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INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHICAL UNION
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e-Newsletter – August 2023



From the President's desk

I am writing this from something of a makeshift 'desk', as I am currently in a remote part of northern Zambia conducting fieldwork.

While driving across the savanna landscape, bringing back fond memories of my PhD field studies in neighboring Malawi, I was starkly reminded again of the vulnerability, but also the resilience, of the local population.

Despite the fact that it is winter, which is the dry season, and an ongoing drought, the people resolutely pursue (cheerfully it has to be said – this is among the most welcoming countries I have ever visited) their largely subsistence lifestyles. There is considerable irony in the fact that although the rural population here – as in many low-income countries - has a much lower impact on the environment as a whole (certainly in terms of the carbon budget), they remain the most susceptible and exposed to the vagaries of climate change that have been precipitated largely by the more urbanized and developed populations in the global North.

*As geographers, I believe we have an academic (if not moral) responsibility to describe and explain these spatial patterns of inequity and disparity, and to explore the **mechanisms that can be adopted to help resolve** these in a way that not only protects but also improves the environment, while significantly enhancing human health and well-being. This is no mean challenge, but it is one that the upcoming **Geography and Sustainability workshop in Beijing, China**, will no doubt be addressing. I look forward to meeting a number of you both online and in person at that event (see below*

for details).

Michael Meadows

President IGU

Ishiwa Ngandu, Northern Province, Zambia

August 2023

35th INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHICAL CONGRESS 2024

24-30 August - Dublin, Ireland



**35TH INTERNATIONAL
GEOGRAPHICAL
CONGRESS 2024**
24-30 August | Dublin, Ireland

Call for sessions is open until **September 9, 2023**

The International Geographical Congress 2024 will be held in Dublin, Ireland next year. The Opening Ceremony will be on the evening of Saturday 24th August and the closing ceremony will be on the afternoon of Thursday 29th August 2024. Field trips to other places outside of Dublin will take place from the 29th-30th. The local organizing committee looks forward to welcoming you to Ireland!

We warmly welcome sessions that engage with our Congress theme "Celebrating a World of Difference" as well as from all areas of our discipline. Any sessions or annual lectures that you wish to see scheduled must be submitted during the Call as the Organising Committee will use the submissions to create our outline conference program before we open the Call for Papers/Abstracts.

Other important dates

Call for abstracts: October 2nd – January 12, 2024

Registration opens: December 2023

You can visit the [Call for sessions](#)

For the most up-to-date information and important reminders, please sign up for our conference newsletter [here](#).

For academic/program queries, please contact chair@igc2024dublin.org

Why not follow all our latest updates on Twitter/X at [@igc2024dub](#)

The [International Geography Olympiad](#) will take place outside Dublin, the week before the Congress.

UNESCO - International Geodiversity Day

IGU Seminar on Geodiversity from Geographical Perspectives

October 8, 2023 (Sunday) - University of Delhi (hybrid mode)

Organized by the Geodiversity Group, with the support of the IGU Executive Committee and the Centre for Environmental Studies and Disaster Management (CESDM), Miranda House, University of Delhi, India.

[Link for registration](#)

GEOSUS 2023

International Workshop on Geography and Sustainability

Geographic and sustainable development: Challenges and opportunities

October 27 - 28, 2023 - Beijing, China

ScientificCommittee



Bojie Fu

Beijing Normal University, China; Research Center for Eco-Environmental Sciences, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China; IGU Vice-President



Michael Edward Meadows

University of Cape Town, South Africa; Nanjing University, China; IGU President

OrganizingCommittee



Changqing Song

Beijing Normal University, China



Guoyou Zhang

The Geographical Society of China

The International Workshop on Geography and Sustainability 2023 aims to identify the challenges and explore the opportunities associated with geography and sustainable development. All submissions addressing sustainable development from a geographical perspective will be warmly welcomed.

[Conference website](#)

[Contact](#)

Geography

Past, Present, and Future Challenges

90th anniversary of the Vakhushti Bagrationi Institute of Geography, founded in 1933 as the Department of Geography at Tbilisi State University

November 1-3, 2023 - Tbilisi (Georgia)



Abstract Submission Deadline: **20 September, 2023**

Acceptance announcement: **Maximum 2 weeks after submission**

Full Paper Submission Deadline: **1 October, 2023**

Registration Deadline: **15 October, 2023**

[Abstract submission](#)

[Registration VBIG90](#)

IGU Thematic Conference on
Connecting Geographies
from the Global South

May 15 - 17, 2024 - FLACSO Quito (Ecuador)



The thematic topics of the conference include:

1. Geographies of quality of life, deprivation, and inequalities
2. Global environmental change, biodiversity, and cultural diversity
3. Geopolitics of South-South exchanges and South-North disparities
4. Geography of (in)mobilities in the globalized world.
5. Geographical thinking in/from the Global South and alternative paradigms
6. Decolonization geography and politics of knowledge production
7. Gender and feminist geographies
8. Data-driven geographies, geospatial analysis, and artificial intelligence
9. Urbanization, (smart) cities, and urban-rural complex systems
10. Geographies of resource extractions in the South

[Conference website](#)

[Abstract submission](#) is open

[Contact](#)

IGU COMMISSIONS' AND NATIONAL COMMITTEES' CONFERENCES

IGU Commission Geography of Governance - Annual Meeting - 2023

Paradigm Shifts in Local and Urban Governance

September 04 - 06, 2023 - Budapest, Hungary

Contact E-mails: igu_geogov@gmail.com, cs@campus.ul.pt

[Conference website](#), [Program](#), [Abstracts](#)

28th Congreso de la asociación española de geographía (AEG)

September 12 - 14, 2023 - Logroño (La Rioja), Spain

Geografía: Cambios, Retos y Adaptación

[Conference website](#)

IGU Commission on the Dynamics of Economic Spaces (IGU CDES) - Annual Meeting - 2023

Rethinking the economic geography of smaller urban places: Transformation and well-being in small and medium-sized towns.

September 13 - 15, 2023 - Bern, Switzerland

For further details, please visit the [Commission's website](#)

Symposium co-hosted by the Applied Geography Commission, the Commission on Population Geography of the IGU, and the Department of Geography, University of the Aegean

The Relevance of Applied Population Geography Research

September 19 - 22, 2023 - University of the Aegean, Lesvos, Greece

[Conference website](#)

62nd German Geography Conference - Deutscher Kongress für Geographie (DKG)

September 20 - 23, 2023 - Frankfurt, Germany

Planetary Futures

DKG is the largest Geography Conference in Germany. It will be held as an in-person meeting in September 2023 in Frankfurt. About 1,500 papers will be presented in more than 300 sessions. In addition, there will be lectures, panel discussions, poster sessions, and a wide range of field trips.

Late registration ends September 19 2023

[Conference website](#)

IGU Commissions on Local and Regional Development, Land Use and Land Cover Change, and Health and the Environment

Driving Growth and Sustainability: Advancing Local and Regional Development Strategies

September 25 - 29, 2023 - Johannesburg, South Africa

[Access to the full call](#)

8th Croatian Geographical Congress

October 04 - 06, 2023 - Malinska, Krk Island, Croatia

Geographic responses to challenges in a contemporary world in the 21st century and

the celebration of 140 years of geography at the University of Zagreb

[Conference website](#)

[Contact](#)

The 15th Korea-China-Japan Joint Conference on Geography

Livable Cities, Resilient Future

There will be at least 12 special sessions focusing on the impact of COVID-19, marginalized groups, and climate change, among others. Field trips to Seoul and the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) will be offered.

October 20 - 23, 2023 - University of Seoul, Seoul, South Korea

Important dates:

August 31, 2023: Last date for abstract submission

September 10, 2023: Notification of abstract/paper acceptance

October 10, 2023: Registration and payment online system closes

[Conference website](#)

Joint IGU - ICA Commissions on Toponymy conference on

Literary, polar, and extraterrestrial place names

November 23 - 24, 2023 - Roma, Italy

organized in collaboration with the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei.

The conference aims to draw attention to place names of literature, polar lands, and extraterrestrial areas, such as the Moon, Mars, etc., mapped in ancient times and recently.

Deadline for abstract submission (max. 300 words): **September 30, 2023**

[Conference website](#)

The IGU Urban Commission - Pre-meeting Cork 2024

The IGU Urban Commission "*(Re-)Thinking Cities and the Urban: from the Global to the Local*" welcomes all geographers working on cities to join the pre-conference

August 20-23, 2024 - Cork, Ireland

Information soon on the [Urban Commission website](#)

IGU Commission on Gender and Geography - Pre-meeting Dublin 2024

in collaboration with the School of Geography, University College Dublin

"FEMINIST AND QUEER SPATIALITIES: CARE, CONNECTION AND CHANGE"

August 21-22, 2024 - University College Dublin, Ireland

CALL FOR SESSIONS

Key Dates and Deadlines

1. Call for submitting sessions - **Aug. 25 - 30 Sept 2023**
2. Selection of sessions - **by 30th October 2023**

3. Submission of paper abstracts to sessions/conference - [1 Nov. 2023 to 1 Feb. 2024](#)
4. Review of papers and update sessions - [10 March 2024](#)
5. Early Bird Registration - [15 March to 30 April 2024](#)
6. Applications for travel bursaries and fee waivers- [10 March-30 March 2024](#)
7. Travel bursary decisions - [10 April 2024](#)
8. Deadline for presenters to register - [20 April 2024](#) (failure to register will mean that your contribution to the conference will not be included in the program)
9. Preliminary Program released - [May 2024](#)
10. Final Programme - [June 2024](#)

[Session submission](#)

[Conference website](#)

The IGU Tourism Commission - Pre-meeting Galway 2024

The IGU Tourism Commission Pre-Meeting extends a Céad míle fáilte (a very warm welcome) to all geographers working on tourism-related issues.

August 22 - 24, 2024 - Galway, Ireland

coordinated by Dr. Bernadette Quinn (TU Dublin).

Abstracts can be submitted for a standard paper presentation (15 mins) or a shorter elevator-style pitch (5 mins).

Deadline for abstract submissions - 31st March 2024

[Abstract submission](#)

[Conference website](#)

OTHER CONFERENCES

9th EUGEO Congress

September 04 - 07, 2023 - Barcelona, Spain

Final Program: [July 15, 2023](#)

Early bird registration deadline: [June 18, 2023](#)

[Conference website](#)

Special Session organized by the IGU Commission on Marginalization, Globalization and Regional and Local Response: *Landscape and Change in Marginal regions*

Convenors:

Prof. Walter Leimgruber, University of Fribourg/CH (Switzerland)

Prof. Stanko Pelc, University of Primorska, Koper (Slovenia)

Code: 01183

From Recovery to Resilience: Sustainable Pathways for Transforming Tourism

September 11 - 12, 2023 - Johannesburg, South Africa

The conference is co-organized by the University of Johannesburg, South Africa, and the University of Oulu, Finland.

[Conference website](#)

GIScience 2023

September 12 - 15, 2023 - University of Leeds, UK

We have coordinated with the ECTQG 2023 conference so can schedule talks to allow delegates to attend both conferences if they wish.

[Registration](#)

[Conference website](#)

23rd edition of the European Colloquium of Theoretical and Quantitative Geography (ECTQG 2023)

September 13 - 17, 2023 - Braga, Portugal

[Registration](#)

Festival International de Géographie

October 29, 30 sept, & 1er oct. 2023 - St-Dié-des-Vosges, France

Theme: Urgencies

Guest country: Chile

[Conference website](#)

International Conference of the Origin-Diversity-Territories ODT

October 11 - 13, 2023 - Angers, France

Climate Change and New Societal Expectations - Which Agroecological Transition within Geographical Indications?

Live online broadcasting

[Conference website](#)

2023 Origin-Diversity-Territories ODT FORUM

November 21 - 23, 2023 - Chania, Cretia, Greece

Territorial dynamics of resilience in rural areas, particularly in mountains

4 thematic workshops:

- 1. Public action and frameworks for supporting local initiatives*
- 2. Territorial food systems, between autonomy and specialization*
- 3. The transition of rural territories, pathways, and projects*
- 4. Agroecological transition of grassland and pastoral areas in the framework of territorial qualifications*

[Conference website](#)

5th ICCASU 2023 - International Conference on Canadian, Chinese, and African Sustainable Urbanization

December 10 - 17, 2023 - Nairobi, Kenya

Financing African Cities: Infrastructures, Land Management & Markets

Languages: English and French

Submission of abstracts deadline: **July 16, 2023**

[Conference website](#)

Populations, Sociétés & Territoires (PoSTer) 2024

May 8 - 10, 2024 - Univ. Jean Lorougnon Guédé (UJLOG) - Daloa, Ivory Coast

Sociétés et espaces africains : mutations, défis et perspectives

Axe 1 : Systèmes économiques en mutation

Axe 2 : Évolutions démographiques et dynamiques des territoires

Axe 3 : Peuplement, mobilités, migrations internes et internationales

Axe 4 : Géopolitique et dynamiques frontalières

Axe 5 : Pouvoirs, religions et conflits

Axe 6 : Mutations rurales et foncières

Axe 7 : Villes et littoraux

Axe 8 : Environnement et risques

Axe 9 : Cartographie, télédétection et SIG

Deadline for abstract submission (250 words and 4 to 6 keywords): **October 5, 2023**

[Conference website](#)

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

United Nations

Global Geospatial Information Management

IGU is part of the geospatial societies of the United Nations - Global Geospatial Information Management ([UN-GGIM](#)). UN-GGIM recently published the United Nations Integrated Geospatial Information Framework ([UN-IGIF Second Edition 2023](#)). These 3 volumes provide a basis and guide for developing, integrating, strengthening, and maximizing geospatial information management and related resources in all countries. It will assist countries in bridging the geospatial digital divide, secure socio-economic prosperity, and leave no one behind.

[Online access for downloading the reports...](#)

The next important dates of UN-GGIM

- **6-8 November 2023:** Asia Pacific geospatial forum “Geo-Driven development” - Bali (Indonesia)
- **7-9 August 2024:** 14th session of the United Nations Committee of Experts on GGIM, UN Headquarters, New York (USA)
- **October 2024:** Seventh High-Level Forum on UN-GGIM “*Accelerating implementation, achieving resilience*” – Mexico City (Mexico)

[More information](#)

International Science Council - ISC

International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development 2024 - 2033

The United Nations General Assembly in New York City proclaimed 2024 – 2033 as the **"International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development (IDSSD)"** signaling the need to shift towards a transformative era of science-based collaboration and progress.

Rooted in the 2030 Agenda, this Decade will seek to harness a more effective and inclusive global approach to sustainability based on the synergic cooperation of all sciences and all knowledge forms in an integrative and transformative way to inform policy-making and the implementation of the SDGs

[Visit the website](#)

Distinguished Lecture Series - International Year of Basic Science for Sustainable Development

SDGs for “Zero Hunger” and “Life On Land”

Professor Eleonora Bonifacio will provide an overview of the mechanisms that lie behind the carbon storage and stabilization capacity of the soil, the relationships between soil characteristics and the invasiveness of alien tree species, which threaten biodiversity, and the mechanisms allowing plant survival in harsh, low-fertility situations.

19 September, 2023 - Online

Organized by the GeoUnions (which include IGU), in partnership with the ISC

[Registration](#)

International Science Council - ISC

EVENTS

International Conference on Science and Technology for Sustainability 2023 – Transforming Society to Become Resilient and Sustainable Beyond Catastrophic Disasters

7 - 8 September 2023, Tokyo (Japan)

Organized by the Science Council of Japan, the Japan Hub of Disaster Resilience Partners (JHoP), and the National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Resilience (NIED)

[Program](#)

[Streamlink on YouTube](#)

International Seminar on BioData and AI

9 September 2023, Shenzhen (China) and online

Organized by ISC - CODATA and China National GeneBank (CNGB)

[Information and registration](#)

2nd international symposium on plastics in the Arctic and Sub-Arctic Region

22 – 23 November 2023, Reykjavík (Island)

[Information and registration](#)

International Science Council - ISC

OPPORTUNITIES

Call for members of the Global Young Academy

Deadline: 20 September 2023

[Apply](#)

Become a Mentor with the African Academy of Sciences Mentorship Programme

Deadline: 30 September 2023

[Apply](#)

The CODATA Digital Representation of Units of Measurement (DRUM) Calls for insights into the establishment of application programming interfaces (APIs/web services) for providing access to information and services surrounding units, quantities, and fundamental constants in digital form

Deadline: 30 September 2023

[Apply](#)

ISC - Future Earth Pathways Communication Grants Program for communication products aiming to disseminate scientific outcomes on pathways for sustainability

Deadline: 31 October 2023

[Apply](#)

OTHER GEOSPATIAL SOCIETIES

International Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS)

**ISPRS TC I Mid-term Symposium on
'Intelligent Sensing and Remote Sensing Application'**

13 - 17 May 2024, Changsha, China

[Conference website](#)

**ISPRS TC II Mid-term Symposium on
*Photogrammetry in the Age of AI / AR***

11 - 14 June 2024, Las Vegas, USA

[Conference website](#)

**ISPRS TC V Mid-term Symposium on
*Insight to Foresight via Geospatial Technologies***

6 - 8 August 2024, Manila, Philippines

[Conference website](#)

**ISPRS TC IV Mid-term Symposium on
*Spatial Information to Empower the Metaverse***

22-25 October 2024, Perth, Australia

[Conference website](#)

**ISPRS TC III Mid-term Symposium on
*Beyond the Canopy: Technologies and Applications of Remote Sensing***

4-8 November 2024, Belém, Brazil

[Conference website](#)

International Federation of Surveyors (FIG)

FIG Commission 2 (Education) and 7 (Cadastre and Land Management) Annual Meeting

Digital Transformation for Responsible Land Administration.

2-4 October 2023, Deventer, the Netherlands

Register now and submit your abstract

[Conference website](#)

The 11th International FIG Workshop on

The Land Administration Domain Model / 3D Land Administration

11-13 October 2023, Gävle, Sweden

[Conference website](#)

FIG Commission 3 Workshop and Annual Meeting

“Mitigation Strategies for the SDGs: Harnessing Spatial Information”

with the 2nd Ramon International Geospatial-Intelligence 360 (GeoInt360)

4-6 December 2023, Tel-Aviv, Israel

[Conference website and call for papers](#)

VIP early bird tickets are available until 15 September at [this website](#) (tick the FIG3 box when registering)

FIG Working Week 2024

19-24 May 2024, Accra, Ghana

[Conference website](#)

IGU RECENT BOOKS

(2023 September 1st) *Cities Under COVID-19: A Systems Perspective*

Editors: Howden-Chapman, P., Gatzweiler, F. W., Cooper, R., & Luginaah

Springer Nature & Zhejiang univ. Press / dedicated to R.B Singh and Juan Vela Valdés

This book explores how this collective trauma affected different places and populations.

More importantly, will we manage other systemic threats like climate change any better,

and what lessons can be drawn to enable effective joined-up action by different sectors

in society? Building forward better is a good idea and there is a good understanding

about what should be done, for example, to reduce carbon emissions, but the question

still open is how?

[Book information](#)

(2023 November) *Research Directions, Challenges, and Achievements of Modern Geography*

Editors: Jerzy Bański and Michael Meadows

Springer, Series: Advances in Geographical and Environmental Sciences

This book identifies and discusses research directions, challenges, and achievements in contemporary geography. It also documents the most current theoretical and methodological considerations undertaken by scientists representing 14 IGU commissions.

[Book information](#)

OTHER BOOKS

Mapping for a sustainable world

This book was written under the auspice of the United Nations - Global Geospatial Information Management ([UN-GGIM](#)) and the [International Cartographic Association](#)

Authors: Menno-Jan Kraak, Robert E. Roth, Britta Ricker, Ayako Kagawa, and Guillaume Le Sourd

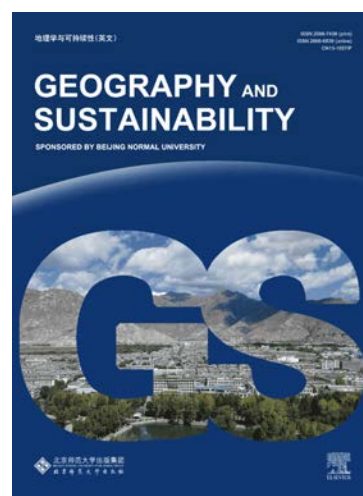
English (2020) and the new French version (2023)

[Open access to the full books](#)

GEOSUS IS RECRUITING ITS YOUNG EDITOR BOARD

Geography and Sustainability (GeoSus) is recruiting the **Young Editorial Board Members worldwide**. Please help to disseminate the information via your network and recommend potential candidates (under 45 years old).

[link to the journal](#)



Deadline for applications: September 30, 2023

Please send an email to the [GeoSus Editorial Office](#) with an attached CV and a personal statement about your plan for working as a YEBM of Geography and

Sustainability.

Please input "*GeoSus YEBM Application + Name*" in the email subject.

CALLS FOR BOOKS

IGU Book Series - Springer Publisher

[Advances in Geographical and Environmental Sciences](#)

Editors: Yukio Himiyama et Subhash Anand

Call for book proposals

Contacts:

[Yukio Himiyama](#), former IGU President & Hokkaido University of Education, Japan

[Subhash Anand](#), University of Delhi, India

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IGU Book Series - Edward Elgar Publisher

[The International Geographical Union Series on Contemporary Geographies](#)

Editors: Iain Hay et Holly S. Barcus

Call for book proposals

Contacts:

[Professor Iain Hay](#), Flinders University, Australia

[Professor Holly S. Barcus](#), Macalester College, USA

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TRIBUTES



Prof. Walther Manshard

former IGU Secretary-General and
Treasurer

It is with great regret and deep respect that the international geographical community has to mourn the death of Professor Walther Manshard, former Secretary General and Treasurer of the International Geographical Union (IGU). He passed away peacefully on March 23rd, 2023 in the 100th year of his life.

[Read more about the tribute ...](#)



Prof. Hans van Ginkel

Geographer and
former Rector of UNU

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of well-known Geographer and former United Nations University Rector Johannes Auguste (Hans) van Ginkel.

Born in Banda Aceh, Sumatra, on 22 June 1940. Professor van Ginkel passed away on 27 July 2023 at the age of 83.

He served on the Governing Council of the United Nations University (UNU) from 1992 to 1997. He was appointed Rector of the UNU in 1997 and served in that role until 2007.

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