

IGU COMMISSION ON THE DYNAMICS OF ECONOMIC SPACES

2021 REPORT

A. Membership

1. *Steering Committee:*

The Steering Committee of the IGU Commission on the Dynamics of Economic Spaces (CDES) consists of eleven members from different countries. The steering committee contains three women and eight men and has representatives from Europe, North America and Asia. The current members of the Steering Committee are listed as follows:

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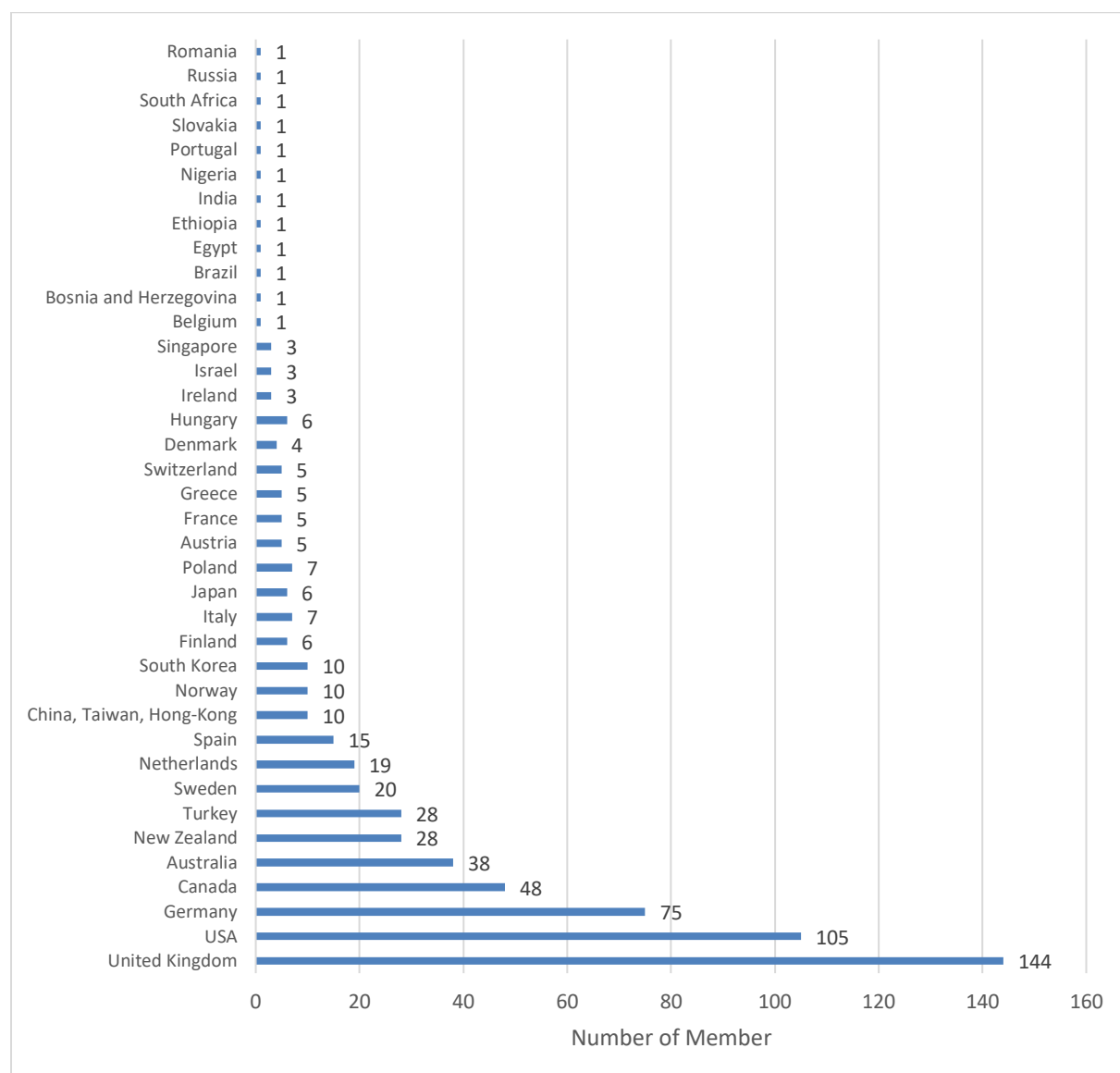
2. *Commission Members:*

The IGU Commission on the Dynamics of Economic Spaces (CDES) does not have a formal membership base. Our 'membership' list we use to distribute information consists of 627 active email addresses from all over the world (Figure 1). Although the commission currently

¹ Nuri Yavan of the Ankara University will serve as Chair of CDES for a two-year period of 2020-2022. Eva Kiss of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences will assume the position of Chair for the period 2023-2024 and Nuri Yavan will become Vice Chair.

has 38 member countries, half of the members (52%) are from UK (23%), USA (17%) and Germany (12%). When we add Canada (8%), Australia (6%) and New Zealand (5%) to this rate, 70% of the member are from Anglo-American countries (except Germany). In 2021, 2 new members and thus 2 new countries (Russia and Romania) joined the commission.

Figure 1: IGU Commission on the Dynamic of Economic Spaces Membership by Country (As of 31 December 2020)



B. Meetings

During 2021 period, the Commission, unfortunately, could not hold its annual conference and had to cancel it, as the Covid 19 epidemic swept the whole world in 2021. This conference, which was planned to be held in June 2021 at the University of Osnabruck, Osnabruck, Germany, but postponed, will be held in October 2022 at the same university.

On the other hand, in 2021, the Commission participated in the 34th IGU International Geographical Congress 2021, held in Istanbul, Turkey between 16-20 August 2021, by organizing the session titled "*Dynamics of Economic Spaces: Economic Geography and Regional Development*". A total of 14 papers were presented in the Commission sessions of the congress, which was held virtually due to Covid 19 pandemic.

Of the 14 papers presented at the congress with participants from 10 different countries, 4 were from South Korea, 2 were from Germany, and the remaining 8 were from France, Hungary, Poland, Madagascar, Japan, China, Turkey and England. The thematic distribution of the presented papers shows that the topics are concentrated in a few areas of economic geography and regional development. Thus, for example, Global Production Networks and Global Value Chain as well as FDI and multinational location choice/relocation are the most frequently presented areas in the session, while agglomeration and clustering, the role of institutions, resilience, crisis, inequality and deindustrialization are the other topics discussed in the Commission sessions.

Further planned meetings:

- 6th Global Conference on Economic Geography, 7-10 June 2022, Dublin, Ireland.
- Paris 2022 IGU Centennial Congress, 18-22 July, 2022, Paris, France.
- IGU CDES Mini-Conference on Investment Risks, Environmental Risks and Risks in Global Production Networks, University of Osnabruck, Osnabruck, Germany, October, 2022.

C. Networking

The IGU CDES did not engage in any collaboration with other IGU Commissions and Task Forces as well as collaboration with other international, intergovernmental, and inter- and multi-disciplinary groups in 2021.

During 2021, the CDES had no cooperative efforts with either the International Social Science Council (ISSC) or the International Council for Science (ICSU) and International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences (CIPSH) programs.

D. Publications

1. Regular Publications:

Since long time, CDES has a very good reputation in publishing edited book and special issues in international peer-reviewed journals. CDES conferences typically result in the publication of one edited book (sometimes two) that is published as part of Routledge's (formerly Ashgate) *Dynamics of Economic Spaces series*. The Commission has already published more than 20 edited books in the series.

CDES has renewed its contract with Routledge in 2018 to publish Commission's series of *Dynamics of Economic Spaces*. Thus, now CDES has continued its very successful publishing relationship with Routledge Publishers. The book series is entitled The *Dynamics of Economic*

Space (see <https://www.routledge.com/The-Dynamics-of-Economic-Space/book-series/ASHSER1030>) and the Chair of the Commission serves as the Series Editor.

In 2021, three books were published in the book series of the Commission although two of this books are not an outcome of the direct activity of the commission, actually either collaborated with and supported by the commission or just published under the Commission series but unlinked from the Commission activities. Citation of these books are following:

- Baqir, F., & Yaya, S. (Eds.). (2021). *Beyond Free Market: Social Inclusion and Globalization*. Routledge.
- Hracs, B. J., Brydges, T., Haisch, T., Hauge, A., Jansson, J., & Sjöholm, J. (Eds.). (2021). *Culture, Creativity and Economy: Collaborative Practices, Value Creation and Spaces of Creativity*. Routledge.
- Storti, L., Urso, G. and Reid, N (Eds) (2022) *Economies, Institutions, and Territories: Dissecting Nexuses in a Changing World*. Routledge.

Another book to be published in 2022 by Commission's Routledge book series as outcome of the previous year the commission conference is following:

- Heidkamp, C. P., Morrissey, J. E. and Germond-Duret, C. (Eds) (2022) *Blue Economy: People and Regions in Transitions*, Routledge.

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2. Commission website:

The commission's current website is accessible under the following address:

<http://igu-cdes.ankara.edu.tr/>

E. Archival Contributions

CDES has not provided any archival materials available but would be willing to do so.

F. Productive Use of IGU Grant

During the period of 2021, the Commission did not use IGU grants. However, we support applications by young scholars and researchers representing "low-income countries" for financial support for participation of our mini conferences.