Commission on Political Geography, Annual Report 2021

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In December 2021 there were 189 subscribers to the mailing list and 346 to the Facebook page of the Commission on Political Geography.

There were 187 and 346 in 2020, 171 and 345 in 2019, 179 and 345 in 2018 and 165 and 341 in 2017.

No significant change to the geography of membership compared to the previous years.

In 2018 and 2017 we had scrutinized in details the origin of the members of the mailing list, and in 2017 of both lists (and the overlap between them), see list below:

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NB: There is some overlap between the two groups since some individual members registered to both the mailing list and the Facebook page. Facebook subscriptions not specified in 2018. Top 5 countries were Italy, India, the United Kingdom, the United States and Poland.

B. Meetings

a. Meetings organised, co-organised and sponsored by the commission

Most large conferences scheduled in 2020 were postponed to 2021 including two main IGU conferences. The Commission sponsored sessions at both conferences

IGU Conference on Heritage Geographies: Politics, Uses and Governance of the Past
Lecce (Italy) May 29-31 2020, postponed to 27-29 May 2021 (virtual conference)
https://conference.unisalento.it/ocs/index.php/heritagegeographies/heritagegeographies
The thematic conference on heritage geographies was co-sponsored by several IGU commissions including the Commission on Political Geography.

34th International Geographical Congress (IGC)
Istanbul (Turkey) August 2020, postponed to 16-20 August 2021 (virtual conference)
The 34th IGC was due August 2020 but was postponed due to the pandemic and eventually it was held as a virtual conference in August 2021. The main theme of the Congress was Geography: Bridging the continents. More information at https://www.igc2020.org/en/

b. A brief summary of the topics addressed at each meeting

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Two sessions were organized by the Commission on Political Geography

Language (as) Heritage (in) Place: Political geographies of linguistic heritage geographies  (Chair: Virginie Mamadouh)

- La lexicotopographie, nouvel outil d’analyse et de restitution des patrimoines linguistiques minoritaires
  Bernardo Cardinale, University of Teramo (Italy), Giovanni Agresti, Université Bordeaux Montaigne (France)
- The politics of displaying minority place names: what is behind the local deals?
  Patrik Tatrai, Research Centre for Astronomy and Earth Sciences (Hungary)
- Heritage languages, place-making and belonging: Three geographical excursions
  Virginie Mamadouh, University of Amsterdam (Netherlands)

Heritage and nationalism (chair: Alec Murphy)

- Dances with Despots: exploring the current representation of monumental statues and visitor engagement with these ‘ghosts’ of past regimes within Eastern Europe
  Elizabeth Carnegie, Northumbria University (UK), Jerzy Kociatkiewicz, University of Sheffield (UK)
- Catalan nationalism and heritage. The construction of the born as an independence icon (Barcelona, Spain)
  Dolores Sanchez Aguilera, Jaume Font Garolera, University of Barcelona (Spain)
- The current wrong narrative of Kurds wanting a state-nation: a media distraction iconography from the socio-political practice and proposal in Rojava?
  Fabrizio Eva, University “Cà Foscari” in Venice (Italy)
- National Branding and controversies: the case of internationalisation of Louvre
  Marie-Alix Molinié-Andlauer, Sorbonne University (France)
- Japan Heritage Branding and Political Soft Power: A Vision for Nationalism?
  Lesley Crowe-Delaney, Curtin University (Australia)
- Renaming the Landscape: Nationalism, Ultra-Nationalism and State Formation in Israel-Palestine
  David Newman, Ben-Gurion University (Israel)

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The main theme
The Commission on Political Geography (IGU-CPG) sponsored 12 panel sessions featuring about forty papers:

- The papers submitted to the Joint Session Bridging Differences: East, West, Seas and Mediterranean Worlds, convened/chaired by Marcella Schmidt di Friedberg, Lynda Johnston and Virginie Mamadouh and co-sponsored by the Commission on the History of Geography, the
Commission on Gender and Geography and the Commission on Political Geography; time slots 1 thru 6 on Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 August

- the papers submitted to other sessions sponsored by the Commission on Political Geography
  - **Resources, Space and Power: How do resources produce territories** (convened/chaired by Sophie Hou and Audrey Sérandour); time slots 7 and 8 on Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 August
  - **Geopolitics of the Datasphere part 1: the politics of data** (convened/chaired by Amaël Cattaruzza and Frederick Douzet); time slot 9 on Wednesday 18 August
  - **Geopolitics of the Datasphere part 2: Mapping the routes of the internet : data, topologies, power** (convened/chaired by Kevin Limonier and Alix Desforges); time slot 10 on Wednesday 18 August
  - **Rethinking the migration-security nexus: Actors, practices, knowledges** (convened/chaired by Anna Casaglia and Jussi Laine); time slots 11 and 12 on Thursday 19 August

**Future events (more detailed information about future events can be found on the IGU CPG website)**

*(Extraordinary) International Geographical Congress* Le temps des geographers / *Time for Geographers*
Paris, France, 18-22 July 2022
A dozen of Call for Papers are sponsored the IGU Commission on Political Geography jointly with the Commission on the History of Geography. Theme: Le Temps des géographe /
For details see https://virginiemamadouh.socsci.uva.nl/IGU2022Paris.html

Preconference on Political geography organized by the Commission Géographie politique et géopolitique (CGPG, the Commission on Political Geography and Geopolitics) of the Comité National Français de Géographie (CNFG, the French National Committee of Geography) in Paris (15-17 July 2022) and sponsored by the Commission. Paris (15-17 July 2022). The theme is Espace Temps Politique / Space Time Politics . For details see https://virginiemamadouh.socsci.uva.nl/IGU2022Paris.html

Video project sponsored by the Commission on Political Geography of the International Geographical Union (IGU). For the centennial of the IGU: a century of political geography. Corey Johnson and Jenny Berggren UNC Greensboro, USA.

Contribution to IGU edited volumes:
Murphy, AB & V. Mamadouh Chapter 4: Geography and Social Issues A Geographical Century: Essays for the Centenary of IGU edited by Vladimir Kolosov; Jacobo García-Álvarez; Michael Heffernan; Bruno Schelhaas (Springer)
Dorfman, A & V Mamadouh Chapter on political geography, in Research issues and achievements of modern geography edited by J. Bański (Springer)

Individual participations at the 2022 AAG Annual Conference in New York/virtual in February-March 2022 and the Preconference of the AAG Political Geography Specialty Group virtual on 28 February 2022, the 2021 ABS Annual Conference in Denver, March 30-April 2, 2022, the 2022 RGS/IBG Annual Conference in Newcastle 30 August to Friday 2 September 2022.

**C. Networking**
a. Collaboration with other IGU Commissions and Task Forces: The Commission on Political Geography has worked with other IGU Commissions, in order to organise a group of joint sessions at the IGC, the IGU Regional Conferences and the IGU Thematic Conference, especially History, Gender.

b. Collaboration with other international, intergovernmental, and inter- and multi-disciplinary groups
The Commission on Political Geography has been actively collaborating with other international research groups, such as Commission de géographie politique et de géopolitique du CNFG (France), BRIT (Border Regions in Transition), ABS (Association of Borderlands Studies), Società Geografica Italiana, EuGeo, Association of American Geography Political Geography Study Group, Political Geography research group of the Royal Geographical Society, Research Committee 15 (Political and Cultural Geography) of IPSA (International Political Science Association) and others, in order to co-organise and co-sponsor conference and seminars.

c. Cooperative efforts with ISSC (International Social Science Council) and with ICSU (the International Council for Science) programs.

D. Publications

a. Newsletters, special journal issues, and books published in 2021 (please provide complete citations for all publications).

Newsletters are available on the website of the Commission on Political Geography including the newsletter edited in 2021 (nr. 27) and at https://virginiemamadouh.socsci.uva.nl/IGU-CPG-Newsletters.html

b. The current accurate URL of the commission’s web site

The Commission has a new website
https://politicalgeographycommission.wordpress.com/
The new webmaster is: Lesley Crowe-Delaney (member of the Steering Committee)
Email lesley.crowe-delaney@curtin.edu.au

The Commission has got also a mailing list; in order to Subscribe to the CPG new mailing list, please send an empty email to IGU-CPG-join@list.uva.nl or an email to the administrator v.d.mamadouh@uva.nl

The Commission has got a Facebook group.
IGU CPG Commission on Political Geography
https://www.facebook.com/groups/456054597763023/
To become a member, please join Facebook and send a request to the group administrator.
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E. Archival Contributions