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e-Newsletter — November 2023



From the President's desk

While I write this, final preparations are underway for the 28th edition of the Conference of the Parties (COP28) in Dubai. Given that the 2015 target (COP 21) of keeping global warming to below 1.5 degrees has, to all intents and purposes, already been missed, whether or not the

outcome of this meeting will result in an actual reduction in greenhouse gas outputs in time to stave off a two-degree global mean temperature increase is an open question. We are coming to the end of what will doubtless be recorded as the warmest year on record, and the inventory of extreme events - floods, droughts, fires, and more – in 2023 leaves me with the uncomfortable feeling that we may have already passed a climate threshold.

As geographers, we have special responsibilities - to acknowledge the magnitude and importance of anthropogenic climate change, educate our students and the broader community about its nature and causes, and continue to produce the kind of high-quality research that can underpin appropriate policies and strategies toward both mitigation and adaptation. The IGU, with its more than 40 Commissions, and through its Congresses and Conferences, fosters international collaboration in geographical research, teaching, and outreach that helps to meet those responsibilities.

Our next Congress in Dublin 2024 provides us with another opportunity to network, collaborate, and share our best practices to advance the frontier of knowledge of the increasingly strained relationship between humans and the global environment. In the meantime, we can but hope that our political leaders will make wiser and braver

decisions in Dubai than the record suggests they made in the past...

Michael Meadows

President IGU

Nanjing, China

November 2023

35th INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHICAL CONGRESS 2024

24-30 August - Dublin, Ireland



Registration is open

We are delighted to announce that the 35th International Geographical Congress is now open for registration! Along with the conference registration, you can book your accommodation, social events, and field trips through the registration form.

Please visit www.igc2024.com for updates on the program, speakers, field trips, socials, and accommodation options. Tickets for some social events are limited, so make sure you do not delay!

Registration Category	Super Early Fee Available until 8th March	Standard Fee From 9th March to 30th April	Late Fee Available from 1st May
Full Delegate	€430	€500	€570
Student/ Retired	€220	€290	€360
Congress Dinner Ticket	€120	€120	€120

[Abstract submission is still open](#) until Friday 12 January 2024

Notification of authors: Monday 19 February 2024

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.

The 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28)

IGU is attending through the International Science Council - ISC

30 November to 12 December 2023, Dubai (UAE)



The 2023 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP28) is an important moment in the implementation of the Paris Climate Agreement. It will be the time for the Global Stocktake, the review of progress made and efforts still to be made, with political recommendations for the way forward.

The International Science Council (ISC), its members, and its partners are involved in several official COP28 side events and parallel meetings.

[See the ISC events program at the COP28](#)

Geographers are encouraged to sign the
Jena Declaration



As one of its founding partners, together with the World Academy of Art and Science, the Club of Rome, the International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences, and several national commissions of UNESCO, **the International Geographical Union (IGU) endorses The Jena Declaration as a wake-up call for nothing less than a change of paradigm in sustainability policies.**

To set up a broad-based global social movement of thousands of subscribers for sustainable prosperity from the ground up, The Jena Declaration calls for the support of geographers around the world, to join the 1,000 signatories, including Nobel Prize Laureates, artists, and most all engaged scientists and citizens.

In short: we invite you to empower **The Jena Declaration** for geographically and culturally sound global sustainability policies [by signing it here](#).

[Read more about The Jena Declaration for Sustainability](#)

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](#) (English or Spanish) until January 15, 2024

[Contact](#)

IGU COMMISSIONS' AND NATIONAL COMMITTEES' CONFERENCES

The IGU Commission on Health and the Environment

2nd Annual Online Health Geography Symposium for PhD and Emerging Researchers

The Role of Health Geography for Building Sustainable Environments

14-15 December, 2023 - on Zoom

The symposium will provide a welcoming and friendly environment to share research results on health geography.

[Registration](#)

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

Key Dates and Deadlines

- Deadline for paper abstracts - **1 February 2024**
- Review of papers and update sessions - **10 March 2024**

- Early Bird Registration - [15 March to 30 April 2024](#)
- Applications for travel bursaries and fee waivers- [10 March-30 March 2024](#)
- Travel bursary decisions - [10 April 2024](#)
- 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)
- Preliminary Program released - [May 2024](#)
- Final Programme - [June 2024](#)

[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](#)

IGU Commission Geography of Governance - Annual Conference - 2024

Reimagining local governance: just, sustainable and diverse

[23 - 24 August, 2024 - Maynooth, Ireland](#)

3 tracks (themes):

Track 1 - Territorial Reforms, Multi-level Governance, and Democracy

Track 2 – Sustainability, Resilience and Justice in Local Governance

Track 3 - Spatial Planning Systems and Local Governance

Important dates:

- Submission deadline for abstracts: [15 January 2024](#)
- Notification of abstract acceptance: [15 February 2024](#)
- Registration: [15 April - 15 May 2024](#)

[Conference website](#)

[Contact](#)

8th International Conference on 'Urban e-Planning' - 2024

Conference endorsed by IGU Commission: Geography of Governance

[25 - 26 March 2024 - Virtual / Online, from University of Lisbon, Portugal](#)

Convenor: Carlos Nunes Silva, Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Lisbon, Portugal

[Conference website](#)

New Zealand Geographical Society Conference 'Fluid Geographies'

We invite participants to explore the generative potential of fluid geographies whether engaged as a physical phenomenon, a material metaphor, an analytical tool and / or a political strategy.

20 - 24 November, 2024 - Tauranga Moana, Aotearoa New Zealand

Important dates:

Call for sessions and proposals for pre-conference events: **4 March to 29 April 2024**

Call for abstracts opens: **13 May 2024 to 8 July 2024**

Registration opens: **12 August 2024**

[Conference website](#)

OTHER CONFERENCES

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

[Conference website](#)

UERA Seminar and General Assembly 2024

Organized by Urban Europe Research Alliance (UERA), Karlsruhe Transformation Centre for Sustainability and Cultural Change/KIT-ITAS (KAT), Karlsruhe Real World Lab for Sustainable Climate Protection (KARLA)

20 - 23 February 2024 - Karlsruhe, Germany

including an ACUTE TWG3 – 15mC / Urban Accessibility and Connectivity Workshop (with separate CFP) and a Driving Urban Transitions Scoping Workshop with JPI UE

Deadline for abstracts: **20 December 2023**

[More information, submission of abstracts, and registration](#)

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

[Conference website](#)

European Border Studies Conference

4-6 September, 2024 - Luxembourg

Disruptive borderlands: Unpacking the innovative potential of trans-bordering practices, imaginaries, and policies

Conference organizer: Luxembourg Institute of Socio-economic Research (LISER),
Department of Urban Development and Mobility

Important dates:

- Deadline for all submissions: [February 28, 2024](#)
- Paper and session acceptance notification: [March 31, 2024](#)
- Registration: [April 1 – May 31, 2024](#)

[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...](#)

UN-GGIM Call for Contribution

Your Experience with Citizen-Generated Data for the Collaborative Initiative and SDG Impact

As part of our ongoing efforts to promote the effective use of CGD within the context of SDG and overall public monitoring and planning in general, UN-GGIM is launching a Call for Contribution that collects experiences to showcase the power of CGD in driving positive change. We invite you to share your insights, lessons learned, and success stories, which will be incorporated into the Collaborative on Citizen Data as case studies, and to create an SDG flipbook (example here).

Sharing your experience is easy. Simply fill out [before 31 December 2023](#) the [submission form](#) to provide details about your experiences with CGD. Your contribution

will help inspire and guide others who are eager to harness the potential of CGD for SDGs.

The next important dates of UN-GGIM

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](#)

United Nations - UNESCO - CERN

International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development

Closing Ceremony of the International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development

15 December 2023 - 09:00 am CET, Science Gateway building at CERN, Geneva, Switzerland, **and online.**

[Registration and Information](#)

United Nations

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

[Read the resolution](#)

International Science Council - ISC

EVENTS

Arctic Science Summit Week 2024

21 – 29 March 2024, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK

[Registration and Information](#)

Introduction to Science Filmmaking

1 April 2024, Paris (France)

Since 2014, the International Science Council has collaborated with [Ethnografilm](#), an annual festival of nonfiction films held each April in Paris. In 2024, the festival will introduce a one-day workshop on science filmmaking. This workshop will take place on 1 April, immediately following the festival. **The objective is to empower scientists to create short films highlighting their research.**

There are no registration fees, but people should be proposed by the IGU Executive Committee.

[Apply for this workshop by 21 December 2023](#) by sending an email to [Celine Rozenblat](#) (Vice-President IGU). The email must include the scientist's name, contact information, and a brief paragraph describing your primary research area(s).

International Science Council - ISC

OPPORTUNITIES

Call for members of the Integrated Research on Disaster Risk (IRDR) Program

Members of the IRDR Scientific Committee should be experienced in working at the policy and practitioner interface for disaster risk management and reduction and in fostering international interdisciplinary collaboration and will serve on the committee for three years.

Applications should include:

- CV: with the detailed domains of expertise, the previous experience in the field, the institution and role in the institution (could be committees of IGU Commissions or IGU countries' representation), the region, the gender, the career-advancement.
- Cover letter addressed to the ISC Integrated Research on Disaster Risk (IRDR) Programme.

Please send these two files by **5 January 2024** to the **IGU Executive Committee**

The people who will be selected to represent IGU will be invited to fill out the ISC website to apply on behalf of the IGU. If selected by the ISC, regular reports should be sent to inform the IGU Executive Committee of the ongoing activities.

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

Deadline for paper submission: **15 January 2024**

[Conference website](#)

ISPRS TC II Mid-term Symposium on

The role of photogrammetry for a Sustainable World

11 - 14 June 2024, Las Vegas, USA

Deadline for paper submission: **1 February 2024**

[Conference website](#)

ISPRS TC V Mid-term Symposium on

Insight to Foresight via Geospatial Technologies

6 - 8 August 2024, Manila, Philippines

Deadline for paper submission: **15 March 2024**

[Conference website](#)

ISPRS TC IV Mid-term Symposium on

Spatial Information to Empower the Metaverse

22-25 October 2024, Perth, Australia

Deadline for paper submission: **1 March 2024**

[Conference website](#)

ISPRS TC III Mid-term Symposium on

Beyond the Canopy: Technologies and Applications of Remote Sensing

4-8 November 2024, Belém, Brazil

Deadline for paper submission: [1 March 2024](#)

[Conference website](#)

International Federation of Surveyors (FIG)

FIG Working Week 2024

19-24 May 2024, Accra, Ghana

[Conference website](#)

IGU RECENT BOOKS OR THEMED ISSUES

Cycling Through the Pandemic. Tactical Urbanism and the Implementation of Pop-Up Bike Lanes in the Time of COVID-19

Nathalie Ortar & Patrick R  rat (eds.), Springer: The Urban Book Series

[Open access](#)

Passage-Paysage

ALICE & OUVEMA (eds.), EPFL Press (Bilingual in French and English)

[Open access](#)

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

Editors: Jerzy Ba  ski and Michael Meadows

Springer, Series: Advances in Geographical and Environmental Sciences

[Book information](#)

[New Zealand Geographer-themed issue](#)

Special Issue: **Antipodean More-Than-Human-Geographies**

Volume 79, Issue 2, Pages: 57-173 - August 2023

[New Zealand Geographer-themed Issue](#)

Special Issue: **Gendered geographies of resistance, resilience and reworking in Aotearoa feminist geography scholarship**

Volume 80, Issue 3 - Early view November 2023

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](#)

CALLS FOR PAPERS

Green capital landing and the distributional effects of carbon finance

Finance & Space journal

Guest Editors: Antoine Ducastel, Camille Rivière, and Bregje van Veelen

By moving beyond a top-down perspective that perceives carbon finance as being imposed on localities, this special highlights how carbon finance actors and instruments enable, or impede, (green) capital to land in specific territories. By focusing, among other things, on the mundane and everyday spaces where flows of finance are accomplished, and the instruments used to do so, this special issue seeks to demonstrate the importance of considering the conditions and modalities of green capital landing for understanding the enactment of low-carbon transitions.

An abstract of 500 words max. (including key references) should be submitted by e-mail to the [Guest Editors](#) by **January 10, 2024**.

[For full details about the call](#)

CALLS FOR BOOKS

IGU Book Series - Springer Publisher

[Advances in Geographical and Environmental Sciences](#)

Editors: Yukio Himiyama and 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 and 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



Carlos Walter Porto-Gonçalves

(1949 - 2023)

was a Brazilian human geographer, an enthusiast of environmentalism, and an author of books on social geography. As a professor, he received various awards in Latin America during his career in the defense of Political and Social Geography, highlighting the one awarded by EGAL in 2019.

Porto-Gonçalves was a fighting partner of the mythical Amazonian defense leader Chico Mendes, who would be signed by his fighter. Furthermore, was president of the Association of Brazilian Geographers from 1998 to 2000. He supported and participated in the so-called “draws”, fighting pickets formed by rubber farming families that prevented the destruction of forests by farmers. He also supported the creation of so-called Extractive Reserves (RESEXs).

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



Prof. Dr. Salah Abdel-Gaber Ghonim Eisa

(1951 - 2023)

was a prominent Egyptian geographer who specialized in Rural Geography early in his career.

We remember him fondly for his enthusiastic dedication to Geography. We also celebrate him for his love of poetry and the arts. Indeed, Prof. Eisa often composed poems that he recited publicly on special occasions. He was deeply committed to the internationalization of Egyptian and Arab Geography and steadfastly promoted worldwide these schools of Geography, with their particular case studies, themes, and approaches.

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