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| Argentina | 11 |
| Australia | 14 |
| Austria | 7 |
| Bangladesh | 1 |
| Belgium | 5 |
| Brazil | 17 |
| Cambodia | 1 |
| Canada | 50 |
| Chile | 1 |
| China | 18 |
| Colombia | 6 |
| Croatia | 1 |
| Czech Republic | 3 |
| Denmark | 1 |
| Estonia | 2 |
| Finland | 3 |
| France | 88 |
| Germany | 81 |
| Greece | 2 |
| Iceland | 1 |
| India | 7 |
| Ireland | 10 |
| Israel | 7 |
| Italy | 27 |
| Japan | 18 |
| Korea (South) | 9 |
| Luxembourg | 2 |
| Mexico | 4 |
| Netherlands | 8 |
| New Zealand | 5 |
| Norway | 2 |
| Peru | 1 |
| Poland | 5 |
| Portugal | 8 |
| Russia | 9 |
| Singapore | 1 |
| Slovenia | 3 |
| South Africa | 5 |
| Spain | 26 |
| Sweden | 9 |
| Switzerland | 13 |
| Taiwan | 3 |
| United Kingdom | 30 |
| USA | 42 |
| unknown | 23 |

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**CULTURAL APPROACH COMMISSION ACVIVITY REPOPRT AND PROSPECTVE**

**I. The Original Plan for the 2022 Centennial IGC at Paris**

Commission Chair, Je-Hun RYU, discussed with the members on the Steering Committee how to organize sessions for the 2022 Centennial IGC at Paris, and came up with two session proposals for Thematic Session “Time for geographers,” and eight session proposals for IGU Commission Session. In addition, a special session was proposed to invite Prof. Paul Claval, the first Chair for the Commission, to deliver his speech on the topic “Cultural Approach in Geography.” The list of sessions which were approved by the IGC Organizing Committee is shown in the below:

**1. Thematic Session "Time for geographers"**

1-1. Heritage and Sustainable Development: The Importance pf Geographical Thinking, Chair: Je-Hun Ryu (Chair for the Steering Committee)

1-2. New Cultural Geographies in a Post-Pandemic World: Research Topics and Methodologies, Chair: Dolores Sánchez-Aguilera (Steering Committee Member)

**2. IGU Commission Session: “Cultural Approach in Geography”**

2-1. The Cultural Approach in Geography in Different Socio-Spatial and Temporal Contexts: A Comparative Perspective, Chair: Dupont Louis (Steering Committee Member)

2-2. Territories and Politics of Animalities: Critical Animal Geographies between Domination and Resistance, Chair: Juli Coumau

2-3. Night Studies: Geographical Lighting and Spatial View, Chair: Salomé Vincent

2-4. Penser Les Musées En Géographie : Concepts, Enjeux et Méthodologie, Chair: Marie-Alix Molinié-Andlauer

2-5. The Geographies of Death: Spatial Aspects in Times of Change, Chair: Roger Marjavaara

2-6. Mobilizing the Place Mediated Through Local Cultural Institutions and Events: Multifaceted Debates in Japan, Chair: Takeshi Hamano (Steering Committee Member)

2-7. Geography and Spirituality, Chair: Brice Gruet

2-8. Cultural Geography of Asian Cities: Interfacing Heritage, Tourism, and Urbanization in Making Future Sustainable, Chair: Kiran Shinde

**3. Special Session: “Tribute to Paul Claval”**

Paul Claval is a renown French Geographer, professor at La Sorbonne, a long time IGU member and one of the founders of the Cultural Approach commission. He gives a key-note speech entitled: THE CULTURAL APPROACH IN GEOGRAPHY. Je-Hun RYU, from South Korea, actual President of the Cultural Approaches Commission, presides over the session and entertain questions from the audience.

**II. The Activity during the 2022 Centennial IGC at Paris**

**1-1. Heritage and Sustainable Development: The Importance pf Geographical Thinking**

**Slot 1 (Tue, 19th July): 08:30 - 10:15 - Panthéon Room 216**

Chair(s): Je-Hun RYU, Korea National University of Cultural Heritage, Korea (Republic of)

Maria GRAVARI-BARBAS, University of Paris I

**Slot 2 (Tue, 19th July): 10:30 - 12:15 - Panthéon Room 216**

Chair(s): Je-Hun RYU, Korea National University of Cultural Heritage, Korea (Republic of)

Maria GRAVARI-BARBAS, University of Paris I

**Slot 3 (Tue, 19th July): 12:30 - 14:15 - Panthéon Room 216**

Chair(s): Je-Hun RYU, Korea National University of Cultural Heritage, Korea (Republic of)

Maria GRAVARI-BARBAS, University of Paris I

**1-2. New Cultural Geographies in a Post-Pandemic World: Research Topics and Methodologies**

**Slot 1 (Fri, 22nd July) 08:30 - 10:15 - Société de Géographie Room A**

Chair(s): Dolores SÁNCHEZ-AGUILERA, Universitat De Barcelona, Spain

Je-Hun RYU, Korea National University of Cultural Heritage

**Slot 2 (Fri, 22nd July) 0:30 - 12:15 - Société de Géographie Room A**

Chair(s): Dolores SÁNCHEZ-AGUILERA, Universitat De Barcelona, Spain

Je-Hun RYU, Korea National University of Cultural Heritage

**2-1. The Cultural Approach in Geography in Different Socio-Spatial and Temporal Contexts: A Comparative Perspective**

**Slot 1 (Thurs, 21st July) - 08:30 - 10:15 - Panthéon Room 16**

Chair(s): Louis DUPONT, Sorbonne Université, France

Je-Hun RYU, Korea National University of Cultural Heritage

**Slot 2 (Thurs, 21st July) - 10:30 - 12:15 - Panthéon Room 16**

Chair(s): Louis DUPONT, Sorbonne Université, France

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**Slot 3 (Thurs, 21st July) 12:30 - 14:15 - Panthéon Room 16**

Chair(s): Louis DUPONT, Sorbonne Université, France

Je-Hun RYU, Korea National University of Cultural Heritage

**Slot 4 (Thurs, 21st July) 14:30 - 16:15 - Panthéon Room 16**

Chair(s): Louis DUPONT, Sorbonne Université, France

Je-Hun RYU, Korea National University of Cultural Heritage

**2-2. Territories and Politics of Animalities: Critical Animal Geographies between Domination and Resistance**

**Slot 1 (Thurs, 21st July) - 08:30 - 10:15 - Institut de Géographie Room 405**

Chair(s): Julie COUMAU, Sorbonne Université, France

Claire CAMBLAIN, Université de Genève

**Slot 2 (Thurs, 21st July) - 10:30 - 12:15 - Institut de Géographie Room 405**

Chair(s): Julie COUMAU, Sorbonne Université, France

Claire CAMBLAIN, Université de Genève

**2-3. Night Studies: Geographical Lighting and Spatial View**

**Slot 1 (Wed, 29th July) 08:30 - 10:15 - Institut de Géographie Room 303**

Chair(s): Salomé VINCENT, Sorbonne Université Laboratoire Médiations, France

Louis DUPONT, Sorbonne Université

**Slot 2 (Wed, 29th July) 10:30 - 12:15 - Institut de Géographie Room 303**

Chair(s): Salomé VINCENT, Sorbonne Université Laboratoire Médiations, France

Louis DUPONT, Sorbonne Université

**Slot 3 (Wed, 29th July) 12:30 - 14:15 - Institut de Géographie Room 303**

Chair(s): Salomé VINCENT, Sorbonne Université Laboratoire Médiations, France

Louis DUPONT, Sorbonne Université

**2-4. Penser Les Musées En Géographie: Concepts, Enjeux et Méthodologie**

**Slot 1 (Tue, 19th July) 08:30 - 10:15 - Panthéon Room 419A**

Chair(s): Marie-Alix MOLINIÉ-ANDLAUER, Sorbonne University & Chaire Eti-Iae - Pantheon Sorbonne, France; Louis DUPONT, Sorbonne University

**Slot 2 (Tue 19th July) 0:30 - 12:15 - Panthéon Room 419A**

Chair(s): Marie-Alix MOLINIÉ-ANDLAUER, Sorbonne University & Chaire Eti-Iae - Pantheon Sorbonne, France; Louis DUPONT, Sorbonne University

**2-5. The Geographies of Death: Spatial Aspects in Times of Change**

**Slot 1 (Thurs, 21st July) 08:30 - 10:15 - Institut de Géographie Petit Amphi**

Chair(s): Roger MARJAVAARA, Department of Geography, Umeå University, Sweden

Carola WINGREN, Department of Urban and Rural Development Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

**2-6. Mobilizing the Place Mediated Through Local Cultural Institutions and Events: Multifaceted Debates in Japan**

**Slot 1 (Fri, 22nd July) 14:30 - 16:15 - Panthéon Room 17**

Chair(s): Takeshi HAMANO, University of Kitakyushu, Japan

Akimasa SUGANUMA, Kyushu Sangyo University

**2-7. Geography and Spirituality**

**Slot 1 (Thurs, 21st July) 10:30 - 12:15 - Institut de Géographie Room 316**

Chair(s): Brice GRUET, Université Paris Est Créteil, France

Marie-Hélène CHEVRIER, Institut Catholique de Paris

**Slot 2 (Thurs, 21st July) 12:30 - 14:15 - Institut de Géographie Room 316**

Chair(s): Brice GRUET, Université Paris Est Créteil, France

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**Slot 3 (Thurs, 21st July) 14:30 - 16:15 - Institut de Géographie Room 316**

Chair(s): Brice GRUET, Université Paris Est Créteil, France

Marie-Hélène CHEVRIER, Institut Catholique de Paris

**2-8. Cultural Geography of Asian Cities: Interfacing Heritage, Tourism, and Urbanization in Making Future Sustainable**

**Slot 1 (Wed, 20th July) 08:30 - 10:15 - Virtual room 1**

Chair(s): Kiran SHINDE, La Trobe University, Australia

Rana P.b. SINGH, (ex) Banaras Hindu University Varanasi India

**Slot 2 (Wed, 20th July) 10:30 - 12:15 - Virtual room 1**

Chair(s): Kiran SHINDE, La Trobe University, Australia

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**3. Tribute to Prof. Claval, the first Chair for the Commission**

**(Thurs, 21st July) 16:00 - 18:30 - Panthéon Amphi 3**

The creation of the Commission on the Cultural Approach in Geography was first proposed by the French National Committee of Geography at the 1996 IGU Congress at Hague, Netherland. To begin with, in 1996, it was launched as a Study Group on the Cultural Approach in Geography, and Prof. Paul Claval accepted to chair it. The term The Cultural Approach in Geography was chosen instead of “cultural geography,” because what is called cultural geography is not same in terms of content everywhere. Six years later, the Study Group was converted into an IGU Commission during the 2002 IGC at Dublin, South Africa. Claval served as the Chair for the Study Group (1996-2002) and Commission (2002-2004). Consequently, the 2022 Centennial IGC at Paris was exactly the time to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the Commission on the Cultural Approach in Geography. (If we take account the years of Study Group, it had been twenty-six years since its creation). It was, therefore, decided to invite Prof. Claval to give a keynote speech in commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of our Commission. Prof. Claval gave his speech with the topic THE CULTURAL APPROACH IN GEOGRAPHY. He said, “In comparison with the structurationist and poststructuralist approaches, the cultural approach does not suffer least from the same limitations.”

**III. Retrospect on the 2022 Centennial IGC at Paris and Prospect for the future**

The total number of abstracts that had been accepted turned out to be eighty-three, but the actual number of papers that had been presented were estimated to be from two-third to half of the accepted ones. It is assumed that COVID-19 Pandemic affected largely the increase on the ratio of absentees. The total number of abstracts that had been accepted for each session amounts to be the following: Session 1-1: thirteen; Session 1-2: six; Session 2-1: fifteen; Session 2-2: eight; Session 2-3: twelve; Session 2-4: eight; Session 2-5: four; Session 2-6: ten; Session 2-8: seven.

**1. Thematic Session "Time for geographers"**

The session “Heritage and Sustainable Development: The Importance pf Geographical Thinking” aimed to discuss and explore the ways geographical thinking can be used to better understand a contemporary problem: *the relationship between heritage, broadly defined, and sustainable development*. We expected the Cultural Approach in Geography to play a role in the integration of geographical thinking from different subfields. As for the session, thirteen abstracts were accepted and all but one managed to present their papers. Among the presenters, eleven showed up in Paris while two on line. It was a good opportunity to bring together geographers who wonder “how to integrate heritage, planning and management into the perspective and process of a sustainable development.” Indeed, since 2010, efforts and endeavours have been made to integrate culture and heritage into the objective and process of sustainable development. In the future, we expect the Cultural Approach in Geography to play a role in the integration of geographical thinking from different subfields.

**2. IGU Commission Session: “The Cultural Approach in Geography”**

Because the Organizing Committee did not provide any information about papers that had been actually presented, there is no way to identify who registered and show up for the presentation. For this reason, I would rather make a report on the case of “The Cultural Approach in Geography in Different Socio-Spatial and Temporal Contexts: A Comparative Perspective” as a representative. As for the session, fifteen abstracts were accepted and seven showed up in Paris. Eight did not show up; five from India, one from Russia, one from Brazil, one from China. With fifteen abstracts, four sessions were planned, two were held, two had to be cancelled. On the one hand, it was a kind of disappointing because of the absentees, but on the other, the sessions and papers were interesting. We think that the idea to go back to “the cultural turn” was interesting, but it seems that the cultural turn has passed. It is not any more the object of debate or examination, most notably in Western Countries. But a proof that it has become something of the pass, and that it brought changes in cultural geography, is to be found in the subject of the abstracts and presentations: new themes, subjects and case studies have become common for geographers, who, in a sense, keep on exploring their world.

**3. Special Session: “Tribute to Paul Claval”**

According to Prof. Claval, the original goal of the Commission has not been to promote one conception of culture and forbid others, but to see their mutual relations and how they contribute to the comprehension of diversity in the world. To adopt a cultural approach is to choose a point of view among others; in a certain way, it is to throw light on a thing that can be observed from other standpoints. In 2004, when he stepped down from chairmanship for the Commission, he proposed that the Commission had three responsibilities:

(i) to make an inventory of the diverse orientations that were developed in this research area

(ii) to facilitate their diffusion out of English-speaking or French-speaking countries, which had been more active in the field after the 1970s

(iii) to provide colleagues who had an interest in the field with an overview of its most recent results and evolving structure

Even after stepping down from his chairmanship, Prof. Claval continued to think deeply and widely over these issues and write about them. Taking advantage of the occasion on the 2022 Centennial IGC at Paris, we were fortunate to have an opportunity to listen to his keynote speech, which would guide and enlighten us to the future direction for our Commission “The Cultural Approach in Geography.”