations Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence" between the United Nations and the Federal Republic of Germany was signed. The agreement formalizes the offer from Germany to host the United Nations Global Geodetic Centre of Excellence (UN-GGCE) at the UN Campus in Bonn to support the work of enhancing global cooperation and coordination across Member States and relevant geodetic stakeholders, strengthening geodetic infrastructure, as well as supporting Member States in improving their national contributions to the global geodetic infrastructure.

Whilst the Opening Ceremony and the inaugural meeting of the UN-GGCE Steering Committee will be held on 29 March 2023, the inaugural meeting of the UN-GGCE International Advisory Committee and the Third Plenary Meeting of the Subcommittee on Geodesy will be held from 29 to 31 March 2023.

[Read more...](#)

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## IGU LIFE

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## Prof. Armando Montanari

On January 30, 2023, our colleague and friend Armando Montanari passed away. In the year 2000, he was the founder of the IGU Commission “Global Change and Human Mobility” (Globility) which he chaired until 2012.

The visionary scientist that he was, had foreseen the changes globalization was going to introduce in the world societies and the impacts on what he chose to define as “human mobility”. He was imagining the world crossed by increasingly important flows of people of varying nature, duration, frequency, and intensity. And those flows reinforce the globalization processes. During the last pandemic, he could observe the resulting im-mobility due to an external shock and felt the need to rethink and update the concept of “human mobility”. But time was too short.

The "Globility" community has lost a pioneering and visionary scientist, able to anticipate phenomena with his intuitions and to grasp the profound meaning of the realities he studied. He was a leader able to create networks and synergies, guide complex processes, and produce innovative results.

His countless publications are available through [this webpage](#) and will continue to inspire new generations of geographers.

*Josefina Domínguez-Mujica & Barbara Staniscia, “Global change and human mobility”  
IGU Commission*

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## Prof. Juan Velarde Fuertes

Juan Velarde Fuertes (1927-2023) was President of the Spanish Committee of the IGU (2017-2020) and until now he served as Vice President (2020-2023). He was also President of the Real Sociedad Geográfica since 2002.

He was a Professor of Economics since 1960, first at the University of Barcelona and then at the Complutense University of Madrid. Doctor Honoris Causa in the Universities of Alicante, Oviedo, Pontificia de Comillas, Valladolid, Seville, Francisco de Vitoria, Rey Juan Carlos, and UNED.

He received the Prince of Asturias Award for Social Sciences in 1992. He published

dozens of works and scientific articles, among which are: Introduction to the history of Spanish economic thought in the 20th century (1974), Spain in the European Union: balance of a decade (1996), and One Hundred Years of the Spanish Economy (2009).

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