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1. Membership

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1.2 - Corresponding members

The Commission has 650 members in 67 countries (Table 1).  
Registration form for new corresponding members available in the Commission website:  
https://sites.google.com/site/igugeogov/corresponding-members--mailing-list  
Registration form: https://forms.gle/aVnvSzT2yTChNgZo8

Table 1 - Members of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance (1 December 2022)

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2. Meetings

Members of the Steering Committee organized in 2022 scientific meetings focused on themes pertaining to the core subject of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance (IGU-CGoG) and planned other meetings for the following years.

2.1 - Meetings in 2022

2.1.1 - Annual Conference of the IGU Commission Geography of Governance 2022 - 'Local Governance in a Time of Global Emergencies' - Mexico City, 29 August - 1 September 2022. Organized in collaboration with the Metropolitan Autonomous University - UAM and the National Autonomous University of Mexico - UNAM (Website: https://sites.google.com/view/geogov2022/home)

2.1.2 - IGU-UGI Paris 2022: 100e anniversaire de la fondation de l'UGI / 100th IGU anniversary - 'Le temps des géographes' - 'Time for geographers', Paris, 18-22 July 2022. The IGU Commission on Geography of Governance participated with 7 Sessions, most of them with several panels (one with 18 panels). The Conference proposed by the Commission in response to the "IGU Commissions Excellence Award 2020" was delivered during the IGU Centennial Congress by Verna Nel, University of Free State, South Africa (Website: https://sites.google.com/view/igucgogparis2022/home)
2.1.3 - Webinar _6th GeoNight // 6e Nuit de la Géographie _ Webinar "Governing the Urban Night - Local Governance of the Urban Night Time", 1 April 2022, 19:00-21:00 GMT. Organized by the IGU Commission on the Geography of Governance (Website: https://sites.google.com/view/geonight2022igucgog/program)

2.1.4 - Webinar "Local Government in Ukraine - Formation, Reforms, Geopolitical Implications and Post-War Recovery" - Monday, 6 June 2022, 12:00 - 16:30 GMT. Organized by the IGU Commission on the Geography of Governance (Website: https://sites.google.com/view/lgukraine2022/home.)

2.1.5 - Webinar on 'The Response of Local Governance to the Global Climate Emergency', on 8 November 2022. Organized by the IGU Commission on the Geography of Governance (Website: https://sites.google.com/view/lgce2022/home)

2.1.6 - 6th International Conference 'Urban e-Planning', Lisbon, Portugal, 7 - 12 April 2022. Supported by the IGU Commission on the Geography of Governance (Website: https://sites.google.com/view/uep2022conference/home)

2.1.7 - International Conference on Governance and Local Development: The African and Middle Eastern Experience. The IGU Commission on Geography of Governance participated, in partnership with the Al Akhawayn University, Morocco. (Full program: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SxZya0U7f1tMAgx5xqRsNqpiZSzn2BdZW/view?usp=sharing)

2.1.8 - New Zealand Geographical Society Biennial Conference - 'Toitū: Geographies of Resilience', 23-25 November 2022, at University of Canterbury, in Christchurch, New Zealand. Jeffrey McNeill (IGU CGoG member of the Steering Committee) convened the session on "The resilience of New Zealand's regional level of governance" (Website: https://www.nzgsconference2022.co.nz/).

2.1.9 - III Demographic Congress in Poland. Understand the demographic change. Organizer: Committee of Demographic Sciences of the Polish Academy of Sciences. Warsaw on June 13 - June 14, 2022. Participation of Tomasz Kaczmarek (member of the IGU CGoG Steering Committee) in the organization of the session devoted to migrations (https://konferencja.pan.pl/zmiana-demograficzna/programme_english.pdf)

2.1.10 - CERS - 8th Central European Conference in Regional Science "Resilience of cities and regions in an uncertain time". Faculty of Human Geography and Planning at Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland. Tomasz Kaczmarek (member of the IGU CGoG Steering Committee) was engaged in the organization (Website: http://cers.amu.edu.pl/).


2.2 - Brief summary of the topics addressed

In the period 2020-2024, the aim of the Commission is to explore, although not limited to, the following themes in its conferences, workshops and panels, which were also the topics proposed for the meetings held in 2022 (https://sites.google.com/site/igugeogov/aims):

1. Local government reforms
2. Urban and metropolitan governance
3. Local Government and the 2030 Agenda: 'localization' of the Sustainable Development Goals
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
7. 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

2.3 - Meetings planned for 2023 and 2024

2.3.1 - 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' is organized in collaboration with the Centre for Economic and Regional Studies - MTA Centre of Excellence, Hungary (Website: https://sites.google.com/view/geogov2023/home)

2.3.2 - IGU Thematic Conference on "The Ocean and Seas in Geographical Thought", University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy, 5-8 June 2023. The IGU Commission Geography of Governance is one of the co-organizing Commissions. The session 'Local Governance and Planning of Coastal and Maritime Areas', organized in hybrid format, is convened by Carlos Nunes Silva (Chair of the IGU CGoG). (Website: https://igu-chg-2023.unimib.it/)

2.3.3 - IGU Thematic Conference on “Islands in Relations: Conflicts, Sustainability, and Peace”, Osaka Metropolitan University, Osaka, Japan, 4-6 April 2023. Yosuke Maeda (member of the IGU CGoG Steering Committee) is member of the Local Organizing Committee. The IGU Commission Geography of Governance holds 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 CGoG) (Website: https://polgeog.jp/igu-tc2023/).

2.3.4 - 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. 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" is organized by Carlos Nunes Silva (Chair of the IGU CGoG). (Website: https://igumexico2023.org/)

2.3.6 - 7th Conference on Urban e-Planning [Virtual], 27 - 31 March 2023, Lisbon - Portugal. Convened by Carlos Nunes Silva (chair of the IGU CGoG), and supported by the IGU Commission Geography of Governance (Website: https://sites.google.com/view/uep2023conference/home)

2.3.7 - Symposium: New Zealand Local Government (online) Symposium 2023, School of People, Environment and Planning, Massey University, Monday 13 February 2023. Symposium convenor: Jeff McNeill (member of the IGU CGoG Steering Committee).

2.3.8 - Conference on 'Local Government and the Post-War Recovery in Ukraine'. The Commission is considering the organization of a Conference on this theme, in virtual format, in 2023, building on the results of the Webinar held in June 2022.

2.3.9 - Webinar on: “Agenda 2030 and sustainable development of European cultural routes. The European Routes of Emperor Charles V”, February-March 2023, organized by Anna Trono (member of the IGU CGoG Steering Committee).

2.3.10 - 35th International Geographical Congress - 'Celebrating a World of Difference', 25 - 30 August 2024. The IGU Commission on Geography of Governance will be present with themed sessions and will hold a pre-Congress meeting (website: www.igc2024dublin.org).

2.3.11 - Plan for other meetings (workshops / webinars / conferences / panels). The Commission activity plan for 2023-2024 is open to include other meetings if the opportunity emerges.

3. Networking

Networking activities during 2022 improved, by comparison to 2021, as we moved gradually away from the travel and sanitary restrictions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. We expect to return to full normal in-person activities during 2023.

4. Research Projects

4.1 - The IGU Commission continued in 2022 the development of its collaborative Action Plan and research project focused on the 'Local Government response towards the COVID-19 Pandemic', which was launched on 25 March 2020 (more information, here: https://sites.google.com/view/igucgog-covid19/home)

4.2 - The IGU Commission started to implement its new collaborative Action Plan and research project focused on the 'Local Governance and Climate Emergency: Strategies, Plans, Actions, Outcomes, Impacts', which was launched on October 2021 (more information, here: https://sites.google.com/view/igucgog-climateemergency/home)

5. Publications in 2022 and forthcoming

The list of publications pertaining to the theme of the Commission on Geography of Governance, authored and/or edited by members of the Steering Committee is below. Some of the collective works listed engage also corresponding members and some are fully based on initial contributions presented in meetings or sessions organized or endorsed by the Commission in previous years.

5.1 Newsletters published in 2022 (annex as separate file to this report)

Annex 1_IGU CGoG_(C16.12)_IGU Commission Geography of Governance - Newsletter 1/2022 (January-June 2022)
Annex 2_IGU CGoG_(C20.15)_IGU Commission Geography of Governance - Newsletter 2/2022 (July-December 2022)
5.2 Flyers, CFP and other materials published in 2022

See the Annex - list of 50 files.

5.3 Books published


5.4 Book chapters


Maeda, Yosuke (2022), Capturing the Voluntary Sector. In Okamoto, Kohei (Supervision), Abe, Yasuhiisa; Tsuchiya, Jun and Yamamoto, Takatsugu (Eds.). Geographical Research Methods Used in Academic Papers. Kyoto: Nakanishiya, pp. 55-68. [In Japanese]


5.5 Articles in peer-reviewed international journals


Weck, Sabine; Madanipour, Ali and Schmitt, Peter (2022) Place-based development and spatial justice, European Planning Studies, 30(5), 791-806.


Magnnusson, Dick; Fredin, Sabrina; Rickegård Anders; Schmitt, Peter; Trygg, Kristina (2022) Planerare som agenter för hållbar omställning [Planners as agents for sustainable transformation]. PLAN 3-4/2022, 78-81.


5.6 Conference presentations


5.7 Book reviews & Conference Reports


5.8 Special Issues in peer-reviewed international journals

5.8.1 - Two special issues in the journal 'People, Place And Policy', co-edited by Tony Gore (University of Sheffield, UK) and Carlos Nunes Silva (University of Lisbon, Portugal): Volume 14 - Issue 3 (2020); and Volume 15 - Issue 3 (2022).


6. Commission's web site
The current accurate URL of the commission’s web site is this:
https://sites.google.com/site/igugeogov/

Besides information about current and future activities, the site serves also as on-line archive of the Commission with all newsletters and information on past steering committees, meetings, publications, and photo galleries related to the commission activities.

The Commission is also associated with a blog and a mailing list focused on issues of local government and local governance:
The blog address is: http://igugeogov.blogspot.pt/
The mailing list address is: https://sites.google.com/site/igugeogov/mailing-list

7. Archival Contributions

All newsletters, flyers, conference programs were sent, as has been usual, to the IGU Secretary General and also to the IGU Archive at the University of Leipzig, in December 2022 (50 documents - see list in the Annex in last page of this report). The Commission website has also a digital archive of the Commission. This archive provides online open access to all newsletters, to the photo gallery of the meetings organized by the Commission, to the list of conferences and publications, membership, its aims and research themes, as well as an historical overview of the Commission.

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Annex 8_GEONIGHT 2022_Poster Webinar
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