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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The IGU Commission 'Geography of Governance' publishes two Newsletters every year, the first in June and the second in December. The first Newsletter (January-June 2023) reports the activity in the first semester and presents the updated activity plan for the following period.

The Commission continued to work actively in the first semester, enhancing the debate on local and urban governance through the co-organization of online sessions and onsite meetings, as described below. For the second semester is planned the Annual Conference of the Commission, in Budapest, in September 2023.

As before, the Commission will consider and discuss proposals for possible collaborations and will continue its efforts to expand its activities to other regions of the world, alone or in collaboration with other IGU Commissions, as well as with organisations outside the IGU.

## 2. STEERING COMMITTEE, AIMS, THEMES: 2020-2024

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## 2.2 Aims

1. To advance knowledge of the geography of territorial governance, at the urban, local and regional levels, namely the conditions, scale and characteristics of new modes of territorial governance, in particular those that will emerge as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic crisis, and its social, cultural, political, economic and environmental consequences.
2. To identify new perspectives and to explore new research methodologies and different geographical approaches in the field of urban, local and regional governance.
3. To provide a platform for the exchange of information, research outcomes, and best practices among its members, namely through digital tools.
4. To enhance current bilateral and multilateral research cooperation among its members and to support the creation of new research networks in the field of urban, local and regional governance, connecting its members with existing international research programs and organizations, increasing interdisciplinary research collaboration across disciplines.
5. To support and promote the publication and dissemination of scholarly research outcomes of its members, in peer-reviewed international journals and in books.

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6. To advance educational activities through workshops focused on urban, local and regional governance issues, contributing to the training of the next generation of scientists in this field.

7. To increase the awareness of urban, local and regional governance issues among citizens, local communities and governments.

8. To develop initiatives focused on specific issues in cooperation with members of other IGU Commissions sharing similar or related interests.

## 2.3 Themes

The Commission aims to explore, but is not limited to, the following themes:

1. Local government reforms
2. Urban and metropolitan governance
3. Local Government and the 2030 Agenda: 'localization' of the Sustainable Development Goals
4. Urban, local and regional government responses to the Covid-19 pandemic: lessons for building resilient territories
5. Decentralization and multi-layered governance: new relations between national, regional and local government in the post-pandemic
6. Digitalization of local government and Citizen e-Participation
7. Governance of spatial planning processes
8. Citizen participation in local and regional government
9. Administrative fragmentation and merger reforms
10. Decentralized cooperation and development
11. Inter-municipal cooperation
12. Cross-border municipal and regional cooperation
13. Climate change, the governance of complex environmental systems and the challenges for local action
14. Age-, disabled-, minorities, and gender-responsive approaches in urban, local and regional government policies
15. Administrative systems, housing, health services, and local public service delivery
16. Local government finance systems
17. Anthropocene: changes and challenges for urban, local and regional governance
18. Governance in conflict and post-conflict areas
19. Transparency, accountability, good governance, and human rights in local and regional government
20. Big Data and new digital research methods in urban governance

## 3. ORGANIZATION AND ACTIVITIES

During the period reported in the Newsletter 1/2023 the following activities have been developed:

- 3.1 Online communication tools
- 3.2 Digital Archive
- 3.3 Activity Plan for 2023
- 3.4 Membership
- 3.5 Organization of Conferences and other Meetings
- 3.6 Publications
- 3.7 Action Plan focused on 'Local Government response towards the COVID-19 Pandemic'
- 3.8 Action Plan focused on 'Local Governance and Climate Emergency'
- 3.9 Action Plan focused on 'Local Governance of Coastal and Maritime Areas'

**3.1 Online communication tools.** The online communication tools (website; electronic forum and mailing-list; blog) were updated and/or used for the dissemination of information. The Commission opened accounts in the Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.

- The IGU-CGoG Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/igugeogov/home>
- Mailing list: <https://sites.google.com/site/igugeogov/mailling-list>
- Blog: <http://igugeogov.blogspot.pt/>
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- LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/igu-commission-geography-of-governance-9ba030284/>

**3.2 Digital Archive.** The Digital Archive of the Commission has currently seven sessions and is available online (<https://sites.google.com/site/igugeogov/archive>):

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- [Archive - Past Steering Committees \(1984 - 2020\) ->](#)
- [Archive - Newsletters \(1984 - 2020\) ->](#)
- [Archive - Past Conferences \(1984 - 2020\) ->](#)
- [Archive - Publications \(1987 - 2020\) ->](#)
- [Archive - Photogallery \(2006 - 2020\) ->](#)
- [Archive - IGU CGoG FLYER \(2016 - 2020\) ->](#)
- [Archive - Aims & Themes \(2016 - 2020\) ->](#)

At the end of year the Commission will send, as is usual, to the IGU Central Archive, located in the Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography, Germany, the documents (PDF) related to its activities in 2023.

**3.3 Activity Plan for 2023.** The activity plan for 2023 includes a variety of initiatives, some of which already held in the first semester (e.g., sessions at the AAG 2023 Annual Meeting; sessions at the two IGU Thematic Conferences, in Milan and in Osaka); and others planned for the second semester (e.g., the IGU CGoG 2023 Annual Conference in Budapest, in September 2023; and session in the IGU Thematic Conference in Mexico City, in August 2023); publications, and tentatively also joint research activities.

**3.4 Membership.** The list of corresponding members continued to expand in 2023. New members have been added after the meetings organized by the Commission and as a result of an open call for new corresponding members launched in 2021, which had an excellent result. This call will continue open until end of the term (<https://forms.gle/aVnvSzTZyTGhNgZo8>).

**3.5 Organization of Conferences and other Meetings.** As reported in the following sections of this Newsletter, members of the Steering Committee have been active, during the first semester of 2023, in the organization of scientific meetings focused on themes pertaining to the core subject of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance, as well in the planning of other meetings for the following years.

**3.6 Publications.** Members of the Steering Committee continued to publish on issues related to the core subject of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance.



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**3.7 Action Plan and Research Project focused on 'Local Government response towards the COVID-19 Pandemic'.** The IGU Commission Geography of Governance launched, on 25 March 2020, a collaborative Action Plan and research project focused on the 'Local Government response towards the COVID-19 Pandemic' as described below in section 6 of this Newsletter. The Commission continues to address these issues in its meetings.

**3.8 Action Plan and Research Project focused on 'Local Governance and Climate Emergency'.** The IGU Commission Geography of Governance launched, on October 2021, a collaborative Action Plan and research project focused on the 'Local Governance and Climate Emergency' as described below in section 7 of this Newsletter. The Commission includes panels on these issues (e.g., on its annual conference) and plans to hold another webinar in the second semester.

**3.9 Action Plan and Research Project focused on 'Local Governance of Coastal and Maritime Areas'.** The IGU Commission Geography of Governance launched, on 2023, a collaborative Action Plan and research project focused on the 'Local Governance of Coastal and Maritime Areas' as described below in section 8 of this Newsletter. The Commission organized sessions on these issues (e.g., on the two IGU Thematic Conferences on Oceans, Seas and Islands held in the first semester of 2023) and plans to hold other meetings in the second semester.

## 4. CONFERENCES IN THE FIRST SEMESTER OF 2023

**4.1 - Symposium: 'New Zealand Local Government (online) Symposium 2023', School of People, Environment and Planning, Massey University, Monday 13 February 2023.** The interdisciplinary New Zealand Local Government Symposium is convened every three years following local government elections. The 2023 Symposium was convened by Jeff McNeill (Massey University, New Zealand & IGU CGoG Steering Committee member) following the 2022 local government elections. It was a successful online Symposium. Ten papers were presented from across a range of disciplines. Most papers focused on voting patterns in the elections. Several themes emerged, including the influence of electoral boundaries and the opportunities and challenges to providing greater voice and representation to indigenous Māori people. An eBook of the edited papers is to be published later this year.

**4.2 - AAG 2023 Annual Meeting, 23 - 27 March 2023, in Denver, USA.** The IGU CGoG held a virtual session in the AAG 2023 Annual meeting in Denver, USA, with two



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panels titled 'Local and Urban Governance for more Just Geographies' (I and II). The Session was proposed, organized and moderated by Carlos Nunes Silva (Chair of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance & University of Lisbon, Portugal). Local government has been a driving force in the promotion of quality of life, social equity, inclusion, diversity and spatial justice in human settlements. If this has been so in numerous countries, during the last century, local and city governments worldwide are now increasingly confronted with new and complex challenges, related to climate change, pandemic events, energy crisis, natural or human made disasters, among others, which call for reform and innovation in the current local government systems. This Session explored and discussed various aspects of the response of local and urban governance towards these complex challenges. More information here:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HnWKU\\_oo6HVCJdzolyo9Y2gVlgXtPRTI/view?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HnWKU_oo6HVCJdzolyo9Y2gVlgXtPRTI/view?usp=share_link)

Panel 1 - <https://aag.secure-platform.com/aag2023/solicitations/39/sessiongallery/5462>

Panel 2 - <https://aag.secure-platform.com/aag2023/solicitations/39/sessiongallery/5750>

#### 4.3 - 7th Conference on Urban e-Planning, 27-29 March 2023, Lisbon - Portugal

The IJEPR Annual Conferences are a multi- and interdisciplinary forum for the exploration, presentation, and discussion of innovative theoretical and empirical research on Urban e-Planning. The 7th International Conference on Urban e-Planning, convened by Carlos Nunes Silva (Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Lisbon, Portugal, and chair of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance), and organized by the 'International Journal of E-Planning Research' in collaboration with the Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning – University of Lisbon, was held online, from Lisbon, Portugal, on 27-29 March 2023. The program was structured into 5 tracks: Track 1 - Smart Urban Governance and E-Planning; Track 2 - Urban E-Planning and Climate Emergency; Track 3 - Managing Natural and Man Made Disasters and the Post-Pandemic; Track 4 - Urban E-Planning and the Managing of the Energy Crisis; Track 5 - Citizens E-Participation in Urban Governance. The Conference was endorsed, as in previous years, by the IGU Commission Geography of Governance. More information in the conference website: <https://sites.google.com/view/uep2023conference/home>

**4.4 - IGU Thematic Conference on “Islands in Relations: Conflicts, Sustainability, and Peace”, Osaka Metropolitan University, Osaka, Japan, 4-6 April 2023.** Yosuke Maeda (Niigata University, Japan, and member of the Steering Committee of the IGU Commission on Geography of Governance) is member of the Local Organizing

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Committee. The IGU Commission Geography of Governance held a session titled 'Adaptive island governance and climate change: The role of local government and spatial planning systems', convened by Carlos Nunes Silva (Chair of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance & University of Lisbon, Portugal). The Session 'Adaptive island governance and climate change: The role of local government and spatial planning systems' explored and discussed recent developments of local government systems in small Islands and the respective Spatial Planning Systems, in particular in small Island States. The Session addressed, among others, the following research questions: Is the Local Government System in small Island States robust enough to address climate change and its effects? How and to what extent does the Spatial Planning System in small Island (States) consider adaptation to climate change? This Session is associated with the Action Plan on "Local Governance and Climate Emergency: Strategies, Plans, Actions, Outcomes, Impacts" of the IGU Commission on Geography of Governance (<https://sites.google.com/view/igucgog-climateemergency/home>) and with the Action Plan on 'Local Governance of Coastal and Maritime Areas' (<https://sites.google.com/view/lgcma/home>). More information about the session, here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1va33GfbldKul4vLTdzierECCQ6bF23HI/view>, and about the conference here: <https://polgeog.jp/igu-tc2023/>

**4.5 - IGU Thematic Conference on "The Ocean and Seas in Geographical Thought", University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy, 5-8 June 2023 and Post-conference excursion in Venice, 9-11 June.** The IGU Commission Geography of Governance was one of the co-organizing Commissions of the IGU Thematic Conference "The Ocean and Seas in Geographical Thought", in Italy, June 2023. The Commission held a Session on 'Local Governance and Planning of Coastal and Maritime Areas', co-chaired by Carlos Nunes Silva (Chair of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance & University of Lisbon, Portugal) and Anna Trono (Member of the IGU CGoG Commission Steering Committee & University of Salento, Italy). The session 'Local Governance and Planning of Coastal and Maritime Areas', organized in hybrid format, explored and discussed local governance and spatial planning of coastal and maritime areas, looking at the interrelationship between inland social, economic, and environmental practices and those in the adjacent maritime areas, raising awareness for the complexity of the relationships between the different users and uses in these areas. The spatial planning system include, in several countries, a spatial plan specific for the coastal area, in some cases a land strip of few hundred metres along the coast, and whose zoning and constraints the municipal spatial plans (e.g. municipal master plan; urban land use plans) must consider. Another common plan is the land use plan designed for beaches. If these plans are examples of planning instruments for coastal areas that have been in place for several decades now, marine spatial plans

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are more recent. The articulation between these inland spatial plans and the marine spatial plans, and between these two types of plans and spatial sector plans, as is the case of plans for heritage or tourism activities in the coastal and marine areas, call for new research and critical debate. The Session looked especially for contributions which brought a multidisciplinary approach and framework to the understanding of the local governance processes in coastal and maritime areas and to spatial and marine planning more specifically. More information about the Session 10 here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yZVneCYwkhj-kAlWX-37ECE7LRnwASif/view>

More information about the Conference here: <https://igu-chg-2023.unimib.it/>

**4.6 - Web seminar: "Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development of European Cultural Routes". The European Routes of Emperor Charles V", Palazzo delle Arti Beltrami – Trani, 16 April 2023.** The web seminar, organized by Anna Trono (Member of the IGU CGoG Steering Committee & University of Salento, Italy) illustrated the value of European cultural itineraries as a tool for enhancing knowledge and understanding of Agenda 2030's Sustainable Development Goals, and it cites the Charles V cultural itinerary as a particularly successful example of respect for the principles of sustainability and good governance of local cultural heritage.

**4.7 - Workshop on: "Maintaining the Balance: Heritage Preservation and Sustainable Tourism in Rural and Remote areas. A case study of the Cyprus heartland.** UNITWIN/UNESCO Tourism Culture Development - 26-30 June 2023. Anna Trono (Member of the IGU CGoG Steering Committee & University of Salento, Italy) was engaged in the organization of this workshop.

**4.8 - Poznań Days in Kiel Department of Geography.** Workshop in geography on 'Urban Geography and Governance – Research and Teaching Perspectives' followed by an excursion on "Urban Geography and Planning of the KielRegion". In 2022, a large UAM team visited CAU for the sixth time. Among the nearly 70 participants from Poznań were literary scholars, linguists, Polish historians, philologists, lawyers, theologians and geographers (under the direction of Tomasz Kaczmarek). The "Sixth Days of Poznań in Kiel" significantly enriched the existing cooperation between CAU and UAM and allowed to develop new areas of joint activities in the field of urban geography and governance AMU Poznań and CAU zu Kiel are linked by long-standing, intensive research and teaching connections. More here: <https://www.international.uni-kiel.de/de/internationale->

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## 5. FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES: 2023- 2024

**5.1 - IGU Thematic Conference Mexico 2023 on "Urban transformations: Towards resilient cities", Mexico City, 18th to 25th of August 2023.** The IGU Commission Geography of Governance is one of the co-organizing Commissions of the IGU Thematic Conference "Urban transformations: Towards resilient cities". The Commission is particularly engaged on the sub-thematic session 2 - "Local and Urban Governance: lessons from the past and prospects for resilient and sustainable development in a time of global emergencies and transitions", proposed and organized by Carlos Nunes Silva (Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Lisbon, Portugal, and Chair of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance). In the past, local government's social, economic and environmental policies have been key drivers in urban transition processes and in the fight against extreme events in all regions of the world. This sub-thematic session, proposed by the IGU Commission on Geography of Governance, aims to examine and discuss lessons from the past, successes and failures in the field of local and urban governance, and prospects for the future, namely in what concerns the challenges associated with globalization, the Covid-19 pandemic, and climate change, as well as to explore innovative approaches on how local and urban government can fulfil its role in the implementation of the principles and goals of the current global sustainable development agendas, such as the 2030 Agenda and the New Urban Agenda. More information about the Session, here: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1c5gFmYPCKGIH\\_KFGt5fe3OReOyUMrhRs/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1c5gFmYPCKGIH_KFGt5fe3OReOyUMrhRs/view)  
More information about the Conference, here: <https://igumexico2023.org/>

**5.2 - Annual Conference of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance in 2023 - 'Paradigm Shifts in Local and Urban Governance', Budapest, Hungary, 4-6 September 2023.** The 2023 Annual Conference of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance - 'Paradigm Shifts in Local and Urban Governance', organized by the Commission in collaboration with the Centre for Economic and Regional Studies - MTA Centre of Excellence, Hungary, co-convened by Ilona Pálné Kovács (Chair of the Local Organization Commission & CERS, Hungary) and Carlos Nunes Silva (Chair of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance & University of Lisbon, Portugal), will take place in Budapest, Hungary, 4-6 September 2023. The Conference aims to explore and to discuss shifts and innovations in Local and Urban Governance, in the context of the increasingly complex and uncertain policy context, at multiple

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governance levels, namely in crisis management. It will be a forum for the discussion of the state-of-the-art of research on these issues. Within this overall goal, the 2023 Annual Conference of the IGU Commission on Geography of Governance also aims to provide the opportunity for comparisons between countries, in different regions of the world. The Conference will bring together researchers from academia, public and private sectors, non-governmental and non-profit organizations, in an effort to present and debate their research on local and urban governance, and to share knowledge, viewpoints, methods, research outcomes and policy ideas. The conference is organized into 3 main tracks: Track 1 - Institutional shifts in Local Governance; Track 2 – Resilient Local Governance; Track 3 - Governance of Spatial Planning Systems. A full report will be included in Newsletter 2/2023. More information in the Conference website:

<https://sites.google.com/view/geogov2023/home>

**5.3 - 35th International Geographical Congress - 'Celebrating a World of Difference', 25 - 30 August 2024.** The IGU Commission on Geography of Governance will be present in the next IGU Congress in Dublin, Ireland, in 2024. The Commission on Geography of Governance expects to host several sessions. More information in the Congress website: [www.igc2024dublin.org](http://www.igc2024dublin.org)

More information will be available in the Commission website in due time:

<https://sites.google.com/site/igugeogov/next-conferences>

## **6. ACTION PLAN AND RESEARCH PROJECT - 'Local Government Response Towards the COVID-19 Pandemic' - IGU Commission on Geography of Governance (IGU-CGoG)**

The IGU-CGoG COVID-19 Action Plan - "Local Government Response Towards Covid-19 Pandemic: Strategies, Plans, Actions, Outcomes, Impacts. A Worldwide Survey and Comparison" - launched by the IGU Commission on Geography of Governance, on 25 March 2020, two weeks after the World Health Organization informed, on 11 March 2020, that the COVID-19 could be characterized as a pandemic, aims to collect and to curate a list of resources related to the strategies, plans, policy measures, and actions taken by local government towards the COVID-19 pandemic, around the world, and its outcomes and impacts. The project publishes country and local studies (on municipalities, cities, metropolitan areas, regions, and other geographies) in its website: <https://sites.google.com/view/igucgog-covid19/country-local-studies>, namely in the form of Working-Papers:

<https://sites.google.com/view/igucgog-covid19/working-papers>. Other publication





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options for the outputs of the project have also been considered. A special issue in the International Journal of E-Planning Research (IJEPR) has already been published. A book titled 'Local Government and the COVID-19 Pandemic. A Global Perspective' was published by Springer in May 2022 (Silva, Carlos Nunes (Ed.) (2022). Local Government and the COVID-19 Pandemic - A Global Perspective. Cham: Springer, ISBN-13: 9783030911119).

More information available in the project website:

<https://sites.google.com/view/igucgog-covid19/home>

Collaboration in this Action Plan is open to all members of the IGU Commission on Geography of Governance (Steering Committee and Corresponding Members) and to anyone interested on these themes. For additional information, please contact us: [igu.geogov@gmail.com](mailto:igu.geogov@gmail.com)

## **7. ACTION PLAN AND RESEARCH PROJECT FOCUSED ON 'LOCAL GOVERNANCE AND CLIMATE EMERGENCY'**

The IGU Commission on Geography of Governance launched in October 2021 the Action Plan on 'Local Governance and Climate Emergency' as an international collaborative research platform that seeks to survey, examine, and compare the responses of local government to the global climate emergency. It seeks to collect and to curate a list of resources related to the strategies, plans, policy measures, and actions taken by local government, across the globe, towards the Climate Emergency, and its outcomes and impacts. The Commission has already promoted sessions in its own meetings or panels in wider meetings in which it was present. It plans to continue doing so in 2023-2024. More information is available in the website: <https://sites.google.com/view/igucgog-climateemergency/home>

## **8. ACTION PLAN - 'LOCAL GOVERNANCE OF COASTAL AND MARITIME AREAS'**

The IGU Commission Geography of Governance launched, on June 2023, a collaborative Action Plan and research project focused on the 'Local Governance of Coastal and Maritime Areas'. It seeks to survey, examine, and compare the responses of local government to the challenges with which society is confronted in coastal and maritime areas. It collects and curates a list of resources related to the strategies, plans, policy measures, and actions taken by local government, across the globe, towards the planning and governance of coastal and adjacent maritime areas, and its outcomes and impacts. The Commission organized sessions on these

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issues (e.g., on the two IGU Thematic Conferences on Oceans, Seas and Islands held in the first semester of 2023) and plans to hold other meetings in the second semester (e.g., IGU CGoG 2023 Annual Conference; IGU Thematic Conference in Mexico 2023). More information is available in the website: <https://sites.google.com/view/lgcma/home>

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## 10. ANNEXES

### 10.1 ANNEX

#### IGU Commission on Geography of Governance, 2020-2024

(In: IGU CGoG website: <https://sites.google.com/site/igugeogov/aims>)

### I. Introduction

The [International Geographical Union \(IGU\)](#) is an international, non-governmental, professional organization devoted to the development of the discipline of Geography. The IGU was formally established in Brussels in 1922. Its instruments are its National Committees (101, in 2016), Commissions (38, in 2016) and Task Forces (3, in 2016).

In 1984, the International Geographical Union established a Study Group under the title 'Geography and Public Administration', which was then used as the preliminary status before a Commission could be launched. It was replaced in 1988 by a Commission on 'Geography and Public Administration'. Since then, the Commission was renamed twice to reflect new issues and perspectives on the relation between territory and public administration. In 2000 became 'Commission on Geography and Public Policy' and in 2008 adopted its current title 'Commission on Geography of Governance'.

An important aspect of the initial period (1984-1988) was participation of Commission members in early debates about restructuring of local and regional government in the central European countries then dominated by the Soviet bloc. Two of the main meetings held in this period dealt with specific aspects of Poland and Hungary, and the wider debates in other Central European countries. Catalan regionalism and separatism also became a very live issue, with the Commission holding a meeting in Barcelona specifically to engage in the debate. A feature of the Commission's activities was collaboration with other organisations, such as the Academy of Sciences in Budapest and in Warsaw, and with the Institute of Catalan Studies in Barcelona. An important partnership was a collaboration with the sister organisation of IGU, the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS). Robert Bennett represented the IGU Group at an IIAS meeting in Berlin in 1984 just prior to the launch of the IGU Commission (Study Group). This founded collaboration with a Study Group of IIAS on L'Amenagement du Territoire (The management of territory), formed mainly of lawyers and administrative scientists, who were also centred on Central European reforms. As well as its own IGU Commission publications, collaboration with the IIAS produced a key publication in 1988: L'Amenagement du Territoire et les Pouvoirs Locaux et Regionaux face aux Mutations Economiques (Regional Planning and Local Government confronted with Economic Change), ed. Gerard Marcou (University of Lille). This was interdisciplinary with members of the IIAS, with 5 of the 11 chapters written by IGU members. In February 1988, at the end of the Commission's first four years, a path-breaking

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meeting was held in Washington D.C. jointly with the US Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, and taking place in the Indian Treaty Room of the White House.

The Study Group formally became a Commission at the IGU Congress in 1988 in Sydney. A key feature of the period 1988-1992 continue to be restructuring of local and regional governmental in the central European countries. In the build-up to the removal of the Berlin Wall in 1990, and its aftermath, the Commission took an active role in many activities to implement new laws and reforms in countries now freed from limitations on open debate. One of its members, Jerzy Regulski became the minister for Local Government reform in Poland; other members in Czechoslovakia, Poland, Hungary and Russia became politicians, or were active as advisors and consultants. It was a dramatic period of change throughout central Europe in which the Commission played a small but important role. The Commission meeting in Moscow in September 1991 was uncertain, but did begin just as the siege of the Russian Parliament and Boris Yeltsin came to an end, with the parliament building surrounded by tanks. Collaboration continued with the International Institute of Administrative Sciences (IIAS), and new collaborations developed. A major meeting sponsored by the United Nations University (and others) took place in Spain in 1991 that widened the IGU Commission's brief to developing countries, and also focused on the other key themes of the period of decentralisation geographically, and to markets, often focused on privatisation. The Commission over this period also diversified through many bilateral collaborations focused on developing expertise in the new regimes of Central Europe. Key exchanges occurred with Amsterdam (through Petr Dostál) and the London School of Economics (through Robert Bennett) to help colleagues in Prague, Bratislava, Budapest, Warsaw and other centres to access library resources and advice to develop new curricula for students, and to re-equip their teaching and library resources.

The third four-year period (1992-1996) of the Commission maintained a close focus on Central European developments, but also now added routine sessions at the major annual conferences of Geographical bodies in many countries, especially the USA. There was also diversification of the Commission's interests into wider concepts of governance taking debates further into understanding how partner bodies operated with formal government administration in different contexts.

Commission members meet now regularly at its annual conference, held in different parts of the world, and during the sessions or panels organized within the program of the major IGU Congresses and Conferences. Field trips to study and discuss local issues has also been held as part of some of its annual conferences.

The Commission has been highly active during its first three and half decades of existence, holding numerous sessions in all IGU major congresses and conferences, in addition to its own annual thematic conferences. The Commission facilitates the exchange of research outcomes, experiences and perspectives on local and regional governance issues in

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different contexts around the world. One of the outcomes of this joint work is the publication of several books and edited collections of selected papers in peer-reviewed international journals, namely in 'Environment & Planning C: Government and Policy', 'GeoJournal', Acta Universitatis Carolinae / Geographica, Bulletin de la Société Languedocienne de Géographie, and in the 'International Journal of E-Planning Research'.

The Commission publishes a Newsletter twice a year, which is sent by e-mail to all its members. The Newsletter informs about its past and future activities, and provides information on meetings organized worldwide by national or local groups of geographers focused on local and regional governance issues.

The Commission has its own website, a blog and an electronic mailing-list focused on issues of urban, local and regional governance.

An archive of its past activities (1984-2020) is available in the website.

Colleagues interested in the Commission activities are welcome to contact the Commission Chair, Carlos Nunes Silva (University of Lisbon, Portugal, e-mail: [cs@campus.ul.pt](mailto:cs@campus.ul.pt))

## 10.2 ANNEX - URL / SOCIAL NETWORKS

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