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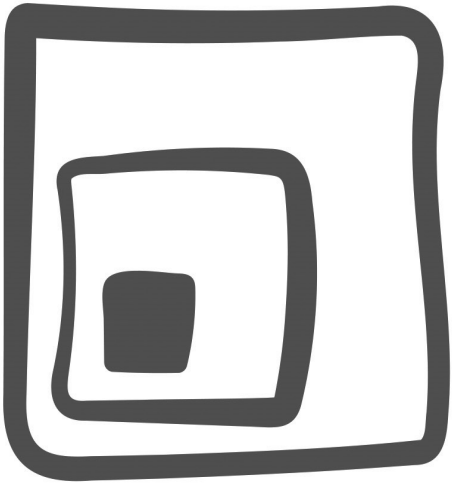

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Welcoming address by the President of the Austrian Academy of Sciences

As President of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (OeAW) and Professor Emeritus of Geography, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the EUGEO Congress at the OeAW and in Vienna!

For me, geography has always been a very attractive subject. For one, because it provides a broad basic education that includes both natural and social science disciplines. For another, because geography deals with social and environmental policy issues that are extremely important for contemporary society. Personally, I have focused on the topics of urban development, demography, and migration research, and have – or so I aim – been able to provide society and politics with relevant orientation knowledge. This was and is extremely important, especially in such ideologically charged areas as urban development and migration research.

The motto of the congress "Geographies of a Changing Europe" addresses this orientation knowledge in a changing era. Geography is not a monolithic discipline with fixed questions, methods, and content, but rather a dynamic subject that is constantly changing. Therefore, there is no such thing as "the" geography, but rather many geographies, reflecting thematic diversity and a changing world. The only constant here is spatial differentiation and the connection between space and society. Those who ignore this leave geography behind and become part of the neighbouring disciplines of natural and social sciences.

Geography is in good hands at the OeAW. Two institutes have geography as their disciplinary core, namely the Institute for Urban and Regional Research (ISR) and the Institute for Interdisciplinary Mountain Research (IGF). Compared to other OeAW institutes, both institutes are rather small but thoroughly successful. At the centre of the ISR's research lies the city, in particular the analysis of the structural and social upgrading and downgrading of neighbourhoods, ethnic and social segregation, the changing significance of public space, and the mechanisms of the urban housing market. The IGF focuses on the development of mountain regions in general and the Alps in particular. This involves investigating the effects of climate change on glaciers and gravitational mass movements in the Alpine region, as well as changes in vegetation according to altitude from a global perspective.

Several other institutes are not primarily associated with geography, but make important contributions to regional studies, including in the context of area studies. The Institute of Iranian Studies (IFI) analyses historical, cultural, and political structures in Iran, Afghanistan, and Tajikistan, as well as in societies in the Caucasus, Central Asia, and South Asia that have historical ties to Iran. The Institute for Social Anthropology (ISA) focuses on the programmatic contemporary issues of consensus and conflict in Asia and the eastern Mediterranean, while the Institute for the Cultural and Intellectual History of Asia (IKGA) fo-

cuses on the historical, religious, and cultural structures of East, Southeast, South, and Central Asia.

The EUGEO Congress will take place in the buildings of the OeAW, specifically in the Academy's main building, in the heart of the city. This is a visible sign that science in Austria has arrived and is firmly anchored in the centre of society. And for us, as an elite research institution, this is an important concern: to go out, leave the ivory tower, explain to people what we do, and support politicians in their complex decisions with clear analyses. Anchoring science in society will in the future be supported by the Science Communication Center, a joint project of the OeAW, the University of Vienna, and the Technical University of Vienna, which is supported by two ministries and located in the immediate vicinity of the Academy. A centre for science is being created where science is discussed and communicated. When the EUGEO Congress returns to Vienna in the future, this centre will have been renovated and opened, expanding the possibilities of the congress.

But we're not quite there yet, the EUGEO Congress is taking place now, in 2025. Everything is prepared, the papers have been written, and the congress is ready to begin. I wish all participants inspiring days in Vienna, exciting discussions, and enriching encounters that will strengthen your work and your networks in the long term! Enjoy the city and feel at home at the Academy.

Heinz Faßmann

Welcoming address by the Director of the Institute for Urban and Regional Research

Dear colleagues,

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the 10th EUGEO Congress in Vienna! The EUGEO conferences are established as a thematic open conference format, providing a forum that allows the exchange within the field of geography and spatial oriented research. Following this tradition, we decided to organize this congress under the theme "Geographies of a Changing Europe". Therewith, we intend to explore the dynamic transformations shaping our continent, its landscapes, and societies; secondly, we engage with conceptual and methodological trends, as well as the perspectives of the discipline itself.

The challenges that shape the continent in our time are considerable and manifold. They comprise transformations towards a sustainable society, demographic changes, and an increasing diversity in many European cities, as well as geopolitical and macroeconomic tensions within Europe and on the global scale. If you look through this conference program, it is apparent that many sessions and presentations address these and further challenges of European societies. In my understanding, this orientation on the challenges of our present-day society is one of the strengths. Therein, we might see a positive change in our discipline: Some decades ago, scholars spent a lot of time and energy discussing the question of what geography is and how it can be distinguished from other disciplines. This debate shifted to the background, as nowadays, problem- and society-oriented research has come to the fore.

After almost two years of preparation, I am also very proud to look through our program: In four days, we will host more than 500 scholars from 30 European countries and from 11 countries outside Europe. In the four days of our conference, the program comprises 90 sessions, 300 presentations, as well as 9 city walks and two highly anticipated keynote speeches.

Organizing a conference with more than 500 participants is not a daily routine, in particular for a small institute like the ISR. An efficient planning process of the conference, as well as the engagement of many colleagues, made this congress work: the organizing committee – Alois Humer, Ursula Reeger, Wiebke Sievers and Barbara Biziak –, which comprises a considerable share of our institute's staff, as well as our conference manager Ioannis Brigkos, facilitated this project. Beyond our institute, the Austrian Academy of Sciences supported this conference from the beginning and provided the necessary infrastructure. Many thanks also go to all colleagues at the ISR and the Event Management team of the Austrian Academy of Sciences for their constant support and commitment throughout the entire process. This is a challenge, as the Academy does not hold the infrastructure of a university, where EUGEO conferences usually are hosted.

At last, the EUGEO utilizes the whole ÖAW Main Building and the Campus

for the four days of the conference. Both buildings have been renovated two years ago. It makes me cheerful to see that the inner courtyard of the campus, which was a grey field for many years, has now become a lively space for scientific exchange and debates, and a place where new, creative ideas emerge. We are delighted that the EUGEO will be hosted in this historic, meaningful, yet open and creative space, right in the center of Vienna's historic city.

We hope that this program meets your interests and, even more importantly, also provides unexpected new perspectives that bring inspiration to your scientific work. Furthermore, this program serves not only as an orientation guide for the conference days, but also as a documentation of recent research fields, debates, and applied methodologies in geographical research. And we also hope that this program is not only a further weight in your luggage, but also a memory of inspiring days in Vienna.

Robert Musil

Welcoming address by the President of the Association of European Geographical Societies (EUGEO)

Dear EUGEO 2025 delegates,

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Association of Geographical Societies in Europe, and of all the Geographical Societies that are members of EUGEO, we extend a warm welcome to all of you at the EUGEO 2025 Congress in Vienna. We are confident that your participation in this event will be both beneficial and enjoyable. Since the inaugural EUGEO Congress held in Amsterdam in 2007, the biennial EUGEO congresses have established a strong reputation as major events in the field of geography within Europe and beyond. Traditionally, EUGEO congresses are designed to be accessible and welcoming, especially to young and early-career geographers. This tenth edition of the EUGEO congress promises to be memorable, following the success of its predecessors over the past eighteen years (Amsterdam, Bratislava, London, Rome, Budapest, Brussels, Galway, Prague, Barcelona). Vienna, known for its charm and cultural significance, serves as an excellent location for this important meeting. EUGEO 2025 convenes during a time of rapid change, where environmental and societal challenges are emerging both within Europe and globally. The theme of this congress, "Geographies of a Changing Europe," directly addresses these dynamic transformations, shaping our continent, its landscapes, and its societies. This theme provides a platform for a wide array of theoretical, methodological, and empirical perspectives in contemporary geography. Geography and geographers can play an important role in building change! The extensive number of sessions dedicated to this theme, along with the many participants presenting their findings on the changing geographies of Europe, suggests that we can anticipate a successful congress in Vienna, hosted by the Austrian Geographical Society and the Austrian Academy of Sciences. We would like to express our gratitude to the local organizers, representatives of the Austrian Geographical Society, who have been working hard to make the 10th EUGEO Congress possible and we wish you all a pleasant congress in this beautiful city!

Zoltán Kovács, EUGEO President
Massimiliano Tabusi, EUGEO Secretary General

Welcoming address by the President of the Austrian Geographical Society (ÖGG)

The Austrian Geographical Society ("Österreichische Geographische Gesellschaft", ÖGG) warmly welcomes you to the EUGEO Congress in Vienna. Founded in 1856, the society will celebrate its 170th anniversary next autumn, making it one of the oldest geographical societies in the world. With its headquarters in Vienna, branches in Graz and Klagenfurt am Wörthersee, a branch association in Innsbruck and a member association in Salzburg, it represents all of Austria in the field of geographical societies.

As co-organisers of the congress managed by the Institute for Urban and Regional Research (ISR) of the Austrian Academy of Sciences, we are delighted to be able to host the 10th Congress of the "Association of European Geographical Societies" (EUGEO) in Vienna. The EUGEO congresses take place every two years, and we are honoured that at the last congress in Barcelona two years ago EUGEO accepted the invitation of the Austrian Geographical Society to hold the next congress in Vienna.

Founded in 1994 on the initiative of the Italian Geographical Society, EUGEO now has 37 geographical societies from 27 European countries as members and has become an important networking platform and a significant mouthpiece for European geographical societies. This is also reflected in the steadily increasing number of participants at EUGEO congresses. In this sense, we are delighted that the EUGEO Congress in Vienna is fully booked. More than 500 speakers will address current research issues in our field in over 80 specialist sessions and keynote lectures, presenting geography in its full range as a scientific discipline with high societal relevance in physical geography and human geography, applied geography and spatial research, geographic information science and subject didactics.

We would like to express our special thanks to the Institute for Urban and Regional Research, which has been responsible for organising the congress, and to the Austrian Academy of Sciences, which provides its beautiful premises for the congress. In this context, we would particularly like to thank the Director of the Institute for Urban and Regional Research at the Austrian Academy of Sciences, who is also Secretary General of the Austrian Geographical Society, Robert Musil, and the excellent congress manager, Ioannis Brigkos, for their outstanding organisation and hard work in designing, planning and implementing the congress, as well as to all those from the Institute for Urban and Regional Research and the Austrian Geographical Society who are involved in organising and supporting the congress or looking after the participants for their great commitment and wonderful cooperation.

The Austrian Geographical Society wishes all participants a stimulating and interesting stay in Vienna and an exciting and professionally inspiring EUGEO Congress.

Helmut Wohlschlägl

Keynote Lectures >



Prof. Denise Pumain
Emeritus Professor
University Paris
Panthéon-Sorbonne

Co-evolution and sustainability of European cities

Over time (decades and even centuries) is observed a rather strong persistency of structural properties (relative size and spacing, functional diversity and complementarity) of the European system of cities. We can explain this long sustainability of European cities through two major aspects of their dynamics that are emphasized in the evolutionary theory of urban systems. The first is the generic adaptive process that is linked to the spatial and hierarchical diffusion of innovations. This is revealed by century's long urban growth patterns and fluctuations that have similarities with the stochastic Gibrat's model, and by the recent evolution in scaling laws of economic attributes corresponding to the globalization of urban activities. The second process is an historical path dependence that is linked with the configuration of interaction networks between cities and their regional environments. Differentiated models of territorial governance, border effects and geopolitical contexts including temporal barriers and cohesion policies are possible explanatory factors of these historical traces in the urban evolution. These dynamic trends may be considered by stakeholders in local and regional policies for ensuring the viability of such an urban geodiversity in the future.



Prof. Judith Miggelbrink
Professor of Regional Geography
University of Leipzig
Director of the Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography

Geographies in/of the Anthropocene. Preliminary thoughts from a human geography perspective

What might human geography look like if we truly take the planetary seriously – not just as backdrop or scale, but as a fundamental shift in how we understand space, knowledge,and responsibility? In this keynote, I explore how the "planetary turn" challenges us to rethink not only our geographies, but also the ways in which we produce and legitimize knowledge itself. Drawing on the visual and conceptual power of planetary imaginaries – from the iconic "blue marble" to the debris-strewn landscapes of the Anthropocene – I trace how planetary thinking destabilizes inherited binaries such as global/local, nature/culture, and subject/object. This opens the door to a reimagined human geography: one that is attuned to entangled temporalities, responsive to deep relationalities, and committed to pluriversal, situated knowledge practices and "tentacular thinking" (Haraway). While the planetary turn itself is far from uncontested – raising critical questions about universality, positionality, scale, and power – it nonetheless offers a provocative lens for rethinking the role of geography today. In light of escalating ecological and epistemic crises, this is less a call for ready-made answers than an invitation to critically reflect on our modes of knowledge and to explore new, perhaps still uncertain, ways of engaging with a shared and fragile planet.

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Jesuitenkeller	JEK
Theatersaal	THE
Arrupe-Saal	ARS
Alte Burse	ALB
Museumszimmer	MUS

Monday, September 8, 2025

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Monday

Session 103/I Mon Sept 08
Room SIS 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Changing tourism in a changing Europe

Session-Chairs:

Angela Hof, Alejandro Armas Diaz, Martin Knoll, Nora Müller

Tourism is a hybrid phenomenon that blends and transcends spaces, places and all their environmental, social and economic sectors. Sustainable tourism has gained prominence amid global crises and awareness of tourism impacts has been growing. Still, it is often seen as a development pathway, while its contribution to the global carbon footprint and rebound after the COVID pandemic challenge the (un)sustainability of tourism. This session addresses tourism transitions, changing mobility patterns, tourism infrastructures and path dependencies. It seeks to critically engage with tourism and its potential as a transformative vector for socio-ecological change in society and the economy.

Presentations:

Kučaj and Beljanica Mt. as a potential national park – a trigger of revitalization of rural areas in eastern Serbia?

Aleksandar Petrović, Snežana Djurdjić, Danica Šantić, Marija Antić, Dragana Nikolić, Tijana Jakovljević

University of Belgrade, Faculty of Geography, Serbia

Rural tourism and community collaboration: Sustainable development pathways in Hungary

Kyra Tomay[1], Éva Orbán[2]

[1]Department of Sociology, University of Pécs, Hungary; [2]Doctoral School of Demography and Sociology, University of Pécs, Hungary

Mountaineering villages: Can they offer radical alternatives in tourism and nature conservation?

Nora Müller

Universitat de les Illes Balears, Spain

Measuring residents' attitudes toward tourism impacts: Evidence from Andalusia, Spain

Inmaculada Gallego[1], Anna Torres-Delgado[2], Manuel Alector Ribeiro[3]

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Towards more resilient food systems: exploring spaces between the mainstream and alternatives

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Community-supported agriculture through the lens of values-based modes of production and consumption

Christina Plank[1], Anna-Maria Brunner[2], Nora Katharina Faltmann[1,3], Michaela Pixová[1]

[1]Institute of Development Research, BOKU University, Austria; [2]Department of Geography, University of Innsbruck; [3]Department of Sociology, University of Innsbruck

Unravelling middle-class perspectives on mainstream and alternative food system among shopping community members in Hungary

Bernadett Csurgo[1,2], Szabina Kerényi[1]

[1]HUN-REN Centre for Social Sciences, Hungary; [2]Budapest Metropolitan University, Hungary

Resources and relations: Everyday modes of food sharing in rural South Bohemia

Haldis Haukanes

University of Bergen, Norway

Food self-provisioning: To transform of existing lifestyles with vitality and creativity

Huidi Ma

Chinese National Academy of Arts, China

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The measure of overtourism in European destinations

Zoltán Bujdosó[1], Andrea Szőllős-Tóth[2], Levente Nádasi[2], Sándor Kovács[2]

[1]Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Hungary; [2]University of Debrecen

Examining the attractiveness of shopping malls among tourists through e-WOM: The case of Budapest, a dynamically changing capital

Mihály Tömöri

University of Nyíregyháza, Hungary

Understanding contemporary tourism to understand the transformations of the urban process. An epistemological proposal for the mobility society
Andrea Visioli
Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain

Differences in travel behavior through travelers‘ attitude towards AI and risk perception
László Kökény, Zsófia Kenesei, Levente Kökény
Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary

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Presentations:

Different sources, different conclusions? Survey-based insights on the subjective well-being of migrants in Vienna and Budapest
Ádám Németh[1,2], Yuri Kazepov[1]
[1]University of Vienna, The Challenge of Urban Futures Research Platform, Austria; [2]Austrian Academy of Sciences, Institute for Urban and Regional Research, Austria

Why to stay in Brazil? Unpacking young people‘s perspectives on migration and the good life
Adelia Silva, Maria Lucinda Fonseca
Instituto de Geografia e Ordenamento do Território Universidade de Lisboa, Portuga

On hold: Exploring the intersections of indefinite waiting and island phenomenology on identity formation among asylum seekers in Lesvos
Gabriel Araújo Njaim
Instituto Mediterráneo de Estudios Avanzados (IMEDEA;CSIC-UIB), Spain

‘I belong to the sea’: Exploring the meaning of belonging among intra-national Greek migrants
Julianna Ostrowska[1,2]
[1]University of Groningen, Netherlands; [2]University of the Aegean, Greece

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Presentations:

"I walk, I see, I do". On the transformative potential of hidden informal greening practices in the Czech Republic and Estonia

Anja Decker[1], Bianka Plüschke-Altof[2]

[1]Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic; [2]School of Natural Sciences and Health, Tallinn University, Estonia

Infrastructuring a community-led urban economy? Common good-oriented development in Freiburg's Kleineschholz district

Benedikt Schmid

University of Freiburg, Germany

Moving beyond the city as growth machine: Theoretical insights and new empirical evidence on urban growth dependencies

Sarah Bretschko

Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB), Spain

Session 157/I Mon Sept 08
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The foundations of national identities in Europe: battlefields, war memorials and nation-building. The adaptation of war memory to changing political regimes

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Presentations:

The Battle of Mohács, 1526 – a memorial landscape

Norbert Pap, Máté Kitanics, Péter Gyenizse

University of Pécs, Hungary

The Battle of Varna, 1444

Nurcan Özgür Baklacioglu[1], Sinem Arslan[2], Norbert Pap[3]

[1]Istanbul University (Türkiye); [2]Bosphoros University (Türkiye); [3]University of Pécs, Hungary

Memory of the Battle of Krbava Field

Dénes Sokcsevits[1], Pál Fodor[1], Máté Kitanics[2]
[1]HUN-REN Research Centre for the Humanities; [2]University of Pécs, Hungary

The memory of the Habsburg-Ottoman wars through the place names of Hungarian Baranya and Croatian Baranja region

Róbert Szabó
Doctoral School of Earth Sciences, Pécs, Hungary

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EU-Greenland partnership on mining industry: contradictory spatial, political and social effects of the industrial engineering of promises

Pia Bailleul
SciencesPo, France, fonds Latour

Genealogy of power: Collective landscapes of Bor, Serbia

Mitesh Dixit
Politecnico di Torino, Italy

What do financial flows tell us about mining futures? Actors, discourses, and promises around lithium in the Rhine Graben

Audrey Sérandour
Université de Haute-Alsace, France

Session 172 Mon Sept 08
Room ALB 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Mass housing, high-rise and vertical cities – topical as always

Session-Chair:

Tamás Egedy

In Europe, housing estates became widespread, and in many countries, they constitute an important segment of the housing market. In recent decades, the issue of high-rise housing estates has often been the focus of urban geographical, architectural, and urban planning discourses, and more recently, a new mainstream urban paradigm, the theory and practice of vertical cities have grown out of this issue. This session aims to bring together and present current research on mass housing, high-rise housing estates, and vertical cities,

including social, economic, and urbanistic issues, housing market processes, and anything else.

Presentations:

Specificities of large lousing estates in the Eastern Bloc

Dejana Nedučin, Milena Krklješ
Faculty of Technical Sciences, University of Novi Sad, Serbia

The 15-minute city concept and the housing estate

Tamás Egedy[1], Melinda Benkő[2], Balázs Szabó[3], Kornélia Kissfazekas[2]
[1]Budapest Business University, Hungary; [2]Budapest University of Technology and Economics; [3]HUN-REN Research Centre for Astronomy and Earth Sciences

Another kind of normalization? East-Germany's large scale housing estates: A review of possibly emerging debates

Arvid Krüger
Universität Kassel, Germany

Busting the scales: On Tirana's vertikal urbanism

Daniel Göler[1], Dhimitër Doka[2]
[1]University of Bamberg, Germany; [2]University of Tirana, Albania

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Presentations:

Cross-border simillaritites and differences in flood protection infrastructure along Prut river and the influences for vulnerability and risk

Iurii Bejan[1], Mihai Niculita[2], Bunduc Tatiana[1], Chiriac Ioana[1], Botnari Aliona[1], Chelariu Oana[2], Fedor Andreea[2], Mihai Ciprian Margarint[2]
[1]Moldova State University; [2]Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania

Spatial organization and accessibility of services under varied development scenarios: Support for optimal planning solutions

Vladimir Popović, Zora Živanović
University of Belgrade - Faculty of Geography, Serbia

Professionalizing the Planoloog: Co-production on the science-policy interface

Noor Vet, Michiel van Meeteren
Utrecht University, Netherlands

For a return of geographic imagi naries in institutional frameworks: the perspective of organized federalism
Gabriele Casano
University of Genoa, Italy

Session 192 Mon Sept 08
Room MUS 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Which literary geographies for a changing Europe?

Session-Chairs:

Giacomo Zanolin, Lucrezia Lopez

This session results from a dialogue between the "Geografia e letteratura" Group (AGeI) and the "Pensamiento Geográfico" Group (AGE). Participation in EUGEO is an occasion to strengthen international collaboration on literary geography. Thus, the session welcomes diverse research methods and approaches in this field, exploring European cultural geographies. Literary geography has gained international attention (Brosseau 1995; Hones 2022; etc.), distinguishing between analysing texts (literary geography) and studying literature's relation to territorial contexts (geography of literature). Literary texts actively construct social meanings of space. The session encourages theoretical and applied contributions, especially those offering methodological insights into geo-literary research across Europe.

Presentations:

The "Waiting Territories" in a changing Europe. A geographical reading of the book „O Retorno [The Return]", by Dulce Maria Cardoso
Fátima Velez de Castro
University of Coimbra / CEIS20 /RISCOS, Portugal

On a journey with Gianni Rodari: When literature becomes "Creative Geography"
Stefania Cerutti[1], Pino Boero[2], Alberto Poletti[3]
[1]Università del Piemonte Orientale, Italy; [2]Fondazione PARCO; [3]Parco della Fantasia Gianni Rodari, Italy

Senses and emotions. European caminoscapes through literary geo-representations
Lucrezia Lopez
University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain

The sinophone gaze on Europe: eo-literary perspectives
Giacomo Zanolin, Epifania Grippo, Carlo Giunchi
Università degli Studi di Genova, Italy

Session 103/II Mon Sept 08
Room SIS 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Changing tourism in a changing Europe

Session-Chairs:

Angela Hof, Alejandro Armas Diaz, Martin Knoll, Nora Müller

Tourism is a hybrid phenomenon that blends and transcends spaces, places and all their environmental, social and economic sectors. Sustainable tourism has gained prominence amid global crises and awareness of tourism impacts has been growing. Still, it is often seen as a development pathway, while its contribution to the global carbon footprint and rebound after the COVID pandemic challenge the (un)sustainability of tourism. This session addresses tourism transitions, changing mobility patterns, tourism infrastructures and path dependencies. It seeks to critically engage with tourism and its potential as a transformative vector for socio-ecological change in society and the economy.

Presentations:

Recent characteristics of the international second home phenomenon in the Croatian littoral
Vuk Tvrtko Opačić[1], Ivo Beroš[2]
[1]University of Zagreb, Faculty of Science, Department of Geography, Croatia; [2]Institute for Tourism, Zagreb, Croatia

Between overtourism and abandonment: Territorial tensions in coastal areas
Carolina Pacchi
Politecnico di Milano, Italy

The changing geography of domestic tourism in Ireland
Barraí Hennebry
Fáilte Ireland and Technological University of the Shannon, Ireland

Climate change, wildfires, and challenges to tourism development in Portugal's marginal regions
Eduardo Brito-Henriques, Ricardo Garcia, Inês Boavida-Portugal
University of Lisbon, Portugal

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Creative food resilience from below: household food strategies between market and garden

Petr Daněk[1], Lucie Sovová[1,3], Petr Jehlička[2], Marta Kolářová[2], Jan Vávra[2]
[1]Science Faculty, Masaryk University, Czech Republic; [2]Institute of Sociology, Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic; [3]Wageningen University & Research, Netherlands

Transformative knowledge systems for sustainable living: Insights from alternative food systems

Gusztav Nemes
HUN-REN KRTK, Hungary

Food practices among vulnerable populations: enablers and constraints for sustainable and healthy diets

Maria Lucinda Fonseca[1,2], Luís Moreno[1,2], Patrícia Abrantes[1,2]
[1]IGOT - Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Lisbon, Portugal; [2]Associate Laboratory TERRA, Portugal

Towards more resilient food systems in the sand ridge

Melinda Mihály[1], Dorottya Mendly[2]
[1]CERS HUN-REN, Hungary; [2]Corvinus University of Budapest

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Islands on the move: Tourism and migration in El Hierro (Spain) and Pico (Portugal)

Cristóbal Mendoza, Josefina Domínguez-Mujica, Juan Manuel Parreño-Castellano
University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain

Changing geographies of multi-local living during the Covid-19 pandemic: Second-home tourism in northern Sweden

Dieter K. Müller
Umeå University, Sweden

Networking along pilgrimage routes as a form of responsible tourism mobility

Tamara Rátz, Katalin Szalai
Kodolányi János University, Hungary

Silence as a heritage of the changing Europe: A tourism geography approach

Anna Irimiás[3,4], Gábor Michalkó[1,2]
[1]HUN-REN CSFK Geographical Institute, Budapest, Hungary; [2]University of Pannonia, Veszprém, Hungary; [3]Corvinus University of Budapest, Budapest, Hungary; [4]University of Trento, Trento, Italy

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"If the accommodation is not good and the worker comes, he will run away after three days": Selected insights into socio-economic integration and quality of life of migrant workers in Croatia

Margareta Gregurović, Sanja Klempić Bogadi, Simona Kuti, Sonja Podgorelec, Snježana Gregurović
Institute for Migration Research, Croatia

Swedish society through Hungarian eyes

Ákos Bodor, Márk Hegedüs
HUN-REN Centre For Economic and Regional Studies, Hungary

Increasing motivation of Iranian students to continue education in Germany. Challenges and opportunities in academia

Zahra Arzjani
Koblenz university, Germany

International students: A study of public attitudes

Līga Feldmane
University of Latvia, Latvia

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Confronting traditional spatial planning with existential challenges. 'Resilience check' of metropolitan planning systems
Iván Tosics
Metropolitan Research Institute, Budapest, Hungary

Temporalities of transition: Digital time as infrastructural barrier to post-growth transformation
Trish Morgan
Dublin City University, Ireland

The right to the ecological city: Reconciling ecological sustainability and social justice in a neighbourhood transformation in Turin
Karl Kraehmer
Università di Torino, Italy

Planning and the transition to post-growth infrastructures
Daniel William Durrant
University College London, United Kingdom

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Czechoslovak identity in contemporary Czechia
Tadeusz Siwek
University of Ostrava, Czech Republic

NATO and the transformation of regional identities in the Western Balkans in the first half of the 21st century
Danijel Bačan
University of Zagreb, Faculty of Science, Croatia

"This fight will be the last, or if not, we were wrong". The war and revolution memorials of the 20th century and their contexts in Budapest
Éva Schultz, Adrienne Nagy
Budapest Business University, Hungary

Building a memory without a place to remember. The process of developing the memory of Rákóczi in the 20th-21st centuries
Márton Kiss
University of Pécs, Hungary

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"Mine your own business": The serbian scientific community and the debate over Europe's largest lithium mine in the valley of Jadar
Adela Petrović[1], Aleksandar Matković[2]
[1]Charles University, Czech Republic; [2]Institute of Economic Sciences, Serbia

A mining territory forever? The case of Almadén, Castilla la Mancha
Camille Mortelette
Université Grenoble Alpes, France

Lithium mining in Serbia. An analysis of conflicting notions of environmental awareness
Guillaume Schweitzer
Technical University of Darmstadt, Germany

Research paper (Political Science)
Lucas Miailhes
Catholic university of Lille, France

Session 176 Mon Sept 08
Room ALB 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Revitalizing geoheritage: A call for changing perspective

Session-Chairs:

Rosa Anna La Rocca, Filomena Ornella Amore, Romano Fistola

This special session addresses the debate about territorial revitalization in inner areas through promoting knowledge of their cultural heritage. The traces of organisms, body fossils, and past environments that Earth preserves are a precious form of cultural heritage for understanding climate change and the evolution of natural and anthropogenic environments. Nevertheless, they still don't receive adequate attention in planning and design. Is it possible to integrate these sites into territorial

promotion and revitalization efforts? Contributions suggesting solutions on this topic are welcome.

Presentations:

Can the revitalisation of an abandoned village in southern Italy be a sustainable challenge?

Alessio Valente[1], Elena Cartojan[2]
[1]University of Sannio, Benevento, Italy; [2]PhD, Geologist

Multi-proxy study of a sedimentary composite section cropping out at San Giuliano Lake area (Matera, southern Italy): a paleoenvironmental reconstruction

Carmen Argenio[1], Filomena Ornella Amore[1], Costanza Faranda[2], Luciana Ferraro[3], Elsa Gliozzi[2], Donatella Magri[4], Fabrizio Michelangeli[4], Bianca Russo[5], Julie Siciliano[5,6], Mattia Vallefuoco[3], Anna Maria Mauro[7], Agostino Meo[1], Maria Rosaria Senatore[1]
[1]Dipartimento di Scienze e Tecnologie dell' Università degli Studi del Sannio (Benevento, Italy); [2]Dipartimento di Scienze dell'Università degli Studi Roma Tre (Roma, Italy); [3]Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, Istituto di Scienze Marine (Napoli, Italy); [4]Dipartimento di Biologia Ambientale della Sapienza Università di Roma (Roma, Italy); [5]Dipartimento di Scienze della Terra, dell'Ambiente e delle Risorse dell'Università Federico II di Napoli (Napoli, Italy); [6]Dipartimento di Scienze della Terra "Ardito Desio" dell'Università degli Studi di Milano (Milano, Italy); [7]Museo Nazionale di Matera (Matera, Italy)

Promoting sustainable territorial development in inner areas through paleontological heritage: the case study of Campania region in southern Italy

Filomena Ornella Amore[1], Carmen Argenio[1], Mauro Di Vito[2], Romano Fistola[3], Rosa Anna La Rocca[3], Adolfo Panarello[4], Maria Rosaria Senatore[1], Ida Zingariello[3]
[1]Università del Sannio di Benevento, DST, Benevento - Italy; [2]Istituto Nazionale di Geofisica e Vulcanologia, OV, Napoli - Italy; [3]Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II, DICEA, Napoli - Italy; [4]Università degli Studi di Cassino e del Lazio Meridionale, DSUSS, Cassino - Italy

A composite index for defining territorial fruition of geopaleontological sites in inner area of Campania (southern Italy)

Rosa Anna La Rocca, Romano Fistola, Ida Zingariello
University of Naples, Italy

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Presentations:

Formulating geography's relevance to the development field in the late 1960s and 1970s

Lena Simone Marina Paauwe
Utrecht University, Netherlands

Mitigating the Impact of opposite hydrological hazards on agriculture in the Prut river valley

Tatiana Bunduc[1], Ioana Chiriac[1], Elena-Oana Chelariu[2], Iurie Bejan[1], Andreea-Daniela Fedor[2], Mihai Niculita[2], Aliona Botnari[1], Andra-Cosmina Albulescu[2], Mihai Ciprian Margarint[2]
[1]Institute of Ecology and Geography, Moldova State University, Chisinau, Moldova; [2]Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Department of Geography, Iasi, Romania

The two Edwards: Mid-century modernity and the professionalization of American geography

Trevor Barnes[1], Michiel van Meeteren[2]
[1]University of British Columbia, Canada; [2]Utrecht University, Netherlands

For a responsible Geography

Mark Boyle
Maynooth University in Ireland, Ireland

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Human dimensions of mediterranean marine biodiversity. A geographical approach

Session-Chairs:

Stefano Malatesta, Marcella Schmidt di Friedberg, Enrico Squarcina, Maria Paradiso, Clara Di Fazio, Arturo Gallia

Sustainable management of Mediterranean Marine Biodiversity is a key EU priority, with numerous programs promoting the integration of marine protection and human activities. However, this vision is limited by two critical gaps: a lack of understanding of public conceptions about the sea, and the oversimplification of key cultural, social, and political drivers. This session aims to address these gaps from a geographical perspective, enriching the debate on the "human dimensions" of biodiversity. We define"human dimensions" as a set of behaviours, values, policies, practices, perceptions, conceptions related to the Mediterranean as a marine region.

Presentations:

Advancing marine citizen science throught participatory practices and critical ocean studies

Chiara Certomà
Sapienza University of Rome, Italy

Sustainable marine biodiversity management practices and climate change. The case of the Sea Turtle Rescue Centre of the Salento Museum of Natural History

Sara Nocco, Luigi Potenza
University of Salento, Italy

Human-sea interactions in the Mediterranean: A systematic literature review

Gabriel Araújo Njaim[1], Hilmar Hinz[1], Ana Ruiz-Frau[2]
[1]Instituto Mediterráneo de Estudios Avanzados (IMEDEA;CSIC-UIB), Spain; [2]Centro Oceanográfico Baleares, Instituto Español de Oceanografía, Spain

MEDiverSEAty: Integrating human dimensions in the conservation and

restoration of mediterranean marine biodiversity

Gabriel Rivas-Mena[1], Antonija Avdalović[1], Aloïs Aguettant[2], Vincenzo de Cancellis[3], Justin Whittle[3], Ludovica Montecchio[2,4], Gabriel Araújo Njaim[5], Inès Vincent[6], Victoria Campón-Linares[7], Carlotta La Penna[7]

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Presentations:

Mounds and their names in the Hortobágy region
Katalin Reszegi
University of Debrecen, Hungary

Interpreting a landscape through ancient, local micro-toponyms: The hinterland of the river Ogwen in Eryri, north Wales, from source to sea. Economic change and challenges
Rhian Parry
Bangor University, North Wales, United Kingdom

Rethinking the city: Toponymy at the intersection of local identities and migratory dynamics
Souad Bouhadjar
Université Dr.Mouley Tahar Saida, Algeria

Cartographies of memory: street toponymy as a reflection of political regimes. Application to the case study of Elda (Spain)
Gabriel Moreno-Delgado
University of Alicante, Spain

Session 124/I Tue Sept 09
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urban public space, its governance and the role of civic participation.

Presentations:

Navigating inequalities: Youth, public spaces, and digital mediation across diverse geopolitical contexts

Sabine Knierbein[1], Rachel Almeida[2], Richard Pfeifer[1]

[1]TU Wien, Austria; [2]Pontifícia Universidade Católica de Minas Gerais, Brasil

Extremist discourse in hybrid public space: Insights from a multi-sited ethnographic study of the 2024 European parliament elections

Jullietta Stoencheva, Tina Askanius

Malmö university, Sweden

The politicization of urban public space: The case of Vienna

Ursula Reeger, Miriam Haselbacher, Josefa Stiegler

Austrian Academy of Sciences

Urban fragments in southern Europe, between security pressures and subversive rhythms in night-time public spaces

Eléonore Jactat

University of Palermo, Italy

Session 125/I Tue Sept 09
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The diversity of the 15-minute city: Approaches, definitions, and methods

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Presentations:

Exploring the 15-minute city: Trends, challenges, and insights from a bibliometric perspective

Özge Yalçiner Ercoşkun, Ebru Öcalır, Ceren Ercoşkun, Hilal Tulan Işıldar

Gazi University, Turkiye

Reframing accessibility by proximity for fair implementation of the X-min city in peri-urban areas

Paola Pucci, Giovanni Lanza

Politecnico di Milano, Italy

Embracing urban complexity in accessibility planning: Towards a people-centred and place-based approach to reach the objectives of the 15-minute city

Felix Johan Pot[1], Ward Rauws[1], Samira Ramezani[1], Alois Humer[2], Anna Kajosaari[2]

[1]University of Groningen; [2]Austrian Academy of Sciences

Reimagining urban edges: How Haakon VII Street shapes the 15-minute City

Micaela Mancini

GSSI, Italy

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Presentations:

The academic development of geography in the complex state contexts of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy: Institutions, key scholars, and research agendas

Bálint Hilbert

HUN-REN Centre for Social Sciences, Hungary

"Ist die Menschheit nicht ein größeres Österreich": Erwin Hanslik's expansionist geography

Maciej Górny

Tadeusz Manteuffel Institute of History Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland

Different Visions: Competing ideas on geography and boundaries among British and Hungarian geographers, 1915-1919

Charles Withers[1], Róbert Győri[2]

[1]University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom; [2]Eötvös Loránd University, Hungary

Hungarian geography and Ukraine ("Ukránia")

Zoltán Hajdú

HUN-REN CERS, Hungary

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step to a problem solution for stayers and movers and, not least the community or region as a whole? We welcome empirically as well as theoretically informed contributions from all fields of (im)mobility and migration studies.

Presentations:

Does "left-behindness" matter for staying in place?

Erik Sacha, Mila Miletić

Otto-Friedrich-University Bamberg, Germany

Migration and return: Establishing or re-establishing the bonds of place attachment

Paula Andreea Tufiș[1], Ana Sofia Santos[2], Jennifer McGarrigle[3], Mădălina Manoilă[4], Barbara Staniscia[5]

[1]Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest; [2]Faculty of Psychology, University of Lisbon; [3]Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Lisbon; [4]Research Institute for the Quality of Life (ICCV), Romanian Academy of Sciences; [5]Department of European, American and Intercultural Studies, Sapienza University of Rome

To migrate abroad or not?– Aspirations for international mobility and immobility under the influence of own migration experience

Monica Șerban[1], Paula Andreea Tufiș[2], Mădălina Manoilă[1]

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Exploring left-behindness and (im) mobility in Europe: A six-country comparative analysis

Barbara Staniscia, Giulia Fiorentino, Astrid Safina

Sapienza University of Rome, Italy

Session 145
Tue Sept 09
Room MUS
9:00am - 10:30am

Decolonise political ecology? New epistemologies facing socio-ecological crises

Session-Chairs:

Salvo Torre, Isabella Giunta, Valerio Bini

This session explores recent shifts in political ecology, focusing on the decolonisation of knowledge and critique of colonial epistemologies. It addresses how ecological research practices and categories are being redefined in light of ongoing socio-ecological crises, wars, and global inequalities. The session brings together contributions on epistemic communities, ecological conflicts, and community-based knowledge production, aiming to assess whether political ecology can evolve into a decolonial and activist analytical framework.

Presentations:

Decolonizing political ecologies of developmentalism from the peripheries of Europe: Revisiting environmental movements in Türkiye

Ethemcan Turhan[1], Cem İskender Aydın[2]

[1]University of Groningen, Netherlands; [2]Boğaziçi University, Türkiye

Political ecology and decolonising research practices: an imperative and a chimera

Alberto Diantini[1], Andrea Rizzi[2]

[1]University of Ferrara, Italy; [2]University of Bologna, Italy

Transforming heritage-scapes and community engagement in Central Asia: Could we adopt a political ecology approach?

Andrea Zinzani

University of Bologna, Italy

Re-imagining cosmopolitanism in the capitalocene: Decolonial options for future prospects

Nicolò Matteucci

Sapienza University of Rome, Italy

Session 186 Tue Sept 09
Room THE 9:00am - 10:30am

Geography in action: Enhancing outdoor education for a dynamic learning experience

Session-Chair:

Ana Pejdo

Fieldwork is a form of experiential learning where students engage with authentic reality. During outdoor education students are able to connect theory to practice, enhance spatial awareness, develop practical skills, foster environmental awareness and promote dynamic learning experience. The value of fieldwork increases when conducted in an interdisciplinary manner, as it encourages cross-curricular connections and enables a more comprehensive experience, understanding of spatial reality and better understanding of complex scientific concepts. The objective of this session is to examine teachers' and student's attitudes and experiences during outdoor education connected to geography teaching and learning on all education levels.

Presentations:

Mapping in kindergarten (KS 1): the contribution of fieldwork trips in the school's area

Justine Letouzey-Pasquier, Julien Bachmann

University of Teacher Education Fribourg (HEP FR), Switzerland

The city as a pedagogical device: the perspective of youth engagement in Palermo

Valentina Mandalari, Marco Picone, Fausto Di Quarto

University of Palermo, Italy

Outdoor learning in the nature lab – experiences from a lecture hall for geographers?

Wolfgang Fischer, Jörn Harfst, Danko Simic

University of Graz, Austria

Outdoor education in Croatia's educational system: are we doing enough?

Ana Pejdo, Jadranka Brkić-Vejmelka

University of Zadar, Croatia

Session 187 Tue Sept 09
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Speculative cartography and futuring for spatial degrowth – a co-imaginative mapping-workshop (Part I)

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Presentations:

Transforming dystopias. Transformative geographical education as a process of shaping the world for the future

Gabriel Bohn

University of Bonn, Germany

The potential of the Dutch alternative approach developmental education (Ontwikkelingsgericht Onderwijs, 'OGO') for the realization of transformative education in the subject of geography

Julia Klumparendt

University of Bonn, Germany

"Why Should I?" Collaborative teaching of humanitarian action

Tal Yaar[1], Sonja Danner[2]

[1]Oranim College of Education, Israel.; [2]KPH Vienna, Austria

Transformative education in geography: Insights from eye-tracking analysis of gifted students

Petr Trahorsch[1], Hana Svobodová[2]

[1]Jan E. Purkyně University in Ústí nad Labem, Czech Republic; [2]Masaryk University, Brno

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Presentations:

Specific dimension of functional integration – the naming of polycentric urban regions

Donata Dorota Wysocka[1], Ben Derudder[2,3,4], Jadwiga Biegańska[2], Weiyang Zhang[2]

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Stadium names between cultural heritage and commercialisation: A quantitative study of four European countries

Florian Koch, Laurent Gautier, Matthieu Llorca

Université Bourgogne Europe, France

Building names motivated by commercial goals: A case study of Zagreb

Ivana Crljenko

University of Zadar, Croatia

The changing narratives and identities in urbanonyms of Zadar, Croatia

Branimir Vukosav

University of Zadar, Croatia

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Presentations:

Green public spaces as social infrastructures. Addressing inequality and fostering community in Palermo (Sicily)

Emanuela Caravello, Marco Picone

University of Palermo, Italy

Urban natures at stake: investigating segregation and cultural appropriation in Florence's Le Cascine park

Cecilia Pasini, Panos Bourlessas, Matteo Puttilli

University of Firenze, Italy

Urban public space crisis in Ulaanbaatar: Overcoming challenges and unlocking green potential

Nomin Enkhtamir

Institute of Geography and Earth Sciences, Department of Human Geography Urban Studies, University of Pécs

Recalibrating relationship between community safety and extremely deprivated people

Antonello Scialdone

IINAPP-National Institute for Public Policy Analysis, Italy

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Presentations:

Peri-urban areas in transition: a typological analysis to support the implementation of 15-minute city principles

Rodrigo Viseu Cardoso[1], Beatriz Martins[2], Eva Verena Schmolmüller[3], Alexander Hamedinger[3]

[1]Delft University of Technology Netherlands; [2]University of Porto; [3]TU Wien, Austria

Revealing accessibility disparities: Mapping 15-minute accessibility and its socio-spatial determinants in the province of Groningen

Mahdi Rahimi, Samira Ramezani, Ward Rauws, Felix Pot

University of Groningen

Spatial dynamics and recreational behaviors in urban and suburban forests: Insights from the Vienna metropolitan area

Fruzsina Erzsebet Stefan[1], Karolina Taczanowska[1], Mariusz Ciesielski[2], Kamil Choromański[3], Dariusz Gotlib[3]

[1]Institute of Landscape Development, Recreation and Conservation Planning, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna; [2]Forest Research Institute, Poland; [3]Faculty of Geodesy and Cartography, Warsaw University of Technology

Perceived accessibility and walkability in urban neighbourhoods – insights from walk-along-interviews from five countries

Janina Welsch[1], Anna-Lena van der Vlugt[1], Martina Schorn[2], Michael Kloiber[2], Özge Yalçiner Ercoşkun[3], Ebru V. Öcalır[3], Rienk de Groot[4], Samira Ramezani[4], Ward Rauws[4], Ana Louro[5], Luis Encalada[5]

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Presentations:

Geographical societies in Budapest and Vienna and their colonial agendas before and after World War I

Ferenc Gyuris[1], Johannes Mattes[2]

[1]Department of Social and Economic Geography, Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Budapest; [2]Institute of Culture Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences

German colonial geography as a racial-Völkish reordering project beyond "the East" National Socialism and the colonial writings of geographer Oskar Schmieder

Gerhard Rainer

Universität Passau - Lehrstuhl für Humangeographie, Germany

Inscribing the Dutch imperial geopolitical order: The colonial geography of Louis van Vuuren (1873-1951)

Sophie Bijleveld, Michiel van Meeteren

Utrecht University, Netherlands

Stabilization or irritation: Religion as a topic in regional geographical research

Tobit Nauheim

Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, Germany

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Presentations:

Diverse mobilities in left behind areas: voices from Latvia

Zaiga Krišjāne, Maris Bērziņš, Maija Rozīte, Toms Skadiņš, Ralfs Niklavs Saksss

University of Latvia, Latvia

Moving or commuting to opportunity? Interrelationships between spatial and social mobility in left-behind places

Josef Bernard

Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic

The "New Fundanenses": How newcomers are re-shaping the face of the city in a left behind territory

André Saramago[1], Ana Santos[2], Filipa Batista[3], Jennifer McGarrigle[1]

[1]University of Lisbon, Portugal; [2]O Lugar Comum; [3]Municipality of Fundão

The sense of place of asylum seekers and refugees in left behind areas of Abruzzo (Italy)

Giovanna Di Matteo

Gran Sasso Science Institute, Italy

Session 148 Tue Sept 09
Room MUS 11:00am - 12:30pm

Water in the anthropocene: Urban rivers: greening or renaturalization?

Session-Chairs:

Joaquim Farguell,
Albert Santasusagna Riu

While Greening refers to the creation of green areas in cities for leisure purposes, prioritizing the sociability of the river space, renaturalization focuses on the restoration of its ecological functioning and the hydro-geomorphological processes involved. This approach often limits the accessibility of people to the river because priority to natural flora development and river channel shape conservation is given. On the other

hand, greening projects have great social acceptance as they are seen as a way of using the river space as a healthy environment, providing environmental, educational and leisure values. A debate based on the aims set will decide the river use.

Presentations:

Assessment of nitrogen and phosphorus pollution based on multi-source data and the InVEST model in the Henan section of Yellow River Basin, China

Xu Yang

Institute of Geographical Sciences, Henan Academy of Sciences, China

Pharmaceutically active compounds in rivers and streams of the Budapest metropolitan area: adsorption in sediments and efficiency of the riverbank filtration

Zoltán Szalai[1,2], Gergely Jakab[1], Lili Szabó[1], Gábor Maász[3], Péter Dobosy[4], Ferincz Árpád[5], Tibor Filep[1], László Bauer[1,2], Bruna Silva[6], Attila Kondor[1]

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DANube SEdiment Restoration (DANSER): Towards deployment and upscaling of sustainable sediment management across the Danube River Basin (The Upper Danube case)

Ronald Pöppl[1], Michael Wagreich[2], Thomas Hein[3], Andreas Lang[4], Severin Hohensinner[1], Diana Hatzenbühler[2], Johannes Kowal[1], Sonia Recinos[2], Ulrich Schwarz[5], Julia Sandberger[6], Stefan Schneeweihs[7], Gerhard Klasz[8]

[1]University of Vienna, Austria; [2]Department of Geology, University of Vienna, Austria; [3]BOKU University, Austria; [4]Paris Lodron University of Salzburg, Austria; [5]FLUVIUS, Floodplain Ecology and River Basin Management, Vienna, Austria; [6]via donau, Vienna, Austria; [7]Donau-Auen National Park, Vienna, Austria; [8]Ingenieurbüro Klasz, Vienna, Austria

(Dis-)connectivity in urban rivers: the case of Genova (NW Italy)

Andrea Mandarino[1], Pierluigi Brandolini[1], Martino Terrone[2], Francesco Faccini[1]

[1]University of Genova, Department of Earth, Environment and Life Sciences, Genova, Italy; [2]Information System - Technology Office, Genova Municipality, Genova, Italy

Session 187 Tue Sept 09
Room SR2 11:00am - 12:30pm

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Presentations:

Sustainability related emotions as social phenomena in the transformative geography classroom

Daniela Lippe

University of Graz, Austria

Post growth in geography education in the context of education for sustainable development (ESD)

Lara Brede, Christiane Meyer

Leibniz University Hannover, Germany

Fostering transformative literacy to enable transformative action: Reflecting on the project "Low-Emission-Schools in Northern Germany (LESSCO2)"

Merle Biermann, Christiane Meyer

Leibniz University Hannover, Germany

Transformative educational networks – from theoretical and empirical foundations to practical implementation

Hannah Lathan, Lena Neumann, Madelaine Uxa, Leif Moenter

University of Vechta, Germany

Session 209 Tue Sept 09
Room THE 11:00am - 12:30pm

Advancements of AI in Human Geography

Session-Chairs:

Silvio Heinze, Robert Musil

The integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) into human geography has opened new horizons for spatial research. AI offers innovative tools and methodologies that allows to adress new and complex geographical questions. This session aims to convene researchers at the forefront of this interdisciplinary nexus to share recent developments, theoretical advancements, and empirical findings. Breakthroughs in machine learning, deep learning, and data analytics have significantly impacted the ways in which

spatial data is collected, processed, and interpreted. AI techniques are enhancing our capabilities to analyze large-scale geospatial datasets. These advancements are reshaping research in physical geography, human geography, environmental studies, and urban planning.

Presentations:

GeoAI and spatial analysis: A new frontier for sustainability and urban inequalities

Simona Epasto, Paolanti Marina

Università di Macerata, Italy

Application of AI for forest ecosystem dynamics evaluation and predictive modeling in Central Europe

Khalil Gholamnia, Lucie Kupková

Charles University, Czech Republic

Unveiling urban dynamics: Extract social structures from Street View imagery with machine learning

Silvio Heinze, Robert Musil

Austrian Academy of Sciences

Seeing erasure: Machine learning-driven remote sensing of cultural assimilation through Street View imagery

Ulrich Formann, Ferdinand Doblhammer, The Futile Corporation

University of Applied Arts Vienna, Austria

Session 112 Tue Sept 09
Room MUS 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Geographies of energy transition in a changing Europe

Session-Chairs:

Justyna M. Chodkowska-Miszczuk, Agata Lewandowska, Dominik Zieliński

One of the critical challenges of a changing Europe is building long-term energy security that guarantees economic development and a viable society. Geographical knowledge generated at the interface of human and physical geography, including cartography and GIS, is leading in creating diagnoses and strategies, which are essential from the point of view of creating supranational alliances. Research is required on the differentiation of the energy mix, both from the point of view of the regional and local systems. The significance of geographical research is manifested in the need to apply a comprehensive and multi-dimensional perspective of these changes, which, taking into account spatial and socio-economic repercussions, also allow for analysis of the problems in other sectors, e.g. agriculture, transport or the functioning of households, both in urban and rural areas.

Presentations:

Local collective action initiatives for a sustainable transition: Non-institutional participation in the province of Granada, Spain

Marina Frolova, Belén Pérez-Pérez, Francisco Javier Rodríguez-Segura, Juan Carlos Osorio-Aravena

University of Granada, Spain

Spatial redevelopment trajectories of nuclear sites in Europe

Belinda Ravaz

HEIG-VD, Switzerland

All scales considered: A multi-site mapping methodology for understanding energy transitions

Joseph Smithard[1], Bauer David[2]

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Energy injustice and constraints of energy transition in marginalised rural areas in Hungary

Lea Kőszeghy

HUN-REN Centre for Social Sciences, Hungary

Session 130 Tue Sept 09
Room SR2 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Changing migration landscape in Europe: Geographies of segregation and integration issues of migrants and refugees from Ukraine

Session-Chairs:

Martin Šimon, Katalin Kolozsvári-Kovály

The session is focused on migration and integration issues in Europe with a special focus on migrants from Ukraine. More than 7 million Ukrainian citizens fled to Europe in 2022, mostly women and children. This population movement created unprecedented challenges and humanitarian crises, demanding quick and flexible public policies and involvement of civic society. Socio-economic impact on host societies is profound, as divergent approaches to integration efforts, access to housing, health care and labour market, inter-ethnic relations and legislation are present among EU countries. The session will illustrate how the Ukrainian crises transformed the migration and economy in Europe.

Presentations:

Socio-economic impact and integration of Ukrainian refugees in Italy

Stefano Ancilli

Italian Civil Protection department, Italy

Local welfare bricolages – Ukrainian female protection-holders' subjective perspectives on arrival and settlement in Berlin and Munich

Nora Ratzmann

Deutsches Zentrum für Integrations- und Migrationsforschung, Germany

Varied integration of Ukrainian migrants in Czechia: Intersections of labour market, education, health and housing

Martin Šimon, Renáta Mikešová

Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic

Migrants from Ukraine in Hungary: Mobility trends before and after the war

Katalin Kolozsvári-Kovály[1,2], Ágnes Erőss[3], Julianna Kohut-Ferki[1,4], Patrik Tátrai[1]

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Presentations:

Work and financial security in the alps according to the 10th Report on the State of the Alps

Naja Marot, Tadej Bevk, Maja Debevec, David Klepej, Pina Klara Petrović Jesenovec, Nina Stubičar

University of Ljubljana, Biotechnical Faculty, Slovenia

The rise of enterprising communities: transforming economies in/ from the margins

Annalisa Spalazzi[1], Jacopo Sforzi[2]

[1]Gran Sasso Science Institute, Italy; [2]Euricse, Italy

Spatial aspects of human-wildlife interactions in the mountains: a case study of Central Balkan, Bulgaria

Stoyan Nedkov, Yordan Yordanov, Vanya Stoycheva, Hristina Prodanova

National Institute of Geophysics Geodesy and Geography - Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Bulgaria

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Unito (University of Turin), Italy

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Presentations:

Positioning the (semi-)periphery: Contextualising central, eastern and southeastern European housing systems

Felix Böhmer

KU Leuven, Belgium

Re-framing comparative housing research – Some implications of re-scaling on cities, and re-centering on the (semi) peripheries of Europe

Walter Matznetter

University of Vienna, Austria

Impacts of recent migration on Belgrade's housing market dynamics

Nikola Jocić, Ivan Ratkaj, Aljoša Budović

University of Belgrade - Faculty of Geography, Serbia

Demographic shifts and urban housing demand: Exploring Serbia's shrinkage sprawl paradox in 21st century

Danica Đurkin

University of Belgrade - Faculty of Geography, Serbia

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Room SR1 2:00pm - 3:30pm

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Presentations:

Circular student migration dynamics between Central Asia and Southeast Europe: An analysis of socio-economic integration and transnational challenges

Rumiana Jeleva[1], Lyubomir Pozharliev[2], Tim Leibert[3], Markus Kaiser[4]

[1]Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences; [2]Leibniz-Institut für Länderkunde; [3]Leibniz-Institut für Länderkunde; [4]IPS-BAS

The conceptual specificities of circular migration using an example of international student mobility

Judit Tóth

University of Szeged, Hungary

The question of circular migration in the recent development of the EU law, with special regard to Brexit

Laura Gyeney

Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Hungary

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Éva Gellérné Lukács

ELTE University, Hungary

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Presentations:

Residential insecurity and social exclusion. Squatting geographies of Barcelona

Dolores Sánchez-Aguilera, Anna Torres-Delgado, Josep Coma-Guitart

University of Barcelona, Spain

Reproduction of marginality and renewed urban fragmentation in the northeastern regeneration front of Barcelona

José Ignacio Vila Vázquez

University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain

The housing emergency and the declaration of areas with regulated rents in Spain

Juan M. Parreño Castellano, Claudio Moreno Medina

University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain

Session 199 Tue Sept 09
Room THE 2:00pm - 3:30pm

How to communicate geographical research? For a geography beyond the boundaries of the academy

Session-Chair:

Massimiliano Tabusi

This session explores how geographical research can be communicated beyond academia, highlighting the importance of making geographical thinking accessible to wider audiences. It examines both theoretical perspectives and practical examples of public engagement through creative formats such as video, sound, literature, and

performance. Participants will reflect on the value, challenges, and methods of dissemination, sharing experiences and tools that bridge academic research and society. The session also invites collaboration with EUGEO's outreach efforts, particularly the GeoNight initiative, to strengthen the role of geography in public discourse.

Presentations:

Teaching science communication to undergraduate geography students

Marielle Zill

Universiteit Utrecht, Netherlands

The dissemination of a geographical film beyond the academy. Findings from the project Movimento Fermo

Silvy Boccaletti

Università degli Studi di Pisa, Italy

Public geographies and playful performances: Insights from a murder mystery game

Marco Picone, Giacomo Spanu

University of Palermo, Italy

Geo-narratives and inclusive Geography Communication

Gustavo D'Aversa

Università del Salento, Italy

Session 203 Tue Sept 09
Room ARS 2:00pm - 3:30pm

From spaces of affirmation to spaces of contestation: Transformative and reflexive geography teacher education in uncertain times

Session-Chairs:

Fabian Pettig, Uwe Krause, Nicole Raschke

Environmental and sustainability education (ESE) presents challenges due to its complexity, urgency, and ambiguity. Geography education, with its planetary perspective, offers potential for pedagogies that address such 'super-wicked problems'. This session explores transformative and reflexive approaches in geography teacher education that foster ethical engagement, boundary-crossing, and reflexivity. Emphasis lies on creating relational learning spaces that mediate diverse experiences and worldviews. These pedagogies move beyond affirming the status quo, instead embracing education as a space of contestation, possibility, and societal transformation – sensitive to diversity, hegemony, and the need for new ways of knowing, feeling, and acting.

Presentations:

From relativism to responsibility: Theoretical perspectives and implications for Teacher Training

Elena Flucher

University of Graz, Austria

Steps and sounds: Towards embodied experiences of soil and surface worlds in transformative education

Eva Nöthen[1], Verena Schreiber[2]

[1]University of Bonn; [2]Pädagogische Hochschule Freiburg, Germany

Geography teachers as prosuming storytellers - a training concept for digital sustainability communication

Ariane Schneider

TU Dresden, Germany

Spatial prospective and eco-neighborhoods in the Anthropocene: A reflexive process supported by geographic artifacts

Julien Bachmann, Justine Letouzey-Pasquier, Patrick Roy

HEP Fribourg, Switzerland

Session 207/I Tue Sept 09
Room AZS 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Residential preferences and housing aspirations in times of crisis. Changing patterns, concepts and methods

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Presentations:

Global influences on migration patterns: Dynamics and developments in the Vienna metropolitan region over the past 20 years

Max Aichinger, Peter Görgl

Modul5, Austria

Changes in the residential movements in the Budapest metropolitan area. Accelerating suburbanization and/or reurbanization?

Julia Schuchmann

John Von Neumann University, Hungary

Long-term growth of urban areas as a function of their location attributes

Boris A. Portnov

University of Haifa, Israel

Mapping residential preferences regarding Europe: Insights into Canada's and Czechia's young adults' perspectives

Daniel Doležal[1], Damian Collins[2], Petr Šimáček[1]

[1]Department of Geography, Faculty of Science, Palacký University Olomouc, Olomouc, Czech Republic; [2]Human Geography Program, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Session 116 Tue Sept 09
Room SR2 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Quantitative approaches for disabled mobility studies: Rationale, issues, pitfalls and results

Session-Chairs:

Frédéric Dobruszkes, Enka Blanchard

The aim of this session is to discuss the rationale behind using quantitative or mixed quantitative-qualitative approaches to analyse disabled mobilities, an area which is still in its infancy. Indeed, the field of disability studies is currently dominated by theoretical and analytical approaches, which often explicitly reject quantitative methods. Furthermore, transport geography and almost all quantitative studies of accessibility have focused on 'average people', disregarding those with various impairments (e.g., physical, sensory or cognitive). The presentations in this session will address these limitations in various geographical contexts.

Presentations:

Is our network really inclusive? Public transport accessibility gaps suffered by the disabled and the fragile: Evidence from Strasbourg

Alexis Conesa

University of Strasbourg, France

Evaluating and mapping transport poverty: The impact of Mobility as a Service (MaaS) on travel patterns among persons with reduced mobility in Tokyo and Osaka, Japan

Binrong Lin

Kyushu University, Japan

The impact of transfers on public transport travel times: An extrapolation to disabled persons

Maël Dupriez, Frédéric Dobruszkes

Brussels Free University (ULB), Belgium

Lack of redundancy as a determinant of disabled mobilities

Enka Blanchard

CNRS, France

Session 132 Tue Sept 09
Room ARS 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Ordinary heritage in transformation. Developers' interventions and private residential actions on historic housing stock

Session-Chairs:

Sandra Guinand, Hanna Szemzo, Viktoria Eva Lelek

Over the last decade, historic housing has become the subject of investment by real estate developers, service companies and individual owners alike, resulting in a substantially modified function of this housing stock. As a result, boundaries between the cultural, the political, and the market have become blurred, requiring critical attention to preservation and heritage constructs especially around ordinary historic objects, also reorienting their tangible and intangible significance. Looking at historic residential buildings as "ordinary" heritage, this session deals with these questions and issues, in particular new heritage expressions, place identity, social and technical innovations/responses, and spatial.

Presentations:

Heritage and spatial transformations: the case of Marseille's historic city centre

Margot Bergerand

Aix-Marseille Université, France

Balancing decarbonization and heritage conservation: The living lab approach at Terrassenhaussiedlung, Graz/Austria

Andrea Jany

University of Graz, Austria

Replacement or refurbishment? Transformation of the historic housing stock (Gründerzeit) in Vienna and Budapest

Viktória Éva Lélek

Austrian Academy of Sciences

A multidisciplinary categorization of challenges of reuse of residential buildings

Lamiaa Ghoz

Dresden Leibniz Graduate School (DLGS), Dresden, Germany; Leibniz institute of Ecological Urban and Regional development (IOER), Dresden, Germany; Technische Universität Dresden (TU Dresden), Dresden, Germany

Session 133 Tue Sept 09
Room THE 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Gamification, metaverse and transhumanism for a different geography

Session-Chairs:

Luisa Carbone, Luca Lucchetti, Miriam Noto, Tony Urbani

The session explores how digital innovations redefine Geography through the fusion of physical and digital realities: gamification transforms the spatial experience, making the understanding of territories interactive and playful; the Metaverse redefines geographical boundaries and social interactions, with new immersive worlds. Finally, transhumanism pushes and expands human capacities, redesigning the interaction between body and space. The session discusses the new theoretical-practical and interpretative models of Geography immersed in a multi-versal and coexisting society outside space-time, where a geolocated point can become a node of a Euclidean geometry, but also something "indefinite", still unknown.

Presentations:

Transforming nature exploration: Gamification for awareness and conservation

Catia Prandi

University of Bologna, Italy

From game to reality – How Black Myth: Wukong boosts Shanxi tourism

Yushu Liu, Dolores Sánchez-Aguilera

University of Barcelona, Spain

The concept of gamification and the potential effect of video games on tourism in Romania

Marian-Andrei Vintilă, Cristian-Constantin Drăghici, Florentina-Cristina Merciu

University of Bucharest, Romania

Session 137 Tue Sept 09
Room MUS 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Geographies of precarious housing and homelessness: Navigating commodified housing markets in times of crisis

Session-Chairs:

Judith Schnelzer, Philipp Schnell

This session explores precarious housing and homelessness in the context of commodifying housing markets and ongoing housing inequality. Decreasing housing affordability, tenure insecurity, and state deregulation intensify housing inequalities. While these dynamics disproportionately affect marginalised groups, i.e., low-income households, pressures on housing markets expand and entangle other residents as well. This session will focus on contributions that address how tenants navigate precarious housing, displacement, and homelessness, how inequality is experienced and resisted, and how policy and market dynamics reshape urban spaces. Contributions will explore facets of homelessness and precarious housing. We welcome empirical, conceptual, and methodological work or political interventions.

Presentations:

Everyday politics of older women experiencing homelessness in Czech Republic

Petra Tamasova

Masaryk University, Czech Republic

Regional aspects of the healthcare system for people experiencing homelessness in Hungary

Noémi Annamária Vajdovich

Eötvös Loránd University - Doctoral School of Earth Sciences (Budapest, Hungary); Metropolitan Research Institute - Városkutatás Kft. (Budapest, Hungary)

Pathways from homelessness to secure housing. The case of Vienna

Judith Schnelzer, Philipp Schnell

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Session 162/II Tue Sept 09
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Presentations:

The choice is yours – Applying a discrete choice experiment to a dynamic adaptive policy pathway for resident-lead rural development

Alice Wanner, Meike Jungnickel, Ulrike Pröbstl-Haider

University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria

Blockchains and tokenization for social and community economies in mountain areas

Cristina Viano[1], Irene Domenicale[2]

[1]University of Turin, Italy; [2]University of Camerino, Italy

Reimagining alpine inhabitation: Gentrification, political ecologies, and shared practices of care

Elena Brusadelli

GSSI, Italy

Reviving the massif, not the mountains: Grounding new territorial projects in Val Seriana (Italy)

Renato Ferlinghetti, Mario Paris, Sara Invernizzi

Università degli studi di Bergamo, Italy

Session 174/II Tue Sept 09
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Presentations:

Housing system as driver of sprawl: Structural challenges of sustainable urbanization in Croatia

Ivana Katurić[1,2], Lucijan Černelić[2]

[1]University of Rijeka, DELTALAB - Center for Urban Transition, Architecture and Urbanism, Croatia; [2]Urbanex, Croatia; lucijan.cernelic@urbanex.hr

Are new housing developments in Serbia heading towards sustainability? Old vs new neighborhood comparison in Belgrade's Višnjička Banja settlement

Tanja Njegić[1], Teodora Nikolić[2], Milena Milinković[1]

[1]Institute of Architecture and Urban & Spatial Planning of Serbia, Serbia; [2]University of Belgrade - Faculty of Geography, Serbia

Investigating the effects of green spaces on inner-city gentrification in highly regulated housing markets: A case study of the Augarten park in Vienna, Austria

Christoph Elbl

University of Salzburg, Austria

Emerging new generation on the PRS – insecurity, vulnerability and stress in a crumbling post-socialist housing system in Hungary

Adrienne Csizmady, Lea Kőszeghy

HUN-REN Centre for Social Sciences, Hungary

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Presentations:

Rigid conceptual frameworks of human circularity: international migration as an example

Sándor Illés

Ageing Ltd, Hungary

Immigration policy and multilevel governance – Austrian experiences

Tamás Hardi[1,2], Tünde Tempelmayr-Patay[1]

[1]HUN-REN Centre for Economic and Regional Studies Institute for Regional Studies, West-Hungarian Research Institute, Győr, Hungary; [2]Széchenyi István University Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, Mosonmagyaróvár, Hungary

Circular mobility and sustainability in the early twenty-first century

Péter Simonyi[1], Brigitta Zsótér[2], Katalin Végh[3]

[1]independent researcher, Budakeszi, Hungary; [2]University of Szeged, Szeged, Hungary; [3]Szécheny István University, Mosonmagyaróvár, Hungary

Dual (urban-rural) development from the help of the circulators during crises times and after

Brigitta Zsótér, Péter Simonyi

University of Szeged Faculty of Engineering, Hungary

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Presentations:

Shared Spaces in the everyday life of a medium-sized city: Beyond Hägerstrand

José Lasala Fortea, Carme Bellet Sanfeliu

Universitat de Lleida, Spain

Inner suburbanisation process – as a scene of micro-marginality in regional centres of Hungary

Gábor Nagy

HUN-REN RCERS, Hungary

Urban fragmentation as an effect of marginalisation processes. The case of Upper Silesian conurbation

Krystian Heffner, Piotr Gibas

University of Economics in Katowice, Poland

Geographical marginalisation in urban areas

Stanko Pelc

University of Primorska, Slovenia

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Presentations:

Smart City development and architectural education: Student perceptions on technological innovation and sustainability

Ayse Glass[1], Juan Hernandez Leal[1], Jörg Rainer Noennig[1], Anja Frost[2]

[1]HafenCity University Hamburg, Germany; [2]EDGE, Berlin, Germany

The influence of digitalization and remote working opportunities on residential choices – new emerging patterns of living beyond urban fringe

Anneli Kährik, Helina Tamm, Epp Vallikivi

University of Tartu, Estonia

Renovations and futures: Exploring justice claims and energy practices in social housing

Simone van Wieringen, Sietske Veenman

Radboud University, Netherlands

Urban renewal in Vienna – Changing challenges and aspirations

Katharina Kirsch-Soriano da Silva, Judith M. Lehner

TU Wien, Austria

Wednesday

Session 106 Wed Sept 10
Room SR2 9:00am - 10:30am

The relevance of diverse information collection in research on transition of rural areas

Session-Chairs:

Ewa Karolina Korcelli-Olejniczak, Jerzy Bański

The aim of the session is to explore what role different ways of collecting data plays in how knowledge on the transition of rural areas in built. The evidence presented derives from research carried out in different pilot regions across Europe as a major component of the HORIZON EUROPE Rural Sustainability Transitions through Integration of Knowledge for improved policy processes (RUSTIK) project. Based on a Living Lab approach, data and information needs are defined and data collection methods selected to develop policy initiatives and solutions that can be transferable, replicable, serve as best practices for other European contexts and capacities of local actors.

Presentations:

Combining data and stakeholder engagement to support rural transitions: Lessons from small rural businesses in the Nock-region-Oberkärnten living lab (Austria)

Karin Schroll, Daria Ernst, Ingrid Machold

Federal Institute of Agricultural Economics, Rural and Mountain Research, Austria

Supporting social entrepreneurship and food redistribution: A modelling approach

Matic Soklič, Emil Erjavec, Ilona Rac

University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

A living lab approach: a challenge or a solution for gathering information on a Functional Rural Area (FRA). The case of the Radomski subregion in Poland

Marcin Mazur, Ewa Korcelli-Olejniczak

Institute of Geography and Spatial Organization PAS, Poland

Developing an inclusive short food supply chain to meet the tourism demand – example of LL Zaječar district

Natalija Bogdanov, Saša Todorović

University of Belgrade - Faculty of Agriculture, Serbia

Session 113/I Wed Sept 10
Room JOS 9:00am - 10:30am

Green and blue infrastructure and urban health

Session-Chairs:

Chiara-Charlotte Iodice, Anna Kajosaari, Noriko Otsuka

Urban green and blue infrastructure (GBI) support health, well-being, and climate adaptation. However, due to discrepancies in the provision of these infrastructures, not all urban residents have the same opportunities to benefit from GBI in enhancing their health and well-being. This session addresses challenges in measuring and ensuring equitable distribution of health-promoting GBI. Key topics include the role of

GBI in urban transformation and climate adaptation, equity and justice in access, multifunctional approaches to maximizing benefits, governance perspectives, and citizen participation in planning and maintaining GBI projects, as well as links between GBI and individual or community health.

Presentations:

Co-developing nature-based solutions to counter heat in the city: A matter of (in)justice. Insights from the EU-horizon project ARCADIA.

Alexis Sancho Reinoso[1], Misagh Mottaghi[2], Kes McCormick[2]

[1]Office of the Lower Austrian Government, Austria; [2]Swedish Agricultural University (SLU)

Understanding community dynamics in co-developing nature-based solutions in two neighbourhoods of Turku, Finland

Ulrika Elina Stevens, Salla Eilola, Nora Fagerholm

University of Turku, Finland

Viennese urban water features: institutionalist and environmental justice perspectives on planning processes

Maeve Hofer, Alois Humer, Anna Kajosaari

Austrian Academy of Sciences

Stakeholders view on landscape characteristics supporting nature-based interventions for human mental health and well-being

Anna Åshage[1], Anna María Pálsdóttir[2], Renata Giedych[4], Sarah Knight[5], Charlotte Roscoe[6], Petra Ellora Cau Wetterholm[3], Halina Sienkiewicz-Jarosz[7], Beata Gawryszewska[4], Agnieszka Borowiec[7], Silvio Caputo[8], Virginia Cioncoloni[9], Helen Cole[10], Michele D'Ostuni[9], Paula de Prado-Bert[10], Carola Domènech Panicello[11], Moritz Gutjahr[12], Michael Hardman[5], Michelle Howarth[13], Chiara Iodice[12], Justyna Klingemann[14], Yael Koren[15], Rebecca Lanford[6], Gabriela Maksymiuk[4], Lizzy Moonga[12], Agnieszka Olszewska-Guizzo[16], Noriko Otsuka[12], Giuseppina Pennisi[9], Kathrin Specht[12], Zuzanna Syczewska[7], Margarita Triguero-Mas[11], Marcus Hedblom[1]

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Session 117/I Wed Sept 10
Room THE 9:00am - 10:30am

Transborder and cross-border transportation: Connectivity, accessibility, and mobility

Session-Chairs:

Chia-Lin Chen, Jie Huang, Jiaoe Wang

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'soft' (policy/service) components. This includes identifying infrastructure gaps, cultural barriers, and development challenges, while advancing theoretical and methodological approaches to measuring connectivity, accessibility, and mobility. This session includes studies on the border effects of maritime shipping, air travel, and railway networks across diverse regions, including the Greater Bay Area in China, Eastern Poland, and Northern Ireland.

Presentations:

Border effects in European air passenger transport

Jakub Daněk[1,2], Frédéric Dobruszkes[2]

[1]Masaryk University (MUNI), Faculty of Economics and Administration, Department of Economics, Brno-Pisárky, Czech Republic; [2]Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB), Faculty of Sciences, DGES-IGEAT, Brussels, Belgium

The impact of cross-border railway development on Eurasian accessibility: A simulation of central Asia's railway connectivity

Yongling Li[1], Jiaoe Wang[2,3]

[1]School of Architecture and Fine Art, Dalian University of Technology, China; [2]Key Laboratory of Regional Sustainable Development Modeling, Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China; [3]College of Resources and Environment, University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, China

Competitiveness and complementarity in cross-border shipping

Yongshun Xie[1], Jie Huang[2]

[1]Fujian Normal University, China; [2]Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China

Quantifying border effects in Trans-European Transport Network: A simulation approach

Jie Huang, Jiaye Cai, Chia-Lin Chen, Jiaoe Wang

Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, CAS, China

Session 119 Wed Sept 10
Room MUS 9:00am - 10:30am

The relationship between people, technology and space in the AI era

Session-Chairs:

Runlin Yang, Shan Yang

In the AI era, emerging technologies such as remote work are reshaping spatial configurations by enhancing individual freedom, mobility, and agency within space. Unlike previous eras where spatial concentration dominated, AI enables a decoupling of residence from workplace, allowing individuals to select living environments more freely. This shift challenges longstanding patterns of spatial inequality and centralization. The session investigates how AI-driven work models transform the relationship between people, technology, and space, offering new insights into future regional development trajectories.

Presentations:

Measurements of distance in international trade of goods

Łukasz Gręda

University of Warsaw, Poland

Digitalization in health care regarding the Covid-19 pandemic – A case study from Hungary

Annamária Uzzoli

HUN-REN CSFK, Hungary

Impacts of remote work on human mobility and heat exposure patterns under climate change: An environmental justice perspective

Jiren Wang

Nanjing University, China

Session 128 Wed Sept 10
Room AZS 9:00am - 10:30am

Political graffiti and public expressions in the symbolic urban landscapes of a changing Europe

Session-Chair:

David Hána

As Europe faces political, social, and economic changes, cities emerge as key arenas for public expression. This session explores political graffiti, stickers, and other urban (visual) communications as reflections of, and reactions to, these changes. From slogans to street art, such expressions assert views, challenge narratives, and claim space in contested urban landscapes. Through case studies from different regions, we will discuss how individuals and groups use symbolic public space to negotiate their place within a transforming Europe, and how these visual forms express political opinions and contribute to the symbolic power of public spaces.

Presentations:

Tagging political territories: A geographical perspective on political graffiti in Linz, Austria

David Hána

Faculty of Science, Charles University, Czech Republic

Wall-written dissensus in a neoliberal city

Sandi Abram

Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Faculty of Arts, Slovenia

Emotional and political heritage landscapes through the lens of street art in the city of Porto, Portugal

Ana Rita Albuquerque

University of Montpellier Paul-Valéry (UMPV), France

From graffiti to memes and vice versa: Visual communication in election campaigns across digital and physical spaces

Miriam Haselbacher, Ursula Reeger

Austrian Academy of Sciences

Session 129 Wed Sept 10
Room SR1 9:00am - 10:30am

Europe in the making - The changing religious landscapes

Session-Chair:

Gianfranco Battisti

As we all know, faith always becomes culture, also through environmental transformation (especially buildings) that often defy the centuries. Nowadays in all countries the religious composition of the population is changing rapidly

and this general reshuffling erases the once common identification between a country and a religion. The question then arises: in an era of change like the present, is what appears to be in doubt the cultural heritage of the various religions or rather the core of the different faiths? To answer this question, it is first necessary to consider the typology of geographical phenomena that can be encountered.

Presentations:

Religion as a marker of national identity - the changing pattern of Europe

Peter Jordan

Austrian Academy of Sciences

Investigating the regional aspects of declining ecclesiastical religiosity in Hungary

Antal Tóth, Csaba Patkós

Eszterházy Károly Catholic University, Hungary

From the French laïcité of the early 20th century to the global emergency of the 21st. The transformation of religious buildings in an Italian diocese on the French border.

Lorenzo Bagnoli

University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy

Muslim places of worship in Florence: spatial perceptions and religious practices of Florentine Muslim communities

Martino Haver Longo

University of Florence, Italy

Session 150 — Wed Sept 10
Room JEK — 9:00am - 10:30am

Urban spaces for well-being and care in a changing Europe

Session-Chairs:

Maria Lindmäe, Mizan Rambhoros

Urban environments shape the everyday lives of individuals through their design, accessibility, and affective experiences. Optimising spaces that accommodate care tasks and foster mental and physical wellbeing has become particularly important for improving the life quality of different vulnerable groups whose needs are often overlooked in urban planning. This panel focuses on the intersection of care, accessibility and affective experiences to explores how urban design can support the well-being of diverse populations, especially from the following perspectives:

- Affective Experiences and Well-Being in Urban Spaces
- Public Space Accessibility and Care Responsibilities
- Urban Design for Mental and Physical Health

Presentations:

Building child-friendly cities: Lessons from the international child-friendly cities initiative and its implementation in Europe

Sara Mellinato

Sapienza Università di Roma, Italy

Urban spaces of caring communities and new urban cultures of care in Austria, Hungary, and the Netherlands

Dóra Gábriel[1], Valentin Fröhlich[2], Florian Pimminger[2]

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Psychiatric care in the city – Human scale and social condensers

Manuel Singer

TU Wien, Austria

What do children need? The role of informal open spaces in planning practices to foster children's well-being in suburbia

Tilmann Teske, Sarah Friedel, Angela Million

Technical University Berlin, Germany

Session 161 Wed Sept 10
Room ALB 9:00am - 10:30am

Extractive landscapes: bridging different disciplinary perspectives through the history of European marginal territories

Session-Chairs:

Mosè Cometta, Johannes Herburger

This session investigates the evolving role of extractive and peripheral territories – especially in Europe – through historical and interdisciplinary lenses. It examines how past and present extractive dynamics have shaped socio-economic and spatial development outside urban cores. Bridging political ecology, rural and urban studies, and eco-Marxism, the session aims to trace continuities and ruptures in centre-periphery relations over the last two centuries. By focusing on historical and contemporary extractive landscapes, it seeks to better understand territorial transformation, lingering inequalities, and potential trajectories. The session also aspires to foster a long-term research community and collaborative publications on these themes.

Presentations:

Conditioned urban growth & hidden geographies of coal extraction, storage and usage. Bulk landscape and the case of coronel sacrifice zone, Chile.

Miguel Angel Delso Páez, Karolina Krośnicka

Gdańsk University of Technology, Poland

Transformation of a European extractive landscape – The case of the Austrian Styrian iron route

Jörn Harfst, Wolfgang Fischer

University of Graz, Department of Geography and Regional Science, Austria

Extractive hinterlands and territorial governance: The Scottish highlands and islands as an operational landscape

Bilgesu Sever

Bilkent University, Ankara, Turkiye

Digging and filling for the metropolis: the trajectories of quarry territories in the Seine Valley (France) in the light of legal and market regulation

Solène Rey-Coquais

UPEC - lab'urba, France

Session 166-173/I Wed Sept 10
Room SIS 9:00am - 10:30am

New trends in the electoral geography in Europe

Session-Chairs:

Christian Vandermotten,
Gilles Van Hamme

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Presentations:

The spatialisation of new electoral cleavages in Europe since the beginning of the 21st century

Christian Vandermotten

Société royale belge de géographie, Belgium

Local and transnational: The political geography of European parliament elections

François Hublet

Groupe d'études géopolitiques, Paris, France

Between rural and urban. Specificity of political behaviour in small towns of Poland

Michał Konopski

Institute of Geography and Spatial Organization, Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland

Geographical aspects of the 2024 redistricting of Hungarian parliamentary constituencies

Tamás Kovalcsik

HUN-REN Centre for Social Sciences, Hungary

Session 200 Wed Sept 10
Room ARS 9:00am - 10:30am

Private developers and world heritage city: Tensions, negotiations and arrangements

Session-Chairs:

Sandra Guinand, Gábor Oláh, Etienne Berthold, Maryse Boivin, Maria Gravari-Barbas, Laura Brown

Urban heritage is a powerful vector for development, identity, and tourism (Gravari-Barbas, 2020). While it has mainly been studied from public policy perspectives (Guinand, 2015), the role of private players in Unesco-listed sites remains less explored. Yet, in a context where heritage is becoming a commodity (Berg, 2017), offering a comparative advantage, or suffering the effects of the financialization of real estate (Risager, 2021) or neglect, private actors, semi-public or non-profit entities are key actors in renovating the historic fabric. This session looks at heritage processes characterised by complex public-private negotiations, arrangements and tensions (Berthold & Mercier, 2015) in different contexts.

Presentations:

When memory meets the market: Investor-led urbicide and heritage sites

Maja Jović

University of Westminster, United Kingdom

Urban tensions around world heritage: the landscape of light in the historic center of Madrid

María García-Hernández, Manuel de la Calle Vaquero, Héctor Aliaga de Miguel, Beatriz Martínez Parra

Complutense University of Madrid, Spain;

Time matters: Chrononomies of UNESCO World Heritage governance

James White

University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom

Negotiating World Heritage: The trials of Edinburgh's old and new towns

Ruxandra-Iulia Stoica

The University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom

Session 113/II Wed Sept 10
Room JOS 11:00am - 12:30pm

Green and blue infrastructure and urban health

Session-Chairs:

Chiara-Charlotte Iodice,
Anna Kajosaari, Noriko Otsuka

Urban green and blue infrastructure (GBI) support health, well-being, and climate adaptation. However, due to discrepancies in the provision of these infrastructures, not all urban residents have the same opportunities to benefit from GBI in enhancing their health and well-being. This session addresses challenges in measuring and ensuring equitable distribution of health-promoting GBI. Key topics include the role of GBI in urban transformation and climate adaptation, equity and justice in access, multifunctional approaches to maximizing benefits, governance perspectives, and citizen participation in planning and maintaining GBI projects, as well as links between GBI and individual or community health.

Presentations:

Research on parks and green spaces policies through health promotion in Japan's SDGs future cities in the Kansai metropolitan region

Tomoko Miyagawa[1], Noriko Otsuka[2,3], Hirokazu Abe[3]

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Citizen engagement and just adaptation to flooding in Amsterdam

Michele Castrezzati

University of Vienna, Austria; University of Amsterdam, Netherlands

Activity space exposure to greenness and physical activity: A longitudinal GPS and accelerometer study before and after retirement

Arpa Aishwarya[1], Jooa Norha[2], Carlos Gonzales Inca[1], Kamyar Hasanzadeh[3], Sanna Pasanen[4,5], Jaana Pentti[4,5,6], Jussi Vahtera[4,5], Sari Stenholm[4,5,7], Nora Fagerholm[1]

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Impact of proximity to urban green spaces on adolescent use and well-being in Spanish cities

Alicia González-Marín, Marco Garrido-Cumbrera, José Correa-Fernández

Health and Territory Research (HTR), University of Seville, Spain

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Presentations:

Beyond borders: the role of Trieste in territorial development

Francesca Sinatra, Giuseppe Borruso

University of Trieste, Italy

Evaluating the causal impacts on spatial satisfaction sentiment of Shenzhen-Hong Kong regional integration policies: An interrupted time series study leveraging large language models

Luyao Niu[1], Yurun Wang[1], Wenjia Zhang[2]

[1]Peking University, China; [2]Tongji University, China

One country, different borders: The motivation factors for cross-border mobility

Vilem Paril, Michaela Neumannova, Lucie Herbockova, Martin Vrána

Masaryk University, Czech Republic

The influence of HSR on the duration of an international one-day business trip: The perspective of Czechia

Martin Vrána

Masaryk University, Czech Republic

Session 122 Wed Sept 10
Room SR2 11:00am - 12:30pm

Sacrifice zones: Configurations, representations, practices, and reterritorialization projects in Europe

Session-Chairs:

Federica Epifani, Gustavo D'Aversa, Patrizia Domenica Miggiano

"Sacrifice zones" emerge from power relations through governance and planning that designate territories as expendable for purported development gains. Geographically, they raise spatial issues (distribution of harms and benefits), territorial concerns (planning decisions and actors involved), and identity questions (how inhabitants experience and reshape space). Such processes operate at scales from micro (individual experiences) to global (non-European areas serving Europe), formed by relationships of domination. This session invites theoretical contributions and European case studies that analyze cultural representations and resistance practices aimed at redefining and regenerating these places.

Presentations:

Rethinking marginality through the geographies of children living in neighborhoods "of exception". A comparison between Borgo Marina, Rimini, and Al Hussein Camp, Amman

Veronica Cucci

La Sapienza Università di Roma, Italy

Spaces of resistance and "Sacrifice Zones": Comics as a tool for socio-ecological mobilization in southern Italy

Fanny Bortone, Antonella Rinella

Università del Salento, Italy

Toward a European definition of "Sacrifice Zone": Configurations, representations, and pathways to spatial justice

Gustavo D'Aversa[1], Patrizia Domenica Miggiano[2], Federica Epifani[1]

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Session 153 Wed Sept 10
Room ALB 11:00am - 12:30pm

Migrant transnationalism

Session-Chairs:

Ádám Németh, Yuri Kazepov

This session aims to explore the connection between space and migrant transnationalism by examining a range of topics, including the following. 1) Conceptualization and operationalisation of migrant transnationalism. 2) Migration "corridors" and the flow of resources (e.g. remittances, investments) in the transnational space – spatial patterns and their impacts on socioeconomic and political processes. 3) How transnational engagement influences spatial behaviour (e.g., regular visits, circular labour migration), personal relationships (e.g., family members left behind, social networks in the host country) and subjective well-being. 4) The way emotional ties to multiple places shapes people's identities and their migration intentions/decisions.

Presentations:

An integration–transnationalism matrix analysis of Hungarian migrants: Evidence from an online survey

Csilla Zsigmond, Eszter Kovács

HUN-REN Centre for Social Sciences, Institute for Minority Studies, Hungary

The digital inclusion of transnational migrants and transnational households

Dušan Drbohlav[1], Eva Janská[1], Jiří Hasman[1], Zdeněk Čermák[1], Adrian Bailey[2]

[1]Charles University, Faculty of Science, Czech Republic; [2]Beijing Normal University-Hong Kong Baptist University, United International College, Zhuhai, Guangdong, China

Multiple place attachment, identification with and loyalty to place

Barbora Gulisova

University of Girona, Spain

Is it worth it? Spatial mobility, overqualification and subjective well-being among Hungarian transnational migrants and cross-border commuters in Austria

Ádám Németh

Austrian Academy of Sciences, University of Vienna, Austria

Session 163 Wed Sept 10
Room SR1 11:00am - 12:30pm

The changing European rural landscape: Land concentration, monocultures, and biodiversity loss

Session-Chairs:

Pierluigi De Felice, Marilena Labianca, Maria Gemma Grillotti Di Giacomo, Silvia Siniscalchi, Luisa Spagnoli, Teresa Amodio

This session explores the deep transformations affecting European rural landscapes, focusing on land concentration, monoculture expansion, and their environmental and social consequences. It examines how agricultural intensification, driven by EU policies and global markets, threatens biodiversity, ecosystem services, and rural livelihoods. The session includes contributions adopting a diachronic perspective to assess sustainability challenges, socio-economic impacts (such as depopulation and inequality), and the changing role of rural communities. By addressing cultivation practices, governance, and landscape evolution, the session aims to critically reflect on the future of Europe's countryside and the need for more inclusive, resilient rural development models.

Presentations:

The rural landscape as an interpretative paradigm of sustainable agriculture

Maria Gemma Grillotti Di Giacomo[1], Pierluigi De Felice[2], Marilena Labianca[3]

[1]Association Inter-University Research Group GECOAGRI LANDITALY; [2]University of Salerno; [3]University of Foggia

Land concentration, monocultures, social transformation in rural Hungary

Imre Kovách, Ágnes Győri

Centre for Social Sciences, Hungary

Advancing sustainable land management: A case study on soil health and biodiversity in mainland Portugal

Eduardo Gomes[1], Luís Valença Pinto[2], Miguel Inácio[2], Paulo Pereira[2], Cláudia Viana[1]

[1]Centre of Geographical Studies (CEG), Associate Laboratory TERRA, Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning (IGOT), Universidade de Lisboa; [2]Environmental Management Laboratory, Mykolas Romeris University, Vilnius, Lithuania

Current trends in mountain farming between intensification and new crops. Findings from some case studies in Italian Eastern Alps

Viviana Ferrario[1], Lucia Piani[2], Nadia Carestiato[2], Giovanni Agostoni[1], Marta Siragna[1], Marianna Fabbrizioli[1], Micol Rossetti[1], Andrea De Coi[1]

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Session 166-173/II Wed Sept 10
Room SIS 11:00am - 12:30pm

Spatial aspects of political behaviour: elections, referendums, protest events

Session-Chairs:

Balázs Szabó, Tamás Kovalcsik

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Presentations:

Exploring spatial dynamics of voter turnout: A multiscale analysis of Croatia's 2024 parliamentary elections

Mislav Stjepan Čagalj

University of Zadar, Croatia

Local activity of Poznań residents in light of the results of the elections to district councils in 2024

Emilia Bogacka, Katarzyna Kulczyńska, Roman Matykowski

Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland

Exploring the electoral geography of right-wing populism: The role of left-behind regions

Andreas Klärner[1], Martin Refisch[1], Josef Bernard[2]

[1]Thünen Institute of Rural Studies, Germany; [2]The Czech Academy of Sciences

Difficulties to access services & equipments and the impact on electoral behaviour

François Luciardi

Free University of Brussels, Belgium

Session 175 Wed Sept 10
Room AZS 11:00am - 12:30pm

Physical geography toponyms: a friendly tool for a better comprehension of the geomorphological landscape

Session-Chairs:

Francesco Faccini, Andrea Ferrando, Paola Coratza

This session aims to stimulate research that associates toponymy with the

geography of the landscape. There are many different place-names attributed to the types of landforms, geology of the bedrock and hydrogeology features, and often the toponymy also suggests useful information on the vegetation, agriculture and human settlement. A careful interpretation of toponymy of a physical-geographical nature can also provide insights into the understanding of landforms and their evolution through time, and could be used in spatial planning activities, thus allowing it to be considered an original and friendly tool for a better comprehension of the natural and cultural landscape.

Presentations:

Landscape terminology and everyday language

Hannes Palang, Mari Uusküla

Tallinn University, Estonia

The lost names: The disappearance of glacier names in the Austrian Alps

Regina Falkensteiner

BEV, Austria

Examples of evidence of mismatch between toponyms and landforms in Campania region cartography

Michele Sisto, Paolo Magliulo, Filippo Russo, Alessio Valente

University of Sannio, Benevento, Italy

Identification and classification of physical and human geography toponyms in the Antola Natural Park (Ligurian Apennines)

Francesco Faccini[1], Andrea Ferrando[1], Lara Fiorentini[2], Federico Marenco[3,2], Enrica Mescoli[3], Sergio Pedemonte[4], Pietro Piana[1]

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Session 179 Wed Sept 10
Room MUS 11:00am - 12:30pm

Local strategies of empowering rural communities

Session-Chair:

Andreas Koch

Rural communities face complex, locally diverse challenges such as demographic change, economic transformation, and climate impacts. Standardised territorial and centralised governance approaches often fall short due to internal homogenisation and top-down power dynamics. A more promising strategy lies in social-spatial governance that emphasises relational and networked space concepts. These foster local autonomy, decentralise decision-making, and promote civic engagement. Municipalism and communalism, as discussed in critical social geography, aim to build commons-based institutions and egalitarian interdependencies between people, places, and nature. They also address social inequality and align with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, offering a resilient path for rural development.

Presentations:

When bottom-up isn't enough. Local rural perspective between culture wars and false consciousness

Mosè Cometta

Università della Svizzera italiana, Switzerland

Local stakeholders' involvement in co-participatory multi-hazard risk management along the Prut valley

Aliona Botnari[1], Andreea-Daniela Fedor[2], Elena-Oana Chelariu[2], Tatiana Bunduc[1], Mihai Niculiţă[2], Ioana Chiriac[1], Andra-Cosmina Albulescu[2], Iurie Bejan[1], Mihai Ciprian Margarint[2]

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Scarce water resources between communal ownership and national centralization efforts

Dennis Wilke[1], Philipp Gorris[1,2], Roger Madrigal Ballestero[3], Claudia Pahl-Wostl[1]

[1]Institute of Geography, Osnabrück University, Germany; [2]Stockholm Resilience Center, Stockholm University, Sweden; [3]Centro Agronomico Tropical de Investigacion y Ensenanza (CATIE), Turrialba, Costa Rica

Geographical indications: Examining the role of PDO and PGI schemes in producer cooperation in Slovenia

Erik Logar

Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Slovenia

Session 180 Wed Sept 10
Room JEK 11:00am - 12:30pm

Agronomic production and water resources: Strategies, innovations, and practices for climate change resilience

Session-Chairs:

Lucia Grazia Varasano, Luisa Spagnoli

Ongoing Global Climate Change (CC) indicates that we have entered a period of persistent environmental abnormality, characterized by more frequent and intense extreme events. Among the most significant risks posed by CC are those affecting agriculture, particularly in terms of water availability and supply, food security, and crop yields. In this context, geographers are called upon to address new global challenges; rather than being mere observers, they must actively engage with innovative practices that can impact multiple dimensions through a combined research-action approach. The session intends to gather both theoretical-methodological thoughts and application-oriented case studies that can help identify and understand best practices for developing sustainable agriculture. The goal is to explore and safeguard traditional water systems, test innovative solutions for water management, and use more resilient genetic resources.

Presentations:

How is agriculture adapting to climate change?

Csaba Vaszkó[1], András Huszár[1], Róbert Barna[2], Éva Pudleiner[3]

[1]Green Policy Center, Hungary; [2]Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences; [3]PÉva Művek

Possibilities for profound land-use change in a drying area

Boldizsár Gergely Megyesi[1,3], Alexandra Czeglédi[1], Péter Kajner[2], András Király[2], György Pataki[1]

[1]Environmental Social Sciences Research Group Nonprofit Ltd., Hungary; [2]WWF Hungary; [3]Centre for Social Sciences

Water resources and agronomic strategies in North Africa: Adapting to climate change challenges

Aleksandar Valjarević

University of Belgrade, Serbia

Valorisation of natural and cultural heritage of rural areas in a climate change context

Giulia Lussana, Giulio Senes, Sara Fortusini

University of Milan, Italy

Session 198 Wed Sept 10
Room ARS 11:00am - 12:30pm

Transformative worldvisions from the global East? (Post) socialist inspirations for resilience and good life

Session-Chairs:

Lucie Sovová, Janas Gebauer, Anja Decker, Lilian Pungas, Markus Sattler, Sunna Kovanen

In a world marked by climate crisis, political polarization, and geopolitical instability, postsocialist countries in the Global East offer vital, yet underexplored lessons in resilience and transformation. This session challenges "catch-up" development narratives by highlighting the region's rich history of navigating change. From rural resource management to urban commoning and self-provisioning: interdisciplinary theoretical and empirical contributions revisit transformative concepts like community economies and examine how local communities self-organize, mobilize skills in times of crisis and envision alternative futures. By rebalancing the East-West dynamic, the session aims to uncover lessons for more plural, equitable and sustainable pathways – within and beyond Europe.

Presentations:

Common pool resources, collaborative action, and local knowledge in High Asia

Andrei Dörre

Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

Quiet commoning or, the distributed and informal management of common goods in the urban, public orchards of czechia's capital city

Tobias Herman Hendrik Feltham

Charles University, Czech Republic

Quiet right to the city: Contributing to urban sustainability by converging allotment and community gardens

Michaela Pixová[1,2], Christina Plank[1]

[1]BOKU University, Austria; [2]FF UK, Czechia

On Babushkas and postcapitalism: Theorising diverse economies from the global East

Lucie Sovová[1], Ottavia Cima[2], Petr Jehlička[3], Lilian Pungas[4], Markus Sattler[5], Thomas SJ Smith[6], Nadia Johanisova[7], Sunna Kovanen[8], Peter North[9]

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Presentations:

The potential for using regional rail in intra-urban commuting in central and eastern Europe

Wojciech Jurkowski

University of Wroclaw, Poland

The decline of conventional rail services in low-populated areas amid high-speed rail expansion

Zacarias Grande Andrade, Daniela Henríquez Flores

Universitat Politecnica de Catalunya, Spain

The impact of the construction of the central communication hub (CPK) and new high-speed railway line on the accessibility and range of outreach of airports in Poland

Radoslaw Bul

Adam Mickiewicz University Poznań, Poland

The effects of teleworking on high-speed rail commuting patterns in Spain: A changing scenario

Amparo Moyano, Laura Moreno-Trujillo

Department of Civil Engineering, Universidad de Castilla La Mancha (UCLM), Spain

Session 123/I Wed Sept 10
Room JOS 2:00pm - 3:30pm

The healing city in times of climate change

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Presentations:

Urban green areas for health in the context of climate change

Marta Rodeschini, Emanuele Garda, Alessandro Filomeno, Marco Tononi
University of Bergamo, Italy

Geospatial prioritization of terrains for "Greening" urban infrastructure

Bilyana Borisova, Lidiya Semerdzieva, Stelian Dimitrov, Stoyan Valchev, Martin Iliev, Kristian Georgiev
Sofia University St.Kliment Ohridski, Bulgaria

Visual preferences for greenery in cities through the eyes of young people in Czechia

Jiří Preis[1], Jan Kopp[1], Jiří Ježek[1], Jiří Panek[2]
[1]University of West Bohemia in Pilsen, Czechia; [2]Palacky University Olomouc, Czechia

Individual risk awareness profiles in the context of green and blue infrastructure

Carolin Klonner, Nora Fagerholm
Department of Geography and Geology, University of Turku, Finland

Session 127 Wed Sept 10
Room SR1 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Navigating demographic and migration challanges: Data-informed solutions for a changing world

Session-Chairs:

Elīna Apsīte-Beriņa, Zaiga Krišjāne, Māris Bērziņš

According to the EC, demographic change, along with the green and digital transitions, is a key force shaping Europe's future. Comparable demographic data are essential for designing effective policies in health, labour, education, access to services and territorial development. Due to regional diversity across Europe, policies must be tailored and data-informed, taking into account population composition, migration trends, non-migration factors. This session explores the complex interplay between demographic shifts and migration patterns. By leveraging data-driven approaches, we aim to identify innovative strategies and policy solutions to address the challenges and opportunities presented by migration, ageing populations, and broader demographic transformations.

Presentations:

The impact of contemporary migration patterns in Croatia on age and family structures

Vera Graovac Matassi
University of Zadar, Croatia

Understanding demographic and migratory patterns in left-behind places of Latvia

Māris Bērziņš, Elīna Apsīte-Beriņa, Niks Stafeckis, Janis Krumins
University of Latvia, Latvia

Population ageing in Croatia: Will older people be left alone and unprotected?

Sanja Klempić Bogadi[1], Sonja Podgorelec[1], Dubravka Spevec[2], Margareta Gregurović[1]
[1]Department for Migration and Demographic Research, Institute for Migration Research, Croatia; [2]Department of Geography, Faculty of Science, University of Zagreb, Croatia

The role of international students in addressing demographic shifts: A resource for demographic resilience in Latvia

Elīna Apsīte-Beriņa[1], Sindija Balode[1], Ieva Jegermane[1], Eero Loonurm[2]

[1]University of Latvia, Latvia; [2]Estonian Education and Youth Board, Estonia

Session 135/I Wed Sept 10
Room AZS 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Arts-based research in urban geography: Re-imagining urban lifeworlds

Session-Chairs:

Miriam Haselbacher, Philipp Schnell, Wiebke Sievers

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Presentations:

Sex workers' experiences and utopias of self-representation in city space in Finland

Laura Horsmanheimo

University of Helsinki, Finland

Participative multimodal research across micro-urbanities in an inner-periphery

Piotr Goldstein[1], Iepke Marie Rijcken[2], Magdalena Nowicka[1], Olga Łojewska[1], Maksymilian Awuah[1], Kyoko Shinozaki[2]

[1]German Centre for Integration and Migration Research (DeZIM), Berlin, Germany; [2]Paris Lodron University Salzburg

Urban crossings: Post-migration spaces and artistic encounters in Istanbul Gülay Uğur Göksel

İstanbul Bilgi University, Turkiye

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values, attitudes, and practices in rural areas? How can they contribute to the sustainability of rural communities?

Presentations:

Investigating the transformation of urban fringe areas – Land use changes and segregation in the peripheries of central-eastern European cities

Ádám Szalai, József Lennert, Gábor Vasárus, András Donát Kovács

HUN-REN CERS IRS, Hungary

Urban to rural migration, rural gentrification, and the "new urbanity" in coastal towns of Turkey: The cases of Seferihisar and Datça

Dilek Memişoğlu-Gökbınar, Neslihan Demirtaş-Milz, Derya Aktaş, Pınar Ebe-Güzgü

İzmir Katip Çelebi University, Turkiye

Urban newcomers as candidates in rural municipal elections. Explorations in the political dimension of lifestyle migration

Anja Decker

Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic

Urban newcomers and rural development: the role of entrepreneurship in rural development

Kyra Tomay

Department of Sociology, University of Pécs, Hungary

Session 142 Wed Sept 10
Room SR2 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Geopolitics of migration and security in a changing Europe

Session-Chairs:

Maria Paola Pagnini, Giuseppe Terranova

This session critically explores the intersection of migration, border governance, and security in a rapidly evolving European geopolitical context – particularly in an international arena that the proponents of this session have described as disordered. It examines how national security concerns and political instability shape divergent migration management models across EU member states, highlighting tensions, solidarity mechanisms, and the impact of migration on regional cohesion. Ongoing conflicts, such as in Ukraine and the Middle East, expose divergent foreign policy stances. The session also addresses cultural change, radicalization, and human rights challenges, offering frameworks for understanding Europe's geopolitical future.

Presentations:

Geopolitics of immigration in a disordered world: the case of the European Union

Maria Paola Pagnini, Giuseppe Terranova

Unicusano, Italy

Women as geopolitical subjects and objects in the context of migration and security

Sonia Malvica[1], Carmelo Maria Porto[2]

[1]University of Sassari, Italy; [2]University of Messina, Italy

Migration routes and 'Fortress Europe'. Cultural geography considerations on the migratory journey

Giovanni Messina, Enrico Nicosia

University of Messina, Italy

Global supply chains, uncertainty and geopolitics in a changing Europe

Marco Mazzarino
University Iuav of Venice, Italy

Session 147 Wed Sept 10
Room MUS 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Geopolitics of early modern age: Conflicts, authors, maps and perspectives of a global world

Session-Chair:
Alessandro Ricci

This session invites discusses authors, cartographic representations, and political theories of the early modern age (16th–17th centuries) from a geopolitical perspective. By connecting historical and geographical approaches, it aims to stimulate interdisciplinary debate on how European treaties, territorial conflicts, the rise of nation states, and cartographic tools shaped modern geopolitics. The session highlights the still underexplored geopolitical dimension of early modernity, encouraging contributions on authors, maps, atlases, borders, political realism, and emerging globalisation.

Presentations:

On the political use of geography. The case of Gabriel Chappuys.

Davide Suin
Università degli Studi di Genova, Italy

Geostrategic rhetoric of the map: Decorative elements on early modern cartographic representations of the Adriatic Sea

Lena Mirošević[1], Dubravka Mlinarić[2]
[1]Department of Geography, University of Zadar, Croatia; [2]Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies, Zagreb, Croatia

The heritage of mural cycles. The symbolism of power from the modern age to contemporaneity: The case of the cartographic cycle of the Palazzo Aeronautica in Rome

Carlotta Bilardi
Università La Sapienza di Roma, Italy

Global lines and geopolitics of early modern age: Maps for a global world

Alessandro Ricci
Università di Bergamo, Italy

Session 154 Wed Sept 10
Room ALB 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Going beyond the city borders – Culture's role in regional development, with a special focus on European capital of culture

Session-Chairs:
Judit Sulyok, Katalin Lorincz, Eszter Madarász

Culture now drives economic growth and social cohesion. Once deemed elitist, it is increasingly opened to all social groups. Vibrant cultural scenes boost city branding, attract talents, and improve locals' quality of life. EU policy echoes this: the European Capital of Culture title defines culture broadly and helps even smaller cities and regions develop strategies that overcome geo-

graphic barriers and promote inclusion. The main goal of the session is to share research results unveiling the role of culture-oriented developments in regional development. The session includes conceptual, theoretical, and methodological papers, case studies and best practice reports.

Presentations:

From miners to students to knowledge-intensive entrepreneurs? On the (sociocultural) complexities of establishing entrepreneurship in post-industrial regional development

Lukas Robert Zaghow

Technical University of Berlin, Germany

Celebrating culture without borders: The twin town Gorizia-Nova Gorica as European Capital of Culture 2025

Julia Dittel, Florian Weber

Saarland University, Germany

Culture for all? Access to culture from the perspective of the European Capital of Culture (ECoC) programme

Katalin Lorincz, Eszter Madarasz, Judit Sulyok

University of Pannonia, Hungary

The role of culture in tourism: A generational study in Hungary

Zsuzsanna Behringer[1,3], Noémi Kulcsár[1], Titanilla Tevely[2]

[1]Metropolitan University of Budapest (METU), Hungary; [2]Faculty of Economics of Alexander Lámfalussy Sopron University; [3]Doctoral School of the Neumann János University

Session 182/I Wed Sept 10
Room THE 2:00pm - 3:30pm

Islands and Their Geographies in a Transforming Europe

Session-Chairs:

Anica Čuka, Mucahid Mustafa Bayrak, Macia Blazquez-Salom, Sun-Kee Hong, Patsy Lewis

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Presentations:

Reactivation of the profit rate via upgrading mass tourism destinations

Macia Blazquez-Salom, Marc Fuster-Uguet, Nora Müllere

Universitat de les Illes Balears, Spain

Addressing island depopulation: The complex links between tourism and new residents

Carolin Funck

Hiroshima University, Japan

Turning the Faroes into one city. Demographic and spatial impacts of 60 years of transport infrastructure expansion.

Alexis Sancho Reinoso[1], Timothy Heleniak[2]

[1]Office of the Lower Austrian Government, Dept. of Environment and Energy Affairs; [2]Nordregio

Islandness and beyond: Exploring islanders' and non-islanders' perspectives on identity, branding, and sustainability

Angeliki Mitropoulou

University of the Aegean, Greece

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Presentations:

Geographical analysis of the evolution of overnight train services in central and western Europe since 1989

Simon Blainey[1], Marcin Król[2], Jakub Taczanowski[3]

[1]University of Birmingham, United Kingdom; [2]SGH Warsaw School of Economics, Poland; [3]Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland

Night trains in Europe – sustainable alternative or niche market?

Zdeněk Tomeš, Vilem Pařil

Masaryk University, Czech Republic

Geographical variations in Post-Covid rail demand patterns in the UK: A comparative analysis with Pre-Covid trends

Gamze Aydin, Simon Blainey

University of Southampton, United Kingdom

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Presentations:

Green spaces are good for health, but who looks after the health of green spaces?

Julian Dobson[1], Nicola Dempsey[2]

[1]Sheffield Hallam University, United Kingdom; [2]University of Sheffield, United Kingdom

Challenging environment and healing communities - climate change and sustainability in a changing urban neighbourhood in Budapest

Szabina Kerényi, Bernadett Csurgó

Centre for Social Sciences, Hungary

Enhancing children's well-being and biodiversity in urban schoolyards: Insights from the Oasis Program in Paris

Nelly Faget

Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle, France

The multiple values of gardening at home in urban care – Case study of the gardening for residents in Beijing

Huidi Ma

Chinese National Academy of Arts, China

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Presentations:

Bottom-up literary production on the margins of the city. Confluences of political and literary participatory practices in Barcelona

Núria Codina

KU Leuven, Belgium

Urban green between top-down affective atmospheres and intimacy: An artistic-geographic research project to foster subjective relations with Le Cascine park in Florence

Matteo Puttilli, Cecilia Pasini, Panos Bourlessas

University of Florence, Italy

Layering perspectives: Printmaking as a method to explore urban lifeworlds

Helena Segarra, Julien Segarra, Miriam Haselbacher

Austrian Academy of Science

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Presentations:

The social economy of knowledge and rural transformation: Insights from the cold mountain shelter

Gusztáv Nemes

HUN-REN KRTK, Hungary

'Demographic Winter' in Italian inner areas: Central Apennines as a case study

Laura Augello, Fabrizio Ferrari

"G. d'Annunzio" University - Chieti-Pescara, Italy

Counterurbanization dynamics in Poland in a long-term perspective

Karol Krzysztof Korczyński

University of Wrocław, Poland

Session 140 Wed Sept 10
Room SR1 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Socio-spatial cleavages and urban rehabilitation policies in European cities

Session-Chairs:

Andrea Visioli, Mar Esteve-Güell, Oriol Nel·lo i Colom

Social inequalities and residential segregation are growing challenges in European cities, driven by diverse structural and contextual dynamics – including the configuration of urban systems and welfare regimes. Such factors lead, across Europe, to heterogeneous patterns of socio-spatial concentration, commonly involving clusters of low-income groups, poor housing conditions, and limited access to public services. This session aims to foster a comprehensive understanding of a) the evolving relationship between inequalities and segregation, b) the factors driving them, and c) their social impacts. It also seeks to highlight innovative research approaches and urban policy tools aimed at promoting more equitable and integrated urban environments.

Presentations:

Changing socio-spatial differences in Budapest before and after the 2008 financial crisis

Balázs Szabó[1], Zoltán Kovács[2]

[1]Research Centre for Astronomy and Earth Sciences, Hungary; [2]Research Centre for Astronomy and Earth Sciences, Geographical Institute

From flux to capital: Distinguishing patterns of income and wealth segregation

Javier San Millán, Clémentine Cottineau-Mugadza, Maarten van Ham

TU Delft, Netherlands

Evolution of the residential segregation in the metropolitan arc of Barcelona (2001-2021)

Mar Esteve-Güell, Andrea Visioli, Oriol Nel·lo i Colom

Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain

Beyond the pathological. Rethinking urban regeneration through the ethics of care in Palermo's southeast coast

Caterina Di Lucchio

Politecnico di Torino, Italy

Session 155 Wed Sept 10
Room MUS 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Future proofing geography education: towards ethical and inclusive fieldwork

Session-Chairs:

Bouke van Gorp, Dan Swanton, Sara Brouwer, Veronique Schutjens, Charlotte Miller

An important part of educating new generations of geographers takes place outside the lecture halls through fieldwork. Walking tours, bus excursions, and field observations offer students opportunities for experiential learning, to combine theory and practice, and to observe real world places alongside textbook examples. But, to what extent are fieldwork teaching practices and

traditions in human geography in line with current ambitions to make higher education institutions more ethical and inclusive? This session offers a space to exchange ideas and inspiration to future proof fieldwork. Presenters from various institutes discuss recent efforts, share newly developed materials, and insights.

Presentations:

A manifesto for fieldwork: Co-creating visions for the future for fieldwork

Dan Swanton[1], Derek France[2], Lesley Batty[3]

[1]University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom; [2]University of Chester, United Kingdom; [3]University of Birmingham, United Kingdom

Student experiences of inclusivity in fieldwork

Charlotte Miller, Bouke van Gorp, Veronique Schutjens, Karin van Look

Utrecht University, Netherlands

The ethics conversation tool. Designing inclusive, effective and coherent fieldwork activities

Inge van der Welle

Utrecht University, Netherlands

Our journey to more inclusive fieldwork

Charlotte Miller, Bouke van Gorp, Veronique Schutjens, Bianca Szytniewski

Utrecht University, Netherlands

Session 156 Wed Sept 10
Room JEK 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Social movements in times of commodification of housing and the anthropocene

Session-Chairs:

Cornelia Dlabaja, Antje Daniel

This session explores urban protests, social movements, and inequality through the lens of urban and movement research. It focuses on forms of protest, organizational modes, and how social inequalities, such as access to housing, labor, participation, and urban space, manifest in cities. It also examines the roles of planners, urban policy actors, and activists in shaping urban decision-making. The panel invites contributions that address current protest movements, particularly in relation to climate change, housing commodification, gentrification, and limited democratic participation. Theoretical and empirical studies on protest forms, inequality mechanisms, and actor relations in urban contexts are equally encouraged.

Presentations:

Urban activism to improve the environmental quality of Polish cities in the times of the anthropocene

Katarzyna Gorczyca[1], Daria Zozulia[1,2]

[1]Faculty of Geography and Geology, Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Poland; [2]Doctoral School in the Social Sciences, Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Poland

Rethinking protest camp: Improvisation and autonomy in Japan's Hida-Takayama mountanious area

Kyoko Tominaga

Ritsumeikan University, Japan

Social movements and commons as alternatives to housing commodification in Groningen

Bart Filip Popken

University of Groningen, Netherlands

Heritage from below: Urban grassroot activism and the politics of socialist modernist heritage

Jovana Janinović

University of Montenegro, Montenegro

Session 158 Wed Sept 10
Room SR2 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Renewable energy on the move: Spatial patterns and institutional barriers to a low-carbon vuture

Session-Chairs:

Federico Martellozzo, Marco Grasso, Stefano Clò, Filippo Randelli, Matteo Dalle Vagliel

This session explores the uneven spatial diffusion of renewable energy – solar, wind, hydro, and biomass – across and within countries. It examines how institutional, socio-technical, and economic factors shape regional adoption patterns. We welcome theoretical and empirical contributions, using qualitative or quantitative approaches, especially those involving GIS, spatial modeling, or case studies. Topics include policy frameworks, governance, public acceptance, market dynamics, and energy infrastructure. By fostering interdisciplinary dialogue, the session aims to deepen our understanding of the geographical and institutional barriers to a just and effective renewable energy transition.

Presentations:

Discursive context and conflicts of energy transition and built heritage protection in a metropolitan locality

Gergely Horzsa

HUN-REN Centre for Social Sciences, Hungary

All scales considered: A multi-site mapping methodology for understanding energy transitions

Joseph Smithard[1], David Bauer[2]

[1]Anhalt University of Applied Science; [2]Technical University of Berlin

Mapping solar energy potential: A machine learning approach to sustainable land-use planning in Italy

Matteo Dalle Vaglie, Federico Martellozzo

University of Florence, Italy

Beyond the top down/bottom up dualism in the conformation of Renewable Energy Communities (RECs): Italian case studies

Giulia Chiara Ceresa

University of Florence, Italy

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Presentations:

Geographic and social marginalization: healthcare disparities and challenges on Croatian islands

Anica Čuka, Julijan Sutlović, Josip Faričić

University of Zadar, Croatia

Benefits and contradictions of development and spatial relationality: trade dependency, food security and sovereignty in Cabo Verde

Karl Kraehmer, Arianna Falco

Università di Torino, Italy

Islands next gen future, sense of place, and heritage narratives: The "Islands 4 Future" project and the virtual #OurCommonIslandFuture archipelago

Pietro Agnoletto[1], Antonia De Michele[2], Arturo Gallia[2], Stefano Malatesta[1], Nicoletta Tomei[3]

[1]University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy;
[2]Roma Tre University, Italy;
[3]European University of Rome, Italy

Who cares? Thinking with Islands to rethink geographies of care

Sissal Tokadottir Dahl

University of Groningen, Netherlands

Session 201 Wed Sept 10
Room ALB 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Exploring the links between rural smartification and digitalization: Regional inequalities and socio-spatial exclusion

Session-Chairs:

Bianka Plüschke-Altof, Ingmar Pastak, Bradley Loewen, Kadri Leetmaa

Smartification and digitalization mark an ongoing societal change with important geographical implications. The session critically engages with these processes in rural contexts. Moving beyond dominant readings of smartification as technology-, market- and urban-based, we turn to interpretations of 'smart' in rural realities, paying attention to inequalities and exclusion. Despite recently receiving more attention, smart rurality has hitherto been under-recognized or subjected to urban blueprints not necessarily fitting rural realities. We focus on socio-spatial divides smartification is embedded in and question to what extent strategies such as "smart specialization", "smart social innovations", or "smart villages" can overcome or are further perpetuating these.

Presentations:

Rural transformation through digitalisation?: Understanding the digital in the context of rural change

Adwoa Serwaa Ofori, Karen Keaveney, Ainhoa Gonzalez Del Campo, Dominic Robinson

University College Dublin, Ireland

How telemedicine fits to the rural – Potentials and hurdles from a doctors' perspective

Tobias Mettenberger

Johann Heinrich von Thünen Institute, Germany

Digital transformations in an e-country: Alternative meanings of "smart development" at the rural margins

Bianka Plüschke-Altof[1,2], Mariia Bochkova[1], Ingmar Pastak[1], Kadri Leetmaa[1]

[1]University of Tartu, Estonia; [2]Tallinn University, Estonia

Smart(er) rural areas – Framing 'smart villages' for conceptual development and policy in the EU

Bradley Loewen[1], Thomas Streifeneder[2]

[1]Norwegian University of Science and Technology; [2]Eurac Research

Thursday

Session 104/I Thu Sept 11
Room JOS 9:00am - 10:30am

Global energy – energy crisis, energy transition, energy geography

Session-Chair:
Balázs Kulcsár

Energy strategies do not take into account the utilization of urban areas for wind energy. In order to achieve maximum efficiency, the size of wind farms is constantly increasing, thus carving out an ever-larger slice of the natural and agricultural environment. At the same time, the urban environment, which is already intensively used in the spirit of multifunctionality, has significant renewable energy potential, which is currently untapped. The research takes stock of the perceived or real reasons for the current situation, shows what potential lies in the urban utilization of wind energy and to what extent it can participate in providing local electricity needs.

Presentations:

Blocked socio-ecological transformation: the continuing dominance of fossil fuels
Christian Zeller
Universität Salzburg, Austria

The energy demand of Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) in Germany by 2045 – Implications for the Eenergy transition
Verena Kreilinger
Universität Salzburg, Austria

Atoms for security: A critical geopolitics of nuclear fuel supply in Europe
Teva Meyer
Université de Haute-Alsace, France

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Presentations:

L'accessibilité spatiale comme paramètre premier du mouvement inclusif: Conception et expérimentations des outils du diagnostic territorial multi scalaire
Franck Bodin, Marie-Lavande Laidebeur
Laboratoire TVES, Université de Lille, France;

Engaging marginalised narrations in disability research: Spatial and digital access in Marrakech

Mounir Kheirallah

University of Hassan II Casablanca Morocco, University of Naples Federico II

Disability simulation experiences through cultural geography: Concepts and methods for deconstructing children's representations of disability

Florie Bresteaux

Université de Genève, France

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Presentations:

Constellations of mobility in the present Euro-Mediterranean space: Apennine mountains and the leaving or staying scenarios

Monica Meini, Diana Ciliberti, Giovanna Sebastianelli

University of Molise, Italy

Evolving tribes: A proposed neo-tribal approach for segmenting digital nomads

Ágota Pfening, Melinda Jászberényi

Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary

Shaping perceptions, shifting populations: Sentiment analysis of places in news media and its influence on migration dynamics

Evert Meijers, Martijn Smit, Callista Guillanneuf

Utrecht University, Netherlands

Newcomers as transformation force of rural areas perspectives in Serbia

Marija Drobnjaković, Milena Panić, Vlasta Kokotović Kanazir

Geographical Institute "Jovan Cvijic" SASA, Serbia

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Presentations:

Local youth strategies in Slovenia: meaningful impact or symbolic efforts

Pina Klara Petrović Jesenovec, Naja Marot

University of Ljubljana, Biotechnical Faculty, Slovenia

Placing participatory and transdisciplinary approaches with young people at the forefront of transformation for climate change

Kathy Reilly, Frances Fahy

University of Galway, Ireland

'Left behind' people within 'left-behind' places: A grounded theory approach

Marta Moschetti

Gran Sasso Science Institute, Italy

Inclusion/exclusion in marginalized areas: Examining the Italian migration and reception system

Giovanna Di Matteo

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Presentations:

Integrative geography - a realistic future?

Gábor Mezősi

University of Sezeged, Hungary

Relationship between humans and the environment: spatial distribution and changes in the Dalmatian marshes in the 19th and early 20th century

Tea Turić, Lena Mirošević

University of Zadar, Croatia

Pluvial flood potential assessment at catchment and municipal scale

Matej Vojtek, Jana Vojteková

Department of Geography, Geoinformatics and Regional Development, Constantine the Philosopher University in Nitra, Slovakia

Bridging nature and society: Integrative analysis of air pollution distribution and bioindicators in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Amra Banda[1], Sabina Žero[1], Armin Macanović[1], Emina Ramić[1], Amar Karadža[1], Bakir Krajinović[2], Amina Balićevac[1]

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Presentations:

From cars to museums, intertwining geography and urban tourism in the city of Turin

Stefania Cerutti

Università del Piemonte Orientale, Italy

An ecological approach to tourism in urban spaces: Evidence from Italy

Laura Augello, Fabrizio Ferrari

"G. d'Annunzio" University - Chieti-Pescara, Italy

How large is Venice?

Dario Bertocchi

University of Udine, Italy

The impacts of the European capital of Sport 2024 recognition for the city of Genoa: A tourism geography perspective

Gabriele Casano, Stefania Mangano

University of Genoa, Italy

Session 204 Thu Sept 11
Room JEK 9:00am - 10:30am

Looking at the overlooked urbanities: People, practices and left-behind cities

Session-Chairs:

Julia Wesely, Yimin Zhao

Academics and policymakers frequently use the concept of left-behind places to diagnose and address growing socio-spatial inequalities amidst the poly-crisis of climate change, the pandemic, and conflicts. The concept was appropriated in urban research, for example, to examine transformations of (former) industrial cities, and the urban impacts of resource re-distribution instruments. The session delves into the implications of being (in) an intellectually and/or politically left-behind urban area to uncover experiences of neglect. It uses the term overlooked urbanities to discuss why and how different people, places, and practices remain marginalised and under-theorised in urban research and policy.

Presentations:

Overlooked inhabitations: countering the dominant gaze of the city through spatial practices of houseless urban dwellers

Paroj Banerjee

UCL, United Kingdom

Left behind or left out? An intersectional examination of the concept "Left Behindness" with regard to the overlooked realities of migrant and racialized communities

Daniele Karasz, Adrienne Homberger, Sladana Adamovic

TU Wien, Austria

From industrial ruins to new realities: The transformation of Armenian post-industrial towns

Aram Vartikyan, Harutyun Vermishyan

[1]Yerevan State University, Armenia

Urban transformation in an intermediate city: Waterfront redevelopment in Alkmaar, Netherlands

Marco Bontje

University of Amsterdam, Netherlands

Session 206 Thu Sept 11
Room ALB 9:00am - 10:30am

Back to the future: The 15-min city and active mobility indicators

Session-Chairs:

Kirsten von Elverfeldt, Maria Anna Martin, Sebastian Block

Around 70% of global greenhouse gas emissions originate in cities, much of it from transportation. Our session thus focuses on indicators for sustainable urban mobility, especially in the context of the 15-minute city. While this concept is gaining traction, most analyses ignore how urban design can combine safe, healthy and sustainable travel. We will bring together researchers to discuss methods and challenges in measuring walkability, bikeability, and user perceptions, including routing for heat-avoiding, quiet, and greener travel. The session will include presentations and a panel discussion to exchange insights and promote collaboration toward car-independent, active mobility futures in cities.

Presentations:

Can proximity forge strong bonds? Exploring the relationship between urban proximity and social cohesion at the neighbourhood level

Serena Mombelli

Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain

Diverse temporalities within the 15-minutes cities: Micromobility future scenarios as moral claims in Italy

Francesco Zuccolo

University of Padua, Italy

Station district as a possible spatial theatre for cautious urban regeneration and/or sustainable development?

Arvid Krüger

Universität Kassel, Germany

Session 104/II Thu Sept 11
Room JOS 11:00am - 12:30pm

Global energy – energy crisis, energy transition, energy geography

Session-Chair:

Balázs Kulcsár

Energy strategies do not take into account the utilization of urban areas for wind energy. In order to achieve maximum efficiency, the size of wind farms is constantly increasing, thus carving out an ever-larger slice of the natural and agricultural environment. At the same time, the urban environment, which is already intensively used in the spirit of multifunctionality, has significant renewable energy potential, which is currently untapped. The research takes stock of the perceived or real reasons for the current situation, shows what potential lies in the urban utilization of wind energy and to what extent it can participate in providing local electricity needs.

Presentations:

The influence of topography on the estimation of the production of wind farm Danilo, Croatia

Denis Radoš

University of Zadar, Croatia

Changing visions of hydraulic reclamation of lignite quarries under climate change - a case study of the Ústí Region in the Czech Republic

Petr Klusáček

Mendel University in Brno, Faculty of Regional Development and International Studies, Czech Republic

Investigating the potential of municipal wind energy utilisation through the characteristics of Hungarian cities

Balázs Kulcsár

University of Debrecen Faculty of Engineering, Hungary

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Presentations:

Living as a citizen: Geographers' view on participation

Béatrice Chaudet[1,2], Christine Lamberts[3,2,] Hugo Bertillot[4,5], Brigitte Charles Pauvers[1,6], Jean-Luc Charlot[7], Pascal Glémain[8,2], Cédric Routier[4,5], Damien Vanneste[4,5]

[1]Nantes Université, France; [2]UMR CNRS 6590 ESO Espaces et Sociétés; [3]CNRS; [4]Université Catholique de Lille; [5]HADéPaS – ETHICS, EA7446; [6]UR4272 LEMNA; [7]GIHP national; [8]Université Rennes 2

Valuing private spaces: Disabled people's right to independent living

Richard Scriven

University College Cork, Ireland

Understanding the relationship to space of young people with intellectual disabilities: Exploratory research in medical and educational institution

Fleur Guy

Ocellia Santé Social, France

Spatial practices and lived experiences of disability through literary geography

Julien Salabelle

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The Narratives of immobility: Understanding the complexities of staying in rural Hungary's peripheral areas

Flóra Zsinka, Viktor Berger

University of Pécs, Hungary

The attractiveness of small island spaces during and after the pandemic: The case of El Hierro (Canary Islands, Spain)

Josefina Domínguez-Mujica, Víctor Jiménez Barrado, Mercedes Rodríguez-Rodríguez

University of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain

From city streets to country roads: The integration of rural newcomers in Latvia

Ženija Krūzmētra, Līga Feldmane

Latvia University of Life Sciences and Technologies, Latvia

Between staying and returning: The (im)mobility challenges faced by young Brazilian migrants in Portugal

Adelia Verônica Silva, Maria Lucinda Fonseca

Instituto de Geografia e Ordenamento do Território Universidade de Lisboa, Portugal

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Systemic impacts of low-carbon transition policies: Co-designing potential leverage points to mitigate housing and energy vulnerability in Innsbruck

Michael Klingler, Fiona De Fontana

BOKU University, Austria

Citizen engagement and just adaptation to flooding in Amsterdam

Michele Castrezzati

University of Vienna, Austria; University of Amsterdam, Netherlands

How to make yourself heard: Urban activists' role-choices

Christoph Fink

University of Vienna, Austria

Perspectives of participative care in a neo-liberal system

Daniele Pasqualetti

Roma Tre University, Italy

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Borders, environmental challenges and governance issues in territorially complex river basins. The case of the Noguera Ribagorzana river (Spain)

Joan Tort Donada[1], Alexis Sancho Reinoso[2], Teresa Navas Ferrer[3]

[1]Dept. of Geography, Universitat de Barcelona; [2]Dept. of Environmental and Energy Affairs, Office of the Lower Austrian Government; [3]Dept. of Theory and History of Architecture and Communication Techniques, Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya · BarcelonaTech; Spain

Between urbanism and geography: Concepts and research on cultural landscape

Danielius Jurčiukonis

Lithuanian Geographical Society, Vilnius Gediminas Technical University, Construction Sector Development Agency, Lithuania

Population dynamics and climate changes in Serbia – Regional aspect

Natalija Mirić

University of Belgrade Faculty of Geography, Serbia

Integrated approach to spatial planning in Serbia: Challenges and opportunities

Zora Živanović[1], Vladimir Popović[1], Siniša Trkulja[2]

[1]Faculty of Geography, Serbia; [2]The Agency for Spatial and Urban Planning of the Republic of Serbia

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Presentations:

What “nature” in climate policy? From the loss of nature to nature as a resource

Sara Bonati[1], Claudia Morsut[2]

[1]Università degli studi di Genova, Italy; [2]University of Stavanger, Norway

Vegetal geography and public policy: Advancing the implementation of nature-based solutions in urban areas

Luca Battisti, Federico Cuomo, Egidio Dansero

University of Turin, Italy

Greening and adaptation: The role of urban nature in the climate change strategies of medium-sized cities

Emanuele Garda, Gregorio Pezzoli, Marco Tononi

University of Bergamo, Italy

Questioning development and corruption: Grassroots practices of protecting nature in Belgrade, Serbia

Ognjen Kojanić

University of Belgrade, Serbia

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The role of sports events in developing medium-sized cities: The challenges of Novara as a tourism destination

Raffaella Afferni, Carla Ferrario

Università del Piemonte Orientale, Italy

Assessing current use and visions for sacral complexes in a landscape: An example from Central Europe

Martin Boltižiar[1], Ingrid Belčáková[2], Zuzana Jančoková[3], Braňo Slobodník[2], Attila Rácz[2]

[1]Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, branch Nitra, Slovakia; [2]Technical University in Zvolen, Slovakia; [3]Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava, Slovakia

Investigation gentrification typologies for the perspective of urban development in Attiki Basin

Evrydiki Maria Markopoulou, Maria Pigaki

National Technical University of Athens, Greece

Socio-spatial impacts and strategic planning of urban tourism activity: Case study of Pontevedra and Sanxenxo (Galicia, Spain)

Carlos Alberto Patiño Romarís[1], Breixo Martíns Rodal[1], Rubén Camilo Lois González[2]

[1]Universidade de Vigo, Spain; [2]Unversidade de Santiago de Compostela, Spain

Session 164 Thu Sept 11
Room ALB 11:00am - 12:30pm

Sounds, touches, feelings of war zones: Embodied and emotional geographies of resistance

Session-Chair:

Priscyll Anctil Avoine

This session desires first, to create a collective space for critical reflection on the violent spatialities unfolding through the current multiple and overlapping wars and genocides. Second, it wishes to contest the sensorial, emotional, visual field of violence by bringing feminist and decolonial translocal solidarities to the forefront. While war zones and genocidal violence multiplied worldwide, the panel brings attention to sounds, touches, and feeling of war zones at multiples scales – bodies, intimate, geopolitical, local and global – which convey critical reflections on gendered wars such as feminicides, climate wars, racialization of space, and genocidal violence.

Presentations:

Embodied experiences of resistance: Maternal spaces of solidarity in Cape Town's gang-present communities

Line Relisieux

London School of Economics, United Kingdom

Women and the coloniality of urban atmospheres of terror in Rio de Janeiro's Favelas

Anne-Marie Veillette

Queen's Univeristy, Canada

The Nakba as the death of feminist politics: On the emotional geographies of decolonial feminist vistas

Chamindra Weerawardhana

Consortium for Intersectional Justice, Sri Lanka

Everyday spaces of resistance to the war on migrants

Agnese Pacciardi

University of Lund, Sweden

Session 165/I Thu Sept 11
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Collaborating on changing cities: Citizen science as an urban planning ally

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Venere Stefania Sanna, Cristina Capineri, Michela Teobaldi, Giacomo-Maria Salerno, Francesco Di Grazia, Gözde Yıldız

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Presentations:

On smart engagement: Questions about techno-social praxis on inclusive place-based smart city planning process for climate resilient city

Jin-Kyu Jung

University of Washington, United States of America

Bi-directional connection between citizens and public authorities through citizen science

Tom Paul E Goosse

UGent, Belgium

'We will be protagonists': Perspectives from the global south on Citizen-Generated Data (CGD)

Tainã Farias[1], Lalita Kraus[1], Tomás Donadio[1], Gilberto Viera[2]

[1]Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; [2]The Pontifical Catholic University of Paraná

University societal outreach and citizen science: Open challenges

Carolina Pacchi

Politecnico di Milano, Italy

Session 102 Thu Sept 11
Room SR1 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Water energy food ecosystem nexus in Alpine regions

Session-Chairs:

Arthur Schindelegger, Hubert Job

Climate change is already impacting Alpine regions, where environmental changes occur rapidly and severely. Altered water regimes – marked by more frequent heavy rainfall, droughts, and reduced snow cover – affect both core Alpine areas and surrounding lowlands. Simultaneously, land use pressures are growing, driven by climate mitigation efforts such as hydropower, wind, and solar energy projects. These dynamics are transforming Alpine landscapes and put pressure on open spaces. This session explores these transformations with a focus on the European Alps and forelands, using the Water-Energy-Food-Ecosystem Nexus to examine interdependencies, particularly the central role of water in driving change.

Presentations:

Institutionalization and strategic implementation of international strategies for sustainable development in the Alpine region

Sarah Striethorst, Hubert Job

Julius-Maximilians-Universität Würzburg, Germany

Rethinking spatial planning instruments to protect alpine groundwater resources in Bavaria and South Tyrol

Kerstin Ströbel

University of Würzburg, Germany

Climate resilience from the bottom: A multi-criteria decision making approach to collaboratively implement nature-based solutions on private land

Arthur Schindelegger

BOKU University, Austria

Session 107 Thu Sept 11
Room SR2 4:00pm - 5:30pm

The future of retail - digitalization and revitalization

Session-Chair:

Ulrich Jürgens

Physical environments are emerging that blend the physical space of a traditional store with digital applications. These developments manifest themselves in the form of unmanned stores and vending machines that use the full range of technological advances to offer customers a personalized shopping experience. The Theory of Planned Behavior or the Technology Acceptance Model can help to investigate which customer clientele feels addressed by the concept of unmanned stores and in which spatial structures and competitive networks the customers operate.

Presentations:

Innovation and survival strategies of rural grocery stores: Experiences from sparsely populated areas in Sweden

Doris Anna Carson, Dean Bradley Carson

Umea University, Sweden

Navigating space and strategy: The role of physical stores in Omnichannel Retail

Aino Ruohola[1], Kaisa Jaalama[2], Saija Toivonen[1]

[1]Aalto University, Finland; [2]Finnish Environment Institute (SYKE)

Smart stores, unmanned stores and vending machines – Prospects for the grocery retail of the future in rural regions

Ulrich Jürgens

University of Kiel, Germany

Session 146 Thu Sept 11
Room JOS 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Feminist perspectives on care, paid employment, and the city

Session-Chairs:

Henriette Bertram, Sarah Mente, Johanna Niesen

Feminist critique of capitalist patriarchy has long included a critique of space and planning practices that prioritise the needs of paid employment over those of caregiving, despite their interdependence. It was argued that the built environment, along with gendered norms and stereotypes, discouraged careers – mostly women – from taking up employment. Municipalities in Europe have initiated "gender-sensitive" and "family-friendly" planning projects, but few discuss the interdependency of productive and reproductive tasks or relate planning to systemic problems. The goal is to reimagine urban, suburban, and rural environments to support healthy caregiving and work relationships.

Presentations:

Affective vélomobilities of care in postsocialist settings

Maria Lindmäe

Tallinn University, Estonia

Towards a gender-sensitive planning model for rural areas: Care as a transversal catalyst for equal rural development

Alessia Bertuca, Claudia De Luca

University of Bologna, Italy

Closing the gap: Policy needs and women's labour market challenges in industrial peripheries of CEE

Jasmin Sandriester, Jörn Harfst, Simone Kocher, Wolfgang Fischer

University of Graz, Austria

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International transport of wild animals between zoos as an element of species biodiversity protection – Causes and conditions. A case study of a zoo in Wroclaw, Poland

Weronika Cecylia Michalska

University of Warsaw, Poland

Remember our roots: Museum as a space of nature mourning and social infrastructure in Palermo

Katharine Kurtz, Emanuela Caravello

University of Palermo, Italy

Youth perception of climate change: Enhancing risk communication for a sustainable future

Eleonora Gioia, Noemi Marchetti, Fausto Marincioni

Department of Life and Environmental Sciences, Università Politecnica delle Marche, Italy

Living an integral ecology: How do Christian ecologists reimagine the relationship between society and nature?

Nathan Gabriel Daligault

University of Strasbourg, France

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Urban gaps in small cities in the UNESCO World Heritage Site "Upper Middle Rhine Valley" – How to address urban vacancies with Citizen Science?!

Jonas Birke, Bernhard Köppen

University of Koblenz, Germany

From local challenges to regional impact: Engaging teenagers in Citizen Science in Emilia-Romagna

Catia Prandi[1], Michela De Biasio[2]

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Integrating citizens into digital climate health technologies: A case study of air quality monitoring platforms

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Critical reflections on the potential of citizen science in urban water quality investigations

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Session 177 Thu Sept 11
Room SIS 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Climate change and agri-food practices: Reconfigurations, new narratives and socio-ecological futures

Session-Chairs:

Fausto Di Quarto, Daniel Delatin Rodrigues

Climate change influences profoundly and unevenly agri-food systems, which in turn contribute to ecological instability. Different responses emerge in this context: from agro-industrial intensification to innovative adaptations, such as the introduction of exotic species. These responses, however, give rise to significant questions in relation to the actors and power relations, as well as to perceptions and narratives involved. This session explores the emergence of new agrifood landscapes in Southern Europe as laboratories of adaptive agricultural practices, such as socio-ecological transitions and territorial transformations and related politico-ecological implications; food narratives and new emerging "food fashions" or cultural identities.

Presentations:

Between food democracy and food sovereignty: Which narratives on climate change and agri-food practices?

Chiara Spadaro

Univeristy of Padua, Italy

Traditional food heritage facing the challenges of climate change: Some insights from Italy

Fabio Pollice[1], Patrizia Domenica Miggiano[2], Federica Epifani[1]

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Weighing anchored masculinities: Fisher-men and the conservation of marine biodiversity in a fragmented seascape

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Session 185 Thu Sept 11
Room ARS 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Sensing and learning the anthropocene: Future directions in geographical thought

Session-Chairs:

Giovanni Modaffari, Alberto Amore

This session explores how geographical thought evolves in the Anthropocene, marked by climate crisis and biodiversity loss. It examines human-environment relationships beyond human-centric views, embracing multispecies understanding. Key geographical concepts like place, sustainability, and vulnerability are being redefined. Topics include biodiversity governance, Indigenous and hidden biodiversities, artistic and citizen science approaches, critical views on sustainable development, and the role of archives and mapping. The aim is to foster ecologically grounded, just, and inclusive approaches for sustainable futures in line with the UN Decade of Action.

Presentations:

Geography of plastic fragmentation

Maciej Liro, Anna Zielonka

Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland

Tracking large carnivores in the anthropocene. An ethnographic proposal for exploring more-than-human worlds

Roberto D'Alba

University of Padua; Ca' Foscari Venice, Italy

The geography of sustainable development: arguing for a new discipline in the anthropocene

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City Walks overview:

We are organizing city walks that provide insights into the structures and recent dynamics of Vienna. Please note that a public transportation ticket is required for most City Walks.

City Walk 1

Wien7_ Neubau: urban planning, urban development and urban laboratory

Tuesday, Sept 09
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Guide: Martin **Heintel**

Meeting point: ÖAW Main Building (main entrance)

Route: Zollergasse, Bandgasse, Zieglergasse, Bernardgasse.

Description: Wien7_Neubau is considered "the" urban laboratory in Vienna. The excursion is dedicated to climate adaptation measures, participation and governance, as well as the transformation of public space. The excursion is at the interface of planning, politics and society and visits places of transformation in public space.

City Walk 2

Segments of the Vienna housing market

Thursday, Sept 11
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Guide: Walter **Matznetter**

Meeting point: ÖAW Main Building (main entrance)

Route: A 9 min metro ride will bring us to Heiligenstadt, where we will visit Karl-Marx-Hof, a non-profit project, a historic tenement with rent regulation, and an unregulated private market project. Further uphill, on Hohe Warte, variants of owner-occupied projects will be visited, terminating at Josef Hoffmann's artists' villa colony of the early 1900s.

Description: Vienna is a city of renters. Owner-occupiers are at 20%, and stable. The large rental market, however, includes a large variety of submarkets, from 22% public housing plus 21% limited-profit housing to ca. 20% regulated private rentals and ca. 12% market rentals. In many parts of the city, these submarkets exist side by side. Such proximity allows for a city walk looking into each of these segments.

City Walk 3

Who has a say? Participation in public spaces in Vienna

Wednesday, Sept 10
2:00pm - 4:00pm

Guide: Yvonne **Franz**

Meeting point: ÖAW Main Building (main entrance)

Route: Esterházy-Park, Mariahilfer Straße, Gumpendorfer Straße, U6-station Gumpendorfer Straße, IKEA at Westbahnhof.

Description: The City of Vienna is proud on its recent achievements in the redevelopment of public spaces. Cool streets, climate-fitness, superblocks, sponge-city approaches and many other buzzwords demonstrate a change in planning within the framework of socio-ecological transformation. Participation processes are a key element in implementation. However, not everyone who uses public spaces is consulted or even heard. This city walk focuses on invisible groups who, for various reasons, depend on public space in the city. Join this tour if you are interested in critical reflections on the nexus of public space and participation.

City Walk 4

Climate aspects of a dense city center

Wednesday, Sept 10
2:00pm - 5:00pm

Guide: Erich **Mursch-Radlgruber**

Meeting point: ÖAW Main Building (main entrance)

Route: Georg-Coch-Platz, Heiligenkreuzerhof, Hoher Markt, Stephansplatz, Neuer Markt, Stadtpark, Landstrasse Wien Mitte, Stubentor.

Description: Walk through the city center of Vienna with discussion of aspects of climate change as a consequence of city structure (buildings, streets and green structure)

City Walk 5

15 million years in 300 meters (downhill)

Thursday, Sept 11
2:00pm - 5:00pm

Guide: Robert **Peticzka**

Meeting point: ÖAW Main Building (main entrance)

Route: Leopoldsberg, Kahlenberg Nußdorf, Danube, Hohe Warte (Stadion)

Description: The aim of this excursion is an overview of the geological and geomorphological development of the region, the anthropogenic changes to the course of the Danube and the Danube tributaries as well as the climate, site qualities, potential vegetation and land use on Viennese soil. Subsequently, some “physiogeographical” facets of Vienna's urban landscape will then be explored on foot.

City Walk 6

Data walk: Social dimensions of urban heat

Tuesday, Sept 09,
Wednesday, Sept 10,
Thursday, Sept 11
2:00pm - 5:00pm (all 3 days)

Guide: Anna **Hämmerle-Shahimy**

Meeting point: ÖAW Main Building (main entrance)

Route: Stephansplatz, metro ride to Keplerplatz, Supergrätzl Favoriten, Hauptbahnhof / main station

Description: Vienna is significantly impacted by urban heat, forcing the city to adopt diverse mitigation strategies. In this Data Walk, mobile sensors and thermal imaging cameras will be utilised to provide an empirical base for discussions on the social dimensions of urban heat. Special attention will be given to vulnerable groups within public spaces, a critical analysis of ongoing urban transformations and their implications for social equity and segregation.

City Walk 7

Urban transformations – from a planning perspective

Tuesday, Sept 09
2:00pm - 5:00pm

Guide: Cornelia **Dlabaja**

Meeting point: ÖAW Main Building (main entrance)

Route: U6 Station Josefstädter Straße, Yppenplatz, Brunnenmarkt, Urban-Loritz-Platz

Description: The walk addresses urban transformations on the examples of urban planning processes in the area of Europe's longest street market Brunnenmarkt and the area of the underground line U6 at the public library located at the Urban-Loritz-Platz.

City Walk 8

Vineyards, terraces, and flood dynamics: A journey through Vienna's geographical layers

Tuesday, Sept 09
2:00pm - 5:00pm

Guide: Philipp **Marr**, Till **Wenzel**

Meeting point: ÖAW Main Building (main entrance)

Route: Kahlenberg (Metro and Bus); Several Stops at Kahlenberg and during the descend to Grinzing; End: Tram station Grinzing

Description: This 3-hour city walk provides a field-based introduction to the physical geographical landscape of Vienna, beginning at Kahlenberg and descending towards the urban core. The walk explores the geology, soils, land use (we will walk through the wine yards), the sequence of Danube river terraces, as well as the flood dynamics in the city and its adaptation strategies.

City Walk 9

Gentrification and displacement in Vienna?

Wednesday, Sept 10
2:30pm - 5:00pm

Guide: Judith **Schnelzer**

Meeting point: ÖAW Main Building (main entrance)

Route: several stops through the 7th district, Neubau;
End: Neubaugasse (Metro Stop U3)

Description: Vienna is often seen as an international posterchild for social and affordable housing. On this walk, we explore gentrification and displacement by looking at how Vienna's (historic) housing stock is being transformed and how public spaces are changing in their use. We look at how the welfare-state environment has led to subtle forms of displacement – sometimes framed as urban renewal. At the same time, we look at the ways in which capitalist urban development enables new forms of (housing) exclusion and racialized dispossession.

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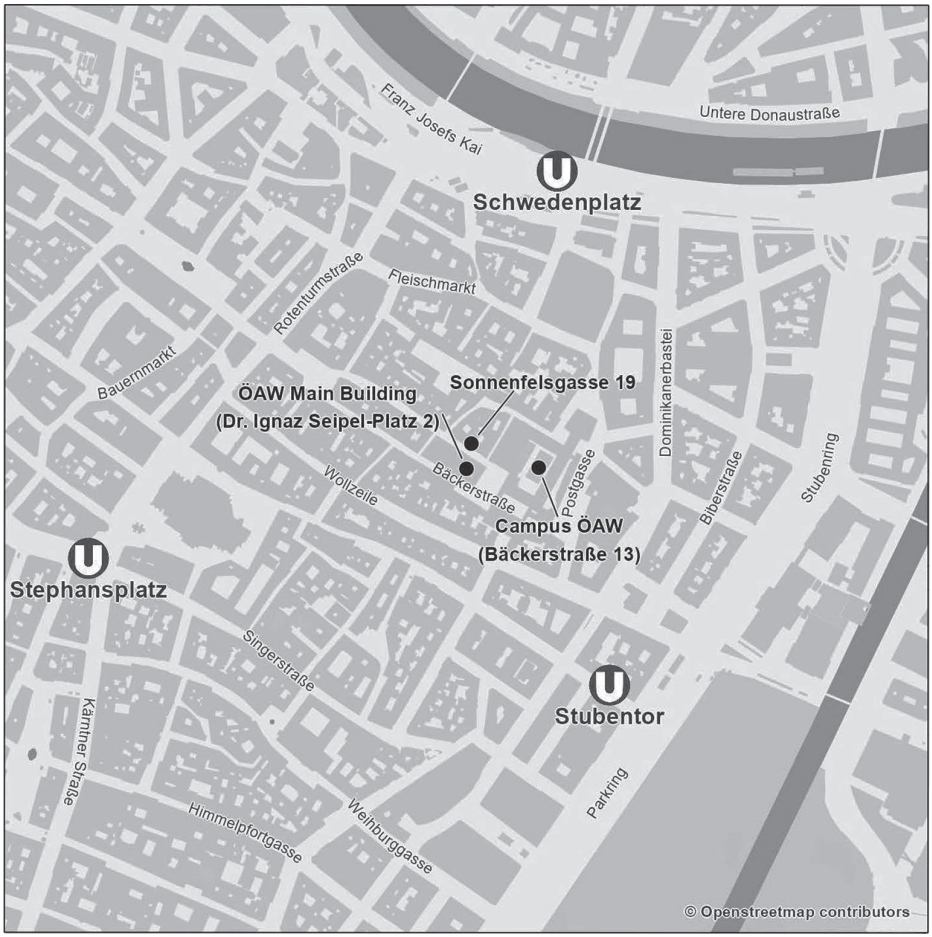

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2nd Floor: Museumszimmer (MUS

Campus ÖAW
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Jesuitenkeller (JEK)

Sonnenfelsgasse 19
Ground Floor: Alte Burse (ALB)
1st Floor: Theatersaal (THE)

The congress will take place at the Austrian Academy of Sciences right in the historical city centre of Vienna from Monday 8 September to Thursday 11 September 2025.

The campus buildings, designated as historical monuments, are part of the historic Old Vienna University Quarter. Originally constructed in the 17th century alongside the Jesuit Church near Dr. Ignaz Seipel-Platz, the complex was expanded over the centuries to include the Neue Aula, which now serves as the main building of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (ÖAW), as well as a library building. Following extensive renovations, the academy has transformed one of Vienna's most traditional centers of knowledge, bringing it into the 21st century and making it accessible to both the scientific community and the public.

The Academy Campus is situated in the Stubenviertel district, an area closely tied to the academic life of Vienna since the late Middle Ages. Its origins date back to 1385, when Duke Albrecht III established the "Collegium Ducale" across from the Dominican monastery. Architectural archaeology has pinpointed the original buildings for this purpose along today's Postgasse, near the so-called Stöckl building and the towering eastern wing of the later Jesuit College. What began as a few interconnected houses soon expanded into a sprawling, monastery-like complex centered around a Courtyard.

By the early 15th century, the university had added a southern building known as the "Nova Structura" or "Neue Schul," which served not only the faculty of arts but also lawyers, physicians, and theologians. Student halls of residence, or bursen, including the Silesian Bursa, Sprenger Bursa, and Rosenbursa, quickly sprang up in the surrounding area, solidifying the district's role as a hub of learning.

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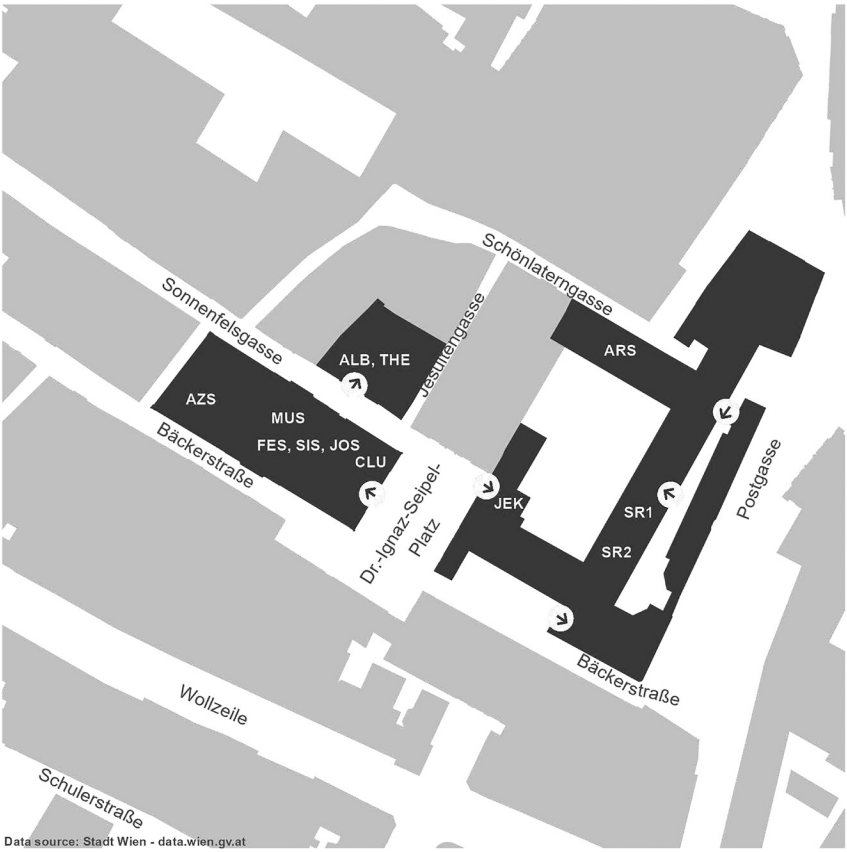
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Conference dinner



On Wednesday 10 September, 19:00 pm., all registered conference dinner participants may join us for an evening at 10er Marie, one of Vienna's most traditional and iconic Heuriger wine taverns. Dating back to 1740, 10er Marie is considered the oldest continuously operated Heuriger in Vienna. With its rustic charm, cosy inner court-yard, and authentic Viennese atmosphere, it offers the perfect setting to unwind, enjoy local wine and hearty Austrian dishes, and experience a beloved part of Viennese culture.
The Heuriger tradition refers to the serving of the current year's wine (heuriger Wein) in taverns typically run by winemaking families. These establishments are known for their relaxed, convivial ambiance and simple regional cuisine–often accompanied by live traditional music.

10er Marie was first officially mentioned in documents in 1740. Originally run by the Ottakring winemaking family Haimböck, the tavern's name is said to derive from both its historic address (Alt-Ottakring No. 10) and the innkeeper's daughter Maria. Among its most notable guests was Crown Prince Rudolf, who was often driven there by his personal coachman, Bratfisch. Later, the tavern also welcomed figures such as the poet Josef Weinheber and the operetta composer Emmerich Kálmán. From the 1940s until 1986, 10er Marie was shaped by its legendary innkeeper Käthe Musil, who transformed it into a meeting place for prominent guests from politics and society.

How to get there:
Ottakringer Straße 222-224, 1160 Vienna
Public transport from the city centre or the conference venues:
Take U3 (orange line) to Ottakring (final stop), then walk approx. 10 minutes
or take tram 44, starting at Ring/Schottentor leave at Johannes-Krawarik-Gasse
(=one stop before final station).

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