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The International Geographical Union (IGU), in collaboration with the **National Committee of Colombia** and the **Commission on Latin American and Caribbean Studies (C20.30)**, invites geographers and the international scientific community to participate in the **IGU Thematic Conference 2025**. The event will take place in Santa Marta, Colombia, under the central theme:

"Diverse Geographies of Peace, Environmental Impacts, Territorial Conflicts, and War in the Contemporary World"

We look forward to welcoming you in Santa Marta to collaboratively build reflections and pathways toward a geography committed to peace and territorial justice

📍 **Santa Marta, Colombia**

📅 **October 27 to November 1 / 2025**



For more information, contact:



<https://www.ugi2025colombia.com>



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Call for Participation

This event will bring together over 200 researchers, academics, professionals, and students from around the world to analyse the geographies of peace and war, with a special focus on territorial conflicts, environmental impacts, and peacebuilding.

Santa Marta, the oldest city on the South American Caribbean coast, celebrates its 500th anniversary in 2025. Surrounded by the Caribbean Sea and the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, this historic city embodies resilience, conflict, and reconciliation.

The conference will feature keynote speakers, academic discussions, field activities, and intercultural exchanges, fostering a multidisciplinary dialogue on geography, conflict, and reconciliation.

Event Objectives

- ✓ Explore contemporary geographies of peace and conflict through an interdisciplinary and global approach, with a focus on Latin America.
- ✓ Analyse the territorial dynamics of armed conflicts and illegal economies, their impacts on communities and the environment, and reconciliation challenges.
- ✓ Reflect on transitional justice experiences and challenges in territorial planning and community projects.

- ✓ Foster dialogue among academics, local communities, and institutions to strengthen the understanding of territories as spaces of transformation.

Thematic Sessions

- ✓ Political geographies of contemporary territorial conflicts
- ✓ Informal and illegal economies and their territorial configurations
- ✓ Post-conflict, Transitional justice and territorial planning
- ✓ War, Peace, and nature: between conflicts and environmental sustainability
- ✓ Everyday peace, diversity of voices and intersectional approaches in peacebuilding
- ✓ Urbanization, Violence and Conflict
- ✓ Geographies of education, key to territorial peace and interdependence
- ✓ The Spatiality of Peace: Practices, Conceptions, and Justices in Action
- ✓ Population geographies: migrations, displacements and refugees
- ✓ Physical geographies, geographic information technologies and climate change adaptation
- ✓ Tourism, peace and global changes
- ✓ Economic, environmental and geopolitical dynamics: contemporary challenges

Submission & Registration Dates

Proposals for paper presentations, posters, and collaborative activities are welcome. Submissions can be in Spanish, English, Portuguese or French.

EVENT	DATE
Abstract submissions	March 21 - April 30 - May 31, 2025
Responses to submissions	May 15 - June 15, 2025
Registration payment opens	May 15 - June 15, 2025
Early registration payment	June 30 - July 15, 2025
Late registration payment	September 5 - 2025

Registration costs

Group	Classification	Cost (USD)	Cost (Cop)
International Speakers	Early (until July 15 - 2025)	\$200	800,000
	Late (until Sept 5 - 2025)	\$250	1.000,000
Colombian Speakers	Early (until July 15 - 2025)	\$120	480,000
	Late (until Sept 5 - 2025)	\$170	680,000
Early careers and young international scholars (speakers)	Early (until July 15 - 2025)	\$80	320,000
	Late (until Sept 5 - 2025)	\$130	520,000
Master's & Doctoral Students	Early (until July 15 - 2025)	\$60	240,000
	Late (until Sept 5 - 2025)	\$110	440,000
Colombian Undergraduate Students	Before Sept 5, 2025	\$20	80,000
Non-presenting participants	Before Sept 5, 2025	\$40	160,000

Institutional Partners

- ✓ International Geographical Union (IGU)
- ✓ Colegio Profesional de Geógrafos de Colombia
- ✓ Instituto Colombo-Alemán para la Paz – CAPAZ
- ✓ Sociedad Geográfica de Colombia, Academia de Ciencias Geográficas de Colombia
- ✓ Instituto Geográfico “Agustín Codazzi” - IGAC
- ✓ Grupo de investigación “Estudios sobre la problemática urbano regional de Colombia”, GEOURBE - UNAL
- ✓ Centro de Pensamiento “Río Magdalena”, Universidad Nacional de Colombia
- ✓ RC15 Political and Cultural Geography Research Committee, International Political Science Association (IPSA-AISP)
- ✓ Instituto de Estudios Regionales INER, Universidad de Antioquia
- ✓ Asociación Latino-americana y Caribeña de Estudios Fronterizos
- ✓ Centro de Pensamiento en Fronteras, UNAL.co
- ✓ Grupo de Estudios Transfronterizos

Partner Universities (Colombia)

- ✓ Universidad Nacional de Colombia
- ✓ Universidad Externado de Colombia
- ✓ Universidad Pedagógica y Tecnológica de Colombia
- ✓ Universidad Pedagógica Nacional
- ✓ Universidad del Valle
- ✓ Universidad de Córdoba
- ✓ Universidad de Nariño
- ✓ Universidad de Antioquia, Instituto de Estudios Regionales
- ✓ Universidad de Caldas

Scientific and Organizing Committee

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Information and Website



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