REPORT



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1. PRESENTATION

The International Geographical Union - Commission for Latin American & Caribbean Studies has the honor of presenting its report for the period 2016-2020 to the approval of its members and organizers of the Study Commission.

The mission of the IGU Commission for Latin American & Caribbean Studies is to "Constitute a social network producing Latin American Geographical research with a critical vision from the academy and from praxis, from the daily routine that seeks to explore the rich ontology of the Latin American knowledge submitted in the geopolitics of knowledge in the space - time of the world-system. The Latin American Studies Commission will be a platform for professionals in Latin American geography to achieve high-level theoretical and methodological contributions from the various geographies at the service of our people" ...

This year 2021 was very hard for the human species, the Sars CoV -2 virus known as the Covid - 19 pandemic affected almost all of humanity, but this global health alert challenge was the beginning of collaboration and mutual work from geography and of geographers, where the contribution up to the day this report was written is relevant and makes our discipline visible as the science that is capable of innovating to solve real problems of humanity and the earth.

The conversations with CLACSO, facilitated by its Latin American Critical Geographical Thinking Working Group, are now a reality as the agreement has been confirmed by both entities, an unprecedented cooperation for Latin America and the Caribbean, but above all for its geographies and geographers.

This year 2021, our study commission has led coordination meetings and tasks with the various national committees such as: Venezuela, Ecuador, Bolivia, Peru, Brazil, Colombia and the Dominican Republic, something unprecedented in our continent. That is why we have dared to apply to the city of Lima to organize the IGU 2026 Regional Conference.

We are grateful for the opportunity given to this idea of making the Geographies of Latin America known in the International Geographical Union and we hope that from the beginning of our commission's activities we can include much more Latin American and Caribbean geographers in the activities of the IGU.

We ratify our commitment in this period 2022-2024 to continue our work and for this reason we request the ratification of our studies commission.

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3. MEETINGS:

Study Commission Meetings

The Commission for Latin American and Caribbean Studies met twice in 2021, the following dates being:

03/13/2021

- Where its statute, membership and plan of activities for the period 2020 2024 were approved, highlighting organizing its own event "Latin American and Caribbean Congress of the IGU" and participating in the Centennial Congress of Paris (2022) and the Thematic Conference of topics urban in Mexico (2023).
- Support the proposal for an Agreement between the IGU and CLACSO that is underway. CLACSO's counterpart is the Latin American Critical Geographic Thought GT and, on behalf of the IGU, the Commission for Latin American and Caribbean Studies.
- It was reported that there is a project to carry out a summer/winter school within the framework of the UGI and CLACSO agreement for 2022/2023.

06/26/2021

- An IGU Latin America and Caribbean Bulletin was created: worked with the national committees. It would have two languages, Spanish and Portuguese. (Spanish, official language UGI
- Editorial Work Proposal on the History of Geographic Thought in Latin America and the Caribbean, will be coordinated with the National Committees of Latin America and the Caribbean.
- The candidacy for the year 2026 of Lima-Peru, which will apply to host the 2026 Regional Conference, is supported.

Meetings of the National Committees of Latin America and the Caribbean

11/02/2020

- Assistants: Edwin Lozada Valdez (IGU Peru), Jose Becerra Ruiz (IGU Venezuela), Luz Ángela Castro Nungo and Luis Carlos Jiménez Reyes (IGU – Colombia), Yonkers Garcés (IGU - Dominican Republic), Pablo Cabrera IGU – Ecuador), Rubén Camilo Lois González (IGU Vice President), Marco Mitidiero (IGU - Brazil) and Lorena Izá (AGB -Brazil).
- Participation in the 2020(2021) World Congresses in Istanbul was agreed, which will be 100% virtual, that of 2024 in Dublin and 2028 in Melbourne, in addition to the IGU Centenary Conference 2022 in Paris.
- Support the agreement between the IGU and CLACSO. For the next meeting it would be good to explore the various events of the IGU (thematic conferences, Latin American and Caribbean Congress of the IGU, summer/winter schools IGU).

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- It is proposed that the bulletin should contain opinion articles, interviews, etc., of a mainly informative nature, its languages be Spanish and/or Portuguese from other continents so that it is proposed to be the official bulletin in Spanish of the IGU.
- It is agreed to support the next thematic conference in 2023 in Mexico City, which will be directed by the Urban Studies Commission based at UNAM. The Commission for Latin American and Caribbean Studies supports this event, participation is open to National Committees.
- It was commented on holding a second version of the Thematic Conference on the Geography of Peace in Colombia, there is interest from the IGU National Committee. It is recommended that it be for the year 2024 or 2025.
- It was approved that the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Commission have its own event in an odd year so as not to be a parallel event to the EGAL, it was requested that it always be a coordinated effort between the National Committees and the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Commission.
- The possibility of a Latin American and Caribbean country hosting the IGU Regional Conference in 2026 was communicated. It was agreed to discuss whether a unitary candidacy from our continent is possible: Lima was chosen from among the two precandidates to represent our country. continent.

Events:

- **Bicentennial Cathedra:** "Indigenous peoples, environment and new constitution", the speakers were; Marian Elena Foronda Eduardo Gudynas and Alberto Chirif, was held on June 2, 2022. Explanatory summary: It is about achieving the scope of an anthropologist and a specialist in political ecology, about the few possibilities offered by the current constitution in Peru, and the need for a new constitution, for the protection and development possibilities of indigenous peoples and care for the environment. Issues that are intermingled until they are actually one.
- UGI/CLACSO/UMSA International Course: "Public Policies, Environment and Territorial Development", was held between October and November, with the academic endorsement of the Universidad Mayor de San Andrés in Bolivia, with approximately 25 students of various nationalities. South American, the teachers were Peruvian members of the IGU Peru, two similar courses are expected to be held in 2022.
- Seminar on Latin American and Caribbean situations: "Geopolitical contexts and emerging realities"; From September to November 2021, it was co-organized with the CLACSO GT of Latin American Critical Geographic Thought, universities, groups of geographers and geographers from Latin America and the Caribbean in 8 sessions, the topics of each conference were:

- From the Geography of the conflict to the Geographies of hope in Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Ecological and geopolitical emergencies in the Greater Caribbean.
- From the geographies of conflict to the geographies of peace in Colombia.
- geographies of the crisis in Venezuela: territory, environment and geopolitics.
- Environmental challenges in Central America and the Greater Caribbean: territorial defense, extractivism and energy.
- Luta pela vida e pela dignity: Um olhar from the territories of resistance.
- Socio-environmental conflicts: the problems surrounding the Paraná River in Argentina.
- Tensions in Bolivia: elites, identity, politics and environment.

4. NETWORKING

- **IGU IGU**. Of the various communications from 2016 2020 with the Study Commissions of the IGU, we can specifically mention three:
- African Studies Commission, a thematic table has been proposed at the UGI Paris 2022 Centennial Conference, also to strengthen SOUTH-SOUTH relations and hold mutually agreed events and present a memorandum to the IGU Executive Committee on the colonial role of geography in Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as in Africa.
- With the Political Geography Studies Commission, it has been proposed to hold a 2nd Thematic Conference on the Geography of Peace, this time it would be held in Colombia and the National Committee has already proposed it through the National University of Colombia.
- In Peru, the Project to organize the National Geography Olympiad has been presented and we are coordinating with the Olympics Working Group to send a delegation to the IGU and National Geographic International Geography Olympiads.
- Communications have been established to carry out agreements and organize activities in common with these international organizations, thematic networks such as the following:
- PAIGH Pan American Institute of Geography and History of the OAS. It has been proposed to sign an agreement between the UGI and the PAIGH, the Geography Commission is chaired by Dr. Patricia Solís and there is communication and a predisposition to carry out activities until 2024.
- CLACSO Latin American Council of Social Sciences. Thanks to the "Latin American Critical Geographic Thought" Working Group, an inter-institutional cooperation agreement will be signed with the UGI, events, publications and research groups are planned.
- **CLAG Conference of Latin Americanist Geographers.** We were going to participate in the CLAG Conference in Tucson 2022, it was cancelled, but we are going to present hosting the event for 2024. We are going to present a Dossier in your JCLAG magazine.
- AAG Association of American Geographers, is the largest and oldest institution in our continent and we have made contact with the special Latin American Working Group and there is already a possibility of making a proposal for common academic activities until 2024.
- EGAL Meeting of Geographers of Latin America, the 2021 version was held in Córdoba, Argentina, for 2023 Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic was chosen, the UGI National

Committee of that country will be the organizer, who had our advice to make the application and win the headquarters so it's good news to start an IGU work in the Caribbean.

- AUIP Ibero-American Postgraduate University Association, is an international nongovernmental organization recognized by UNESCO. At this moment, the creation of the Thematic Network of Geopolitics and Social Sciences directed by the National University of San Marcos and the University of Barcelona is being postulated, it will be an ally of the UGI and CLACSO.
- ALAS Latin American Association of Sociology, in this version of the 33rd ALAS Congress 2022 that will be held in Mexico City, as IGU we are going to participate in the GT of Latin American Social Thought, we continue to connect.
- **ISA- International Association of Sociology**, The National University of San Marcos through its Research Group "Territoriality, environment and power" of the Faculty of Social Sciences is an associate member representing Peru. The proposal to create an ISA GT for the Melbourne 2023 World Congress will be presented.

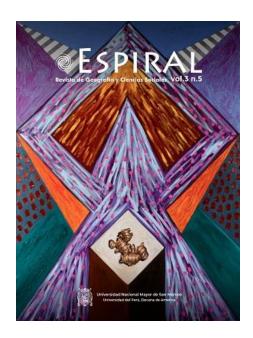
5. PUBLICATIONS:

- Espiral, journal of geographies and social sciences: In April 2019 and then in December 2019, in a joint effort between the UGI and CLACSO, the first 2 issues of the magazine were published. The National University of San Marcos through its Research Group "Territoriality, environment and power" is the one who coordinates and directs said editorial project. The journal has published 02 issues for this 2021 and continues its indexing process with SCIELO and LATINDEX.
- **IGU Books:** The reissue of the works of Professor Milton Santos is in process, it will also be with CLACSO within the collection "Anthologies of Latin American and Caribbean Social Thought".
- Two editorial projects will be presented, one thematic on Latin America and the Caribbean, which is being coordinated with the Consultative Committee of our Commission and is directed by Prof. Marcelo López de Souza. On the other hand, another will be presented regarding the Latin American and Caribbean Geographic Thought coordinated by the National Committees of Colombia and our Study Commission.
- Website: With great joy we can inform you that the website of the Commission for Latin American and Caribbean Studies of the UGI is now active: http://www.ugi-latinoamerica.org/, a Facebook fan page account has also been created https://www.facebook.com/ugi.latinoamerica/we are also subscribed to twitter and a YouTube channel has been created and we hope to create a LinkedIn profile to create a virtual community friendly to the IGU in Spanish.
- **Electronic Newsletter:** After the meetings of the Commission, the editorial committee was established and the editorial directives of the UGI LATAM Newsletter were given, there has been a delay in the publication so it is expected that for this first semester of 2022 it can be published from our website.

6. ARCHIVAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

Espiral Journal:

https://revistasinvestigacion.unmsm.edu.pe/index.php/spiral



Events:





















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