

2022 Report
International Geographical Union's (IGU)
Commission C16.36 on Transport and Geography

A) MEMBERSHIP AND STEERING COMMITTEE

Membership

At the end of 2022, membership of the IGU Transport and Geography Commission (T&GC) totalled 534 members from 59 countries. Membership includes attendees and participants at T&GC sessions held at IGU Santiago 2011, IGC Cologne 2012, IGU Kyoto 2013, IGU Krakow 2014, IGU Moscow 2015, IGC Beijing 2016, IGU Quebec City 2018, RGS London 2019, Online workshop 2020, IGU Istanbul 2021 and the 2022 Centennial Congress in Paris, as well as Steering Committee members and self-requests from various colleagues.

Breakdown of Transport and Geography Commission members by country:*

117	China
59	UK
38	Poland
41	France
35	USA
22	Belgium
19	Spain
17	Japan
15	Germany
14	Hong Kong SAR, Belgium
12	Russia
11	The Netherlands, India
8	Canada, Czech Republic, South Africa
7	Nigeria
6	Australia, Malta
5	Brazil , Italy
4	Ireland, Portugal
3	Ghana, Luxemburg, Slovenia, Switzerland
2	Denmark, Hungary, Israel, Ivory Coast, Malaysia, Peru, Slovakia, Sweden, Taiwan, Ukraine, Argentina, Mexico
1	Austria, Bangladesh, Chile, China/Japan, Japan/Germany, , Nigeria/Japan, Norway, Philippines, Philippines/Japan, Poland/UK, Poland/USA, Romania, Russia/Canada, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka/Japan, South Korea, Trinidad and Tobago
9	Unknown
534	TOTAL

* Including some members representing two countries

Steering Committee 2020–2024

None change since the last election in 2020.

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We are also very keen to welcome two honorary members as a warm thank you for their deep involvement in the life of our Commission over the past decade.

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B) MEETINGS

IGU Centennial Congress in Paris, 18-22 July 2022

The Transport & Geography Commission has been very active within the Paris 2022 UGI Centennial Congress (18-22 July 2022), with no less than 12 themed sessions, gathering 131 submitted abstracts and requiring 33 slots. All together and beyond numbers, they offered a nice range of topics, spaces/places and scales. Several of these sessions were organised by newcomers, which is appreciable.

2022 UGI Centennial Congress themed sessions	Conveners	Abstracts*
Disruption to international travel and cross-boundary commuting	Richard D. Knowles	10
Geographical Impacts of Urban and Metropolitan Logistics: mobilities of e-commerce, warehousing, logistics real estate, urban freight	Heleen Buldeo Rai, Laetitia Dabanc, Adeline Heitz & Matthieu Schorung	16
Geohistorical Transport Networks in Modern Europe	Thomas Thévenin, Isabelle Séguy, Christophe Mimeur & Alexis Litvine	11
Global consumption network and its logistics geography	James J. Wang, Zuopeng Xiao, Jinyan Yu, & Quan Yuan	8
High Speed Rail Development: Geographical Impacts	Andrew Goetz & Chia-Lin Chen	10
Legacy and impact of municipality investments and policies during COVID-19 in transport and their role in the recovery	Richard D. Quodamine, Maria Attard & Andy Goetz	7
Spatial dimensions of e-mobility to foster multimodal and intermodal transport	Nadia Giuffrida & Francesco Pilla	10
The role of railway stations in urban transitions: Energy, nature, communities: solidarity and circularity	Nacima Baron	16
The spatial dimensions of long-distance rail liberalisation	Frédéric Dobruszkes & Amparo Moyano	5
Understanding the Future of Urban Mobility	Darren Scott & Matthias Sweet	15
What Future for Containerisation and Globalisation?	Antoine Frémont, Arnaud Serry & Jacques Charlier	8

Within reach: Reassessing the role of time and distance in mobility studies	Anders Larsson (University of Gothenburg) & Ellen Lagrell (University of Gothenburg)	15
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* Including no-shows, especially from China due to travel restrictions.

Our annual Commission meeting was organised during the conference (on Tuesday the 19th of July, from 17:00 to 18:00). It attracted dozens of attendees.

The programme was as follows:

1. Steering Committee Membership
2. Commission membership
3. Reviewing 2022 main activities (so far)
4. T&G Commission Travel Grants giving (by A. Goetz)
5. Perspectives for 2023 onwards
6. Book Series: Transport, Mobilities & Spatial Change (by R. Knowles)
7. Any other business

During this meeting, Chair Frédéric Dobruszkes thanked our Commission's Secretary Chia-Lin Chen for her efficient management as well as session conveners. He highlighted the quality of the sessions as a whole, but also pointed out, as at the previous annual meeting, that *geography* should never be forgotten in *transport geography*. In other words, a 'transport geography' session should not be like any 'transport' session. As Karen Lucas' questioning "*What does transport geography add to transport studies?*" (The Brian Hoyle Annual Lecture in Transport Geography, 2019 RGS-IBG Annual International Conference, London) should be our guideline.

The meeting was also a nice opportunity to award our travel grants to the laureates (see below, Section F).

Last but not least, this busy week also included a vibrant, informal evening on Wed the 20th of July from 20:00 at Rosa Bonheur sur Seine (literary 'Rosa Happiness upon Seine'), a bar-disco-boat where member could nicely chat each other and enjoy some cooler weather despite the heatwave, not talking about local drinks and even some dance steps for some.

Overall and beyond debatable aspects of the congress (including no lunch, very late timetable, promotion of alternative languages and outdated rooms) and Chinese colleagues being absent due to travel restrictions, it will be etched as the first post-pandemic in-person conference for many attendees.

C) NETWORKING

The mission of the IGU Transport and Geography Commission is to share and disseminate transport geography research at a global level in conjunction with national research groups and other IGU Commissions. Our research focuses on transport, mobilities and spatial change and relates to geographic theory. It involves the analysis of transport policies, processes and behaviours that influence the movement of people, goods and information. This research includes all modes of transport, at local, regional and global scales.

Environmental, welfare and energy questions, and social, economic and governance dimensions are also addressed. Dissemination of the Commission's work includes books, research journal papers and journal Special Issues.

As a result, the Commission liaises other transport research groups and other IGU Commissions including:

- the Transportation Geography Specialty Group (TGSG) of the American Association of Geographers
- the Hong Kong Society for Transportation Studies (HKSTS)
- the Transport Geography Research Group (TGRG) of the Royal Geographical Society (with the Institute of British Geographers)
- AK Mobilität und Verkehr (Germany)
- NECTAR (Network on European Communications and Transport Activity Research)
- EUGEO (Association of Geographical Societies in Europe).
- IGU Commission on Urban Geography

T&GC Steering Committee members and many ordinary Commission members have strong international links, joint research and publications with many other geographers and transport researchers.

A recent development is the organisation of two joint special sessions with Commission C20.17 on Geography of Tourism, Leisure, and Global Change, to be convened within the 9th EUGEO Congress (September 2023, Barcelona, Spain).

D) PUBLICATIONS

Several papers presented at the aforementioned themed sessions would be/have been submitted to (and sometimes already been published in) academic journals, although not within specific issues.

The wide scope of topics and the large number of papers also offers opportunities to feed book series edited by Commission's members, including:

- Population, Regional Development and Transport series (Springer), edited by our Vice Chair Prof. Pengjun Zhao – See <https://www.springer.com/series/16410>
- Transport, Mobilities and Spatial Change series (Edward Elgar), edited by our honorary member Prof. Richard Knowles and our former member Prof. Markus Hesse – See <https://www.e-elgar.com/shop/gbp/book-series/geography/transport-mobilities-and-spatial-change.html>

Let also recall our Secretary Chia-Lin CHEN keep our webpage updated, after having designed it – <https://igu-transport.org/>

E) ARCHIVAL CONTRIBUTIONS

[For the record]

F) PRODUCTIVE USE OF PREVIOUS IGU GRANT LIKE SUPPORTING YOUNG SCHOLARS, PUBLICATIONS AND SEMINARS FROM LOW INCOME COUNTRIES

In view of the Centennial Congress, we offered once again travel grants. Preference was still given to (1) scholars from least developed/developing/emerging countries and (2) young or emerging scholars (up to five years after receiving PhD Awards). However, the grant has been adjusted as follows:

- Early stage, same macro-region or distance <4,000 km: \$600
- Early stage, other macro-region or distance >4,000 km: \$800
- Developing country: \$1000

We also awarded the 2020 travel grant (34th IGC Conference, moved online) provided laureates also contributed to the Paris congress.

Laureates are:

1. From the 34th IGC Conference (Istanbul/online, 2020):
 - Amparo MOYANO, University of Castilla-La Mancha, Spain (criteria #2)
2. 2022 laureates:
 - Surjaa CHAKRAVARTI, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India (criteria #1)
 - Karyn SCERRI, University of Malta, Malta (criteria #2)
 - Arthur STARZEC, University College London, UK (criteria #2)
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