From the President’s desk

Geography is a ‘powerful’ subject. We know this because of its reach across the natural and social sciences – and the integrative and holistic spatial perspective that it offers to cast a revealing light on the world’s great challenges – the climate emergency, the biodiversity crisis, the imperative of making progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals.

As Geographers, we know we have a role – arguably even a responsibility - in exploiting the power of our discipline by using our knowledge and skills to help resolve these big issues. Of course, there are limits to the degree to which we can ‘make a difference’, and our influence is constrained by a whole constellation of factors that span the range from individual to societal. With the ongoing (and horrific) conflicts in several parts of the world, reading the daily news is depressing and one can easily feel bleak about the prospects of really making real progress on those major global challenges.

So, what to do in such circumstances? I think the only thing we can do is to keep on plying our trade – carry on doing what we have been trained to do. For most of you reading this, it will mean persisting with what we do best –research and teaching. As individuals, we cannot solve the Middle East crisis, or end the suffering that the war in Ukraine has brought about. Ultimately, we have to try to keep our eyes on the ‘bigger picture’ – that of working towards a more sustainable and equitable future for the Earth and everyone in it. That is not easy, but I hope that when we meet in Dublin later this year for our 35th International Geographical Congress, we can look beyond the dark
and dismal day-to-day reality, harness the power of Geography, and reach for the loftier goals.

Michael Meadows
President IGU
Nanjing, China
February 2024

GEONIGHT 2024
April 5th or April 12th 2024

The call for the Geonight 2024 events is closed.
You can discover the provisional map
of all the events that will be organized on April 5 or on April 12, 2024

IGU Thematic Conference on
Connecting Geographies
from the Global South
15 - 17 May 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
Contact

35th INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHICAL CONGRESS 2024
24-30 August - Dublin, Ireland

Registration

The 35th International Geographical Congress is still 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
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](mailto:chair@igc2024dublin.org) Why not follow all our latest updates on Twitter/X at [@igc2024dub](https://twitter.com/igc2024dub)

The International Geography Olympiad will take place outside Dublin, the week before the Congress.

### IGU COMMISSIONS’ AND NATIONAL COMMITTEES’ CONFERENCES

#### 8th International Conference on 'Urban e-Planning' - 2024
The conference is endorsed by the 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](#)

#### IGU Commission on the Dynamics of Economic Spaces - CDES
**Asia in the Transforming Global Economy**
**21 - 22 June 2024, Peking University, Beijing, China**
Conference organized by the College of Urban and Environmental Sciences, Peking University
This conference aims to bring together scholars interested in conceptualizing and empirically exploring the dynamics of Asian regions in the context of the transforming global economy.
**Deadline for abstracts: 1 April 2024**
Please send your abstract with 4 to 6 keywords (max. 250 words) to [igu_cdes2024@163.com](mailto:igu_cdes2024@163.com), mentioning “paper submission for CDES2024” in the subject headline of the email.
**Registration closure: 15 May 2024**

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Regular registration fee: USD 150, including lunches, dinners, and conference materials.

Conference website

The IGU Urban Commission - Pre-meeting Cork 2024
Crises, what crisis? Urban Development and policy in Search of the "new normal"
20 - 23 August 2024 - Cork, Ireland
Organized in collaboration with the Department of Geography, University College Cork
Deadline for abstracts: 29 February 2024
Deadline for Registration: 31 May 2024
Conference 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”
21 - 22 August 2024 - University College Dublin, Ireland
Key Dates and Deadlines:
- 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 mile 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: 31 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

Registration: 15 April - 15 May 2024

Conference website  
Contact

**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: on 12 August 2024

Conference website

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**OTHER CONFERENCES**

**International Conference EarthHES2024: EARTH AS A HUMAN-ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEM: CHALLENGES AND DYNAMICS**

**6 - 8 May 2024 - Kraków (Poland)**

Organized by the Institute of Geography and Spatial Management, Jagiellonian University, Kraków, Poland

Session 1: *Urban ecosystem: Services and conflicts*
Session 2: *Soils in the Anthropocene: Hazards, challenges and opportunities*
Session 3: *Dynamic land use changes: opportunity for rewilding?*
Session 4: *Climate change: Detection and impacts*
Session 5: *Tourism (Re)configured: Geographical Thinking in Tourism Studies*

Conference website

**Populations, Sociétés & Territoires (PoSTer) 2024**

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

*Sociétés et espaces africains : mutations, défis et perspectives*

Conference website
Navigating GeoAI: Plotting the course for future education
Inside the AI for Good Global Summit 2024

30 May 2024 - International Telecommunication Union, Geneva (Switzerland)

Organizers:
- Maria Antonia Brovelli, Politecnico di Milano- UN-GGIM Academic network
- Andrea Manara, ITU intersectorial team in Geospatial Information Management

The AI For Good Summit in July 2023 highlighted the need for educational frameworks in GeoAI. Four international working groups developed key educational deliverables over the past year:
- A syllabus for developers with advanced computer skills but limited geomatics knowledge, focusing on geospatial concepts before specialized GeoAI training.
- A curriculum for geomatics experts to build foundational AI skills before delving into GeoAI specifics.
- A program for decision-makers with less technical background to understand GeoAI applications.
- A comprehensive Body of Knowledge in GeoAI, crucial for establishing a shared understanding and fostering collaboration among professionals in the field. This body of knowledge supports innovation, decision-making, and curriculum development in GeoAI.

Information and Registration

24th “International Conference on Computational Science and Its Applications”
1 - 4 July 2024 - Hanoi, Vietnam (and Online)

Geographical sessions on:

- Ecosystem services in spatial planning for climate-neutral urban and rural areas (ESSP)
- Sustainability performance assessment: models, approaches, and Applications toward interdisciplinary and integrated solutions (SPA)

Deadline for full submissions: March 15, 2024
Final version addressing the reviewers' comments: May 8, 2024
Both short (8-11 pages) and long (12-18 pages) papers, to be prepared in compliance with LNCS standards, can be submitted. Instructions for authors
Submitted manuscripts, if accepted, will be published in the Springer-Verlag Lecture Notes in Computer Science (LNCS) series, indexed in Scopus and ISI-WoS.

Conference website

European Border Studies Conference
4 - 6 September 2024 - Luxembourg

Disruptive borderlands: Unpacking the innovative potential of trans-bordering practices,
imaginarie, and policies
Conference organizer: Luxembourg Institute of Socio-economic Research (LISER), Department of Urban Development and Mobility
- Deadline for all submissions: February 28, 2024
- Paper and session acceptance notification: March 31, 2024
- Registration: April 1 – May 31, 2024
Conference website

SUMMER SCHOOLS

37th ERSA Summer School - European Regional Science Association
Quantitative Methods Addressing Geographical Imbalances: New Techniques, Frameworks and Applications
3 - 7 June 2024 - University of Oviedo, Spain
in collaboration with the School of Economics and Business and REGIOlab at the University of Oviedo (Spain), the Regional Science Association International (RSAI), and the Spanish Regional Science Association (AECR).
Deadline for application: 26 March 2024 (CET Time)
More information

The Summer Training Workshop on Spatiotemporal Innovation 2024
16 - 19 July, 2024 - Cambridge, MA (USA)
This hands-on workshop is to promote replicable and expandable spatiotemporal science with advanced methodology and technology. With a focus on geospatial analytics and GeoAI analytics, the workshop will discuss methodology, functions, and workflow-based tools for spatiotemporal data analysis as well as case studies for their applications across different fields, including public health, business, social media, remote sensing, and environment.
Application: please submit your application, including your CV and the abstract of your research before April 1, 2024.
More information

The 2024 Symposium on Spatiotemporal Data Science: GeoAI for Social Sciences
22 - 24 July, 2024 - Virginia Tech Research Center (USA)
This symposium aims to promote replicable and expandable spatiotemporal data science with new methodology and innovative technology. The symposium will discuss open data sources, advanced methodology, and cutting-edge technology with a focus on GeoAI for social sciences. The program will include onsite and online sessions.
Topics include 1) Replicable Data Analysis with Geospatial Analytics for KNIME; 2) Develop GeoAI Tools using ChatGPT; 3) Cloud Computing with Google Earth Engine and GeoAI; and 4) Geospatial Methods and Tools for the Spatial Assessment of Healthcare Accessibility.

Abstract submission deadline: March 30, 2024
Acceptance decision: April 15, 2024

More information

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

75th anniversary of CIPSH in 2024

International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences

CIPSH invites all academic organizations, universities, media, and research foundations, as well as UNESCO and its member countries, to promote in 2024 seminars, conferences, or other initiatives to identify the specific humanities contributions and expertise in science.

We invite you to contact cipsh@cipsh.one to join this effort

International Science Council - ISC

Arctic Science Summit Week 2024
21 – 29 March 2024, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK

Registration and Information

OTHER GEOSPATIAL SOCIETIES

International Union of Soil Sciences

The International Union of Soil Sciences will celebrate its Centennial at its Congress in Florence, Italy, from 19 to 21 April 2024.

The call for abstracts remains open until 11 March 2024.

More information
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 The role of photogrammetry for a Sustainable World
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
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]
(2024) Escaping Nature: How to Survive Global Climate Change
Escaping Nature provides an excellent overview of climate change consequences and suggestions on how to effectively deal with these challenges. This book is for all those who are seemingly overwhelmed by the complexity and confusion that the climate change news and debate generate. It could catch on like wildfire!” — Albert C. Hine, coauthor of Sea Level Rise in Florida
You can download a PDF review copy of Escaping Nature here

(2024) Geography and the Anthropocene
Gönençgil B. and Meadows M.E. (eds.)
Pollution and degradation, manifested especially in anthropogenic climate change, remind us starkly that we face an uncertain future if we do not acknowledge and address our role in changing the global environment. Geographers have much to offer in this context, and the chapters in this volume explore various aspects of the Anthropocene from a geographical perspective.
Open access (by chapter)

CALLS FOR CHAPTERS

“Climate Adaptation in Coastal Ecosystems: Interdisciplinary Conceptualizations and Approaches from the Global South”
published by Routledge (Taylor and Francis Group)
Editors:

- Mohammed Firoz .C, National Institute of Technology Calicut, India
- Sruthi Krishnan V, University College, Dublin, Ireland
- Lakshmi Priya Rajendran, University College, London, United Kingdom
- Lalit Kumar Dashora, Urban Risk and Resilient Specialist (Formerly with ADPC Bangkok and Asian Development Bank)

An abstract with 500 words mentioning the title, authors and affiliations, contact details,
CALLS FOR PAPERS

Finance & Space journal
Decentralized Finance: Another End of Geography?
Edited by Karen Lai, David Bassens and Dariusz Wójcik.
Deadline for full manuscripts: 31 July 2024
More information

Annals of the American Association of Geographers
2026 Special issue on “New Messages/New Media”
Editor: Paul C. Adams, University of Texas at Austin
Programmatic, theoretical, and analytical papers are solicited that address geographical communication challenges such as:

- Promoting outreach and engaged scholarship.
- Redefining scholarly relevance.
- Developing a broader communication skillset.
- Adopting and adapting to new media.
- Including diverse language communities.

Abstracts of no more than 250 words should be submitted by 31 March 2024 using the website form of submission
For any question to the editor

CODATA Data Science Journal
About the International Data Week 2023
ISC-CODATA invites all session organizers, and presenters of individual papers or posters of the International Data Week 2023 to submit their work as a paper to the CODATA Data Science Journal. If accepted, the paper will form part of the high-profile ongoing Special Collection for International Data Week and SciDataCon
Deadline: 31 March 2024
More information
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
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