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WELCOME

Dear Colleagues,

After several weeks of organizing, I am happy to announce you that our Commission's sessions at the IGC-UK 2004 in Glasgow now have a nearly definitive form. The programme looks very interesting and the topics of the papers promise the Conference to become a paramount event. Especially we are looking forward to the joint sessions of our Commission with the Commission on Evolving Issues of Geographical Marginality and the Commission on the World Political Map, which will hopefully lead to a fruitful exchange of our work.

It remains to wish a sunny northern summer or a nice southern winter to all of you who for some reason can not participate at the IGC-UK 2004 in Glasgow. And to all of you who will travel to Glasgow: I am looking forward to see you there in August.

Berne, June 2004
Doris Wastl-Walter

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commission Meetings

The planned and confirmed future commission meetings are:

2004

GLASGOW (UK), at the IGC, August 16-20

2005

We are in contact with the UNESCO office in Venice, discussing a conference there about environmental issues such as transnational nature parks and administrative structures.

2006

BRATISLAVA (Slovakia), IGU GAPP Conference "New tasks, approaches and spatial perspectives in public policy", September-October

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Commission Meetings after Glasgow

The Commission is going to plan conferences after the IGC-UK Glasgow 2004. If anyone would be interested to organise a meeting, please contact Prof. Doris Wastl-Walter (dwastl@giub.unibe.ch). Suggestions and volunteers are very welcome.

New members

We would be happy to strengthen our contacts to non-western scientists as well as to younger colleagues and female geographers. If anyone knows somebody interested to get the IGU-GAPP newsletter and become involved in our Commission, please speak to them and make the contact.

FUTURE CONFERENCES

Glasgow, UK, August 16-20, 2004
The 30th Congress of the International Geographical Union
“One Earth - Many Worlds”

The IGU Commission on Geography and Public Policy (C00.09) will hold several sessions during the IGC-UK 2004 in Glasgow. There will also be four joint sessions together with the Commission on Evolving Issues of Geographical Marginality (C00.05) and the Commission on the World Political Map (C00.22).

Glasgow presentations should be brought to the congress on a CD or a USB drive. Speakers need not bring their own laptops to show their visuals, and the congress technicians will prefer that presenters provide their presentations in advance rather than hooking up their own laptops. Further details should be posted on the congress web site (<http://www.meetingmakers.co.uk/IGC-UK2004>) in a few days.

We hope that your contributions are all in the Programme. If not, please contact Doris Wastl-Walter (dwastl@giub.unibe.ch) or the meetingmakers (igc2004@meetingmakers.co.uk). There were also some changes in the Programme during the last days. **Please check carefully if you are listed in the correct session and get in touch with Doris Wastl-Walter in case of any discrepancy or problem.**

Monday 16 August 2004

1150 – 1300 **Tools and Actors in Spatial Planning**

Chair: Robert Bennett

- Farhat Gulzar: Industrial Estates as a Tool for Industrialization: A Case of Lahore Township Industrial Estate
- Maria Prezioso: “TorVergata” Geography and New Models for Territorial Planning: An Italian Case Study
- Sungjae Choo: Industrial Clusters as a Policy Measure of Regionally Balanced Development: The Case of Korea

1150 – 1300 **Fractured Polis – Failing Representation? Bloc 1**

Chair: Juliette Fall

- Wolfgang Zierhofer & Juliet Fall: Introduction: Fractures Polis – Failing Representation?
- Nick Fyfe, Allan Findlay & Gaby Atfield: Transnationalism. Citizenship and the Shadow State
- Christian Berndt & Marc Boeckler: Global Disjunctures and Fractal Normalities: Transterritorial Flows and Territorial Containment in a Nuremberg Neighbourhood
- J. Markusse: National Minorities in the New and Old Member States of the European Union and their Cultural and Politics Rights in Relation to Developments in International Law

1400 – 1520 **Sustainable Spatial Development**

Chair: Peter Jordan

- Pratyush Mani Tripathi: New Dimensions of Sustainable Development
- Vyacheslav Oleshchenko, Petro Shishchenko & Volodimir Nudelman: Ensuring of the Sustainable Spatial Development of Ukraine
- Vusi Mashinini: Lesotho's Environmental Policy: Prospects and Constraints
- Kersty Hobson: Singapore's Green Volunteer Network: Environmental Justice in an Authoritarian-Capitalist Urban State?

1400 – 1520 **Fractured Polis – Failing Representation? Bloc 2**

Chair: Wolfgang Zierhofer

- Paul Reuber & Günter Wolkersdorfer: Spatializing Terrorist Networks: Geopolitical Narratives of Nation State Actors Facing the Challenge of International Terrorism
- Timothy W. Luke: Unbundling the State: The Recontainerization of Rule, Production, and Identity in the post-Cold War Era
- Olivier Kramsch: Querying Immanent Cosmopolis

1530 – 1650 **Geography of Financing, Regional Economy and Public Policy**

Chair: Petr Dostal

- Peter Sunley: The Geography of the Private Finance Initiative
- Robert Bennett: Small Firm Policy in Europe: Does British Practice the Case for Intervention?
- Won Seok Park: Financing Models for the Development of Regional Innovation Systems
- Johannes Tsheola: Global Interdependence, Regional Economic Integration and Nepad Liberalisation: Whither the African Economic Community?
- Okju Jeong: L'espace régional dans le cadre des interventions économiques publiques en Corée

1700 – 1820 **Social Perceptions and Knowledge Production in Local and Regional Contexts**

Chair: Rex Honey

- Eugene Stevelberg: The Geometry of Geography: The Universality of Spatial Perception and Territorial Organization
- Dianne Scott: The Creation of Modernist Landscapes in the Countryside: Competing Environmental Discourses in the Management of the St Lucia Estuary, South Africa

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- Jean Hillier: Land, Rights, Laws: Legalised Obliteration of Aboriginal Women's Meanings, Knowledges and Beliefs at Kumarangk
- P. Schiellerup: The Reinvention of British Forestry

Tuesday 17 August 2004

0730 – 0850 **The Construction of Identity - Identity Politics in Different National Contexts**

Chair: Eran Razin

- Erez Tzfadia: Territorial Identity: Immigrants Express National Affinity in Local Scale
- Peter Jordan: Language as an Expression of National Identity: The Example of Serbo-Croatian and its Successor Languages
- Pierpolo Mudu: Redefining the Meaning of the "Holy City": The Multiple Ties of Immigrants and Religions in Rome
- Jeonghoon Lee: Defining Regional Identity and Place Marketing

0900 – 1020 **Geographical Thinking and Methodology in Public Policy**

Chair: Joe Darden

- Nancy Torrieri: Annual Census Data for Geospatial Applications: Opportunities and Challenges
- Maria Isabel C. Freitas, Magda Lombardo & Silvia Ventorini: Techniques of Cartographic Representation Supporting the Citizenship
- Vladimir Bugromenko: An Assessment of Geographical Configurations for Social and Economic Development
- T. Remahl: Politics and Geographical Thinking: Case Regional Policy in Finland
- Junji Nagata & Sachiho Arai: Disproportional Co-Evolutional Process Between Farmers and Policymakers

1030 – 1150 **Strategies at Regional Levels for Coping with Economic Slowdown**

Joint Session of C00.05, C00.09 and C00.22

Chair: Prof. Lars Olof Persson

- Erik Westholm: Modes of Re-Territorialisation
- Margareta Dahlström & Sigrid Hedin: From Top-Down Regulation to Bottom-Up Networking – Experiences from the Stockholm Archipelago
- Birgitta Näsman: Created Network – A Force in Regional Development
- Hanne Tanvig & K. Lindegaard: Regional Innovation Policies for Local Development in Rural Areas – Experiences across Sectors in Denmark.

Business Meeting of the Commission on Geography and Public Policy during lunchbreak.

1400 – 1520 **The New World Order: US Hegemony and the Marginalization of the World**

Joint Session of C00.05, C00.09 and C00.22

Chair: Prof. Bradley Cullen

- Margarita Schmidt: Marginalization Processes in Latin America and Argentina in the Context of the Present World Order
- Lucy Jones: Education for All – A Global Dimension

- Gareth Jones: Assessing the Real Wealth of Nations

1530 – 1650 **Marginal Groups and Grassroots Movements**

Joint Session of C00.05, C00.09 and C00.22

Chair: Prof. Etienne Nel

- Olen Paul Matthews: Fish, Farmers, Cities, Indians, and the Future of Scarce Water Resources
- Bradley Cullen: Spatial Variations in the Status of the Lesbian, Gay, Transgender, and Bisexual Population
- Etienne Nel: An Assessment of the Potential of Grassroots Economic Activity to Address Poverty and Marginalization in the Kat River Valley, South Africa

1700 – 1820 **Regional Issues of Marginality**

Joint Session of C00.05, C00.09 and C00.22

Chair: Prof. Walter Leimgruber

- Ali Toumi: Approche géographique de la "marginalité" en Tunisie
- Pushkar Pradhan: Geographical Marginality in the Central Hill Districts of Nepal
- Walter Leimgruber: The Future of Marginality

Wednesday 18 August 2004

0730 – 0850 **Life at Borders, with Borders and Across Borders**

Chair: Doris Wastl-Walter

- Werner Breitung: Border People – A Study from Hong Kong and Macau
- Faranak Seifoddini: Border Cities – Controlling Informal Settlement Expansion-Case Study, Bandar Abass City
- Tamas Sikos & Tiner Tibor: A Successful Cross Border Co-Operation in Central Europe

0900 – 1020 **Public Policy and Governance in Cities**

Chair: Pieter Saey

- Sabin Bieri: Keeping the City Proper
- Brij Maharaj: Social Exclusion in the Post-Apartheid City
- Igor Vojnovic: Governance in Houston: Development Theories, Urban Management, and Urban Stresses

1030 – 1150 **Spatial Policy and Spatial Planning in Rural and Urban Settlements**

Chair: Max Barlow

- Pieter Saey: Understanding Spatial Planning
- Carlo Salone: Italy and European Spatial Policies: Polycentrism, Urban Networks and Innovation Practices
- Nathu Ram Kaswan: Universalisation & Globalisation of Education: Contextual Paradigm Shift in Policy Making in India
- Rassem Khamaisi: The Challenges of Peripheral Local Authorities: The Case of Arab Settlements in Israel

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1400 – 1520 **Decentralisation, Local Government and Governance**

Chair: Sungjae Choo

- Petr Dostál: Explaining Regional Development Tendencies in the Czech Republic: A Modelling Approach
- Eran Razin: Local Government Amalgamation in Israel: Towards Greater Efficiency, Modernization or Democratisation?
- Jan Bucek: Decentralisation and Local Self-Government in Post-Socialist CEE situation
- Crispian Fuller: Local Governance under Neo-Liberalism: Local State Restructuring and Processes of Scalar Transformation in England

1530 – 1650 **Public Policy and Environmental Management**

Chair: Jan Bucek

- Xin Tong: Global Mandate, National Policies, and Local Responses: Scale Conflicts in China's Management of Imported E-Waste
- Marika Zai: The Roles of Environmental Information and Institutions in Environmental Management at Slapton Ley NNR
- Patricia Felber: Social Perception of Political Landscape
- Raja Sengupta: Conjunctive Co-Production of Ecosystem Services

1700 – 1820 **Demographic Challenges and Public Policy**

Chair: Sabin Bieri

- Teruo Hatakeyama & Mitsuru Sano: Location of the Care Facility for the Elderly in Japan
- Odeibler Guidugli: Population Aging in the Small Municipalities of State of S. Paulo
- Katherine Smith: Evidence-Based Policy and the Strange Case of Health Inequalities
- Joe Darden: Women in Concentrated Poverty: The Role of Race, Place, Gender and Public Policy

Thursday 19 August 2004

0730 – 0850 **Political Rights and Public Policy**

Chair: Brij Maharaj

- Rex Honey: Cultural Struggles over Human Rights in the United States
- Sara Davies: Additionality and the Governing of Geographical Disparity
- F. Schrijver: Regionalism in Galicia and Wales after Territorial Accommodation
- Petr Dostál: Political Rights and Civil Liberties in the Post-Communist Transformation: A Cross-Sectional Explanation

Glasgow, UK, August 17, 2004

**The Online Center for Global Geography Education
“Evaluation of International Learning Modules:
Population, Nationalism and Global Economy”**

The Online Center for Global Geography Education, a project based at the Association of American Geographers and funded by the National Science Foundation, is inviting applications from geography instructors to participate in the evaluation of three prototype instructional modules: *Population*, *Nationalism*, and

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Global Economy. This is an excellent opportunity for geography faculty and lecturers to join a growing community dedicated to collaborative international teaching and research. Participants will receive training in the use of innovative teaching materials and may contribute to articles for peer-review.

The prototype modules are designed to support international teaching and learning using the Internet. Each module features activities that engage students in collaborative projects, promote understanding of geographic concepts, provide practice using geographic skills, and deepen awareness of international perspectives about contemporary global issues. All materials are available in English and Spanish.

A workshop for 12-15 module evaluators is scheduled for the **International Geographical Union Congress in Glasgow on Tuesday, August 17, 2004, 13:00 – 17:00**. The workshop will include an orientation to the project and a hands-on training session for each module. Faculty and lecturers selected to participate in the workshop and subsequent classroom testing will receive a USD 500 honorarium upon successful completion of the evaluation.

To be considered, applicants must be able to:

- Attend the IGU workshop. Note: you must be registered for the meeting on the day of the workshop. There is no fee to attend the workshop, but participants are responsible for their own travel, accommodation, and conference registration.
- Teach one full module in collaboration with an international colleague in an undergraduate course sometime between October 1, 2004 and April 1, 2005. Each module contains enough material for 4-6 weeks of course instruction. Faculty evaluators will meet their collaborators during the IGU workshop.
- Participate in surveys and interviews before, during, and after module testing.

Applications are due to Michael Solem (msolem@aaq.org) by **Friday, July 16, 2004**. Faculty will be notified of their acceptance no later than July 31, 2004. Please visit the project website for a full description of the project, application materials, and links to the modules: <http://www.aaq.org/education/center>

Bratislava, Slovakia, September-October, 2006

IGU GAPP Conference

“New tasks, approaches and spatial perspectives in public policy”

Introductory Announcement

Wide range of papers is expected, but contributions addressing narrow group of topics will be highly appreciated. They should discuss the latest administrative territorial reforms including decentralisation, their limits and consequences. Governments at all level also are changing approaches to delivery of various public goods and services with various outcomes. Communities, cities and regions also face large variety of problems – innovative public policies are adopted, responding on them in different ways and different effects. Rising differences in social and economic situation across localities ask for addressing local economic development issues once again, including role of institutions, financial tools, planning and implementation strategies, as well as central state intervention. The relations among levels of government also remain very complicated and ideal for fruitful exchange of ideas. The role, scope and forms of citizens' involvement in managing public affairs also

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need more attention. We should understand much more how governments perceive and deal with spatiality inherent in many of their policies.

Further information on the conference is to be followed in the next IGU GAPP newsletter.

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PUBLICATION

Max Barlow and Doris Wastl-Walter (eds.) 2004: **New Challenges in Local and Regional Administration**. Aldershot: Ashgate.

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Focusing on democratization, flexibilization, ethnic diversity and restructuring of transitional and emerging states, this volume analyzes the changes and challenges for administrative structures at the beginning of the 21st century, from a geographical perspective.

By offering a wide range of regional case studies from Eastern and Western Europe, the Middle East and Africa, the book tests current theories and concepts of government and governance, space and place, and society and community. In doing so, it offers valuable insights and makes policy implications.

Contents

Part I: Democratization: "Local and national democracy: lessons from the 'third wave' of democratization", Brian Smith; "Territorial reform of central-regional-local government relations: the implications for local economic development agencies in England", Robert J. Bennett; "Municipal boundary change procedures: local democracy versus central control", Eran Razin and Greg Lindsey.

Part II: Flexibilization: "Multipurpose government and flexibility: an appraisal", Petr Dostál; "Public-private partnerships and urban governance: towards a new concept of local government?", Carlos Nuñez Silva; "Switzerland and the challenge of European integration", Wolf Linder; "Flexibility in local public administration: responses to size and ethnic structure of communes in Slovakia", Ján Bucek.

Part III: Restructuring in Transitional and Emerging States: "Administrative territorial reform in Latvia: reasons, goals and strategy", Raita Karnite; "Hometown associations and flexible governance in Nigeria", Rex Honey; "Democratic institution building in the context of a liberation war: the example of Western Sahara and Polisario Front", Elisabeth Bäschlin; "Challenges for restructuring of local government in a transition period: Palestine", Rassem Khamaisi.

Reviews

'A useful and interesting contribution to the body of literature that examines the political and administrative reform of states. The editors have assembled an intriguing range of perspectives on the processes of democratization, flexibilization and restructuring – notably as they are experienced in transitional and emerging states.'

Dr Richard Welch, University of Otago, New Zealand

'This book, written by an international group of well-known scholars and resulting from vivid discussions, offers valuable theoretical insights and includes the results of the newest studies of the relationship between democracy at the national, regional and local levels, local governance and administrative reforms in old democracies, transitional and developing countries. Both practitioners from state agencies and municipalities, and university professors and students will certainly find in this publication chapters of great interest.'

Vladimir Kolossov, Chair, IGU Commission on Political Geography

'In an age of unfettered globalization and neoliberalism, this book draws timely attention to the spatial impacts of economic and political restructuring in regions and localities. Thematically structured around concepts of democratization, flexibilization and restructuring, this book focuses on the resurgence of interest in democratic practices at local levels that is influenced by various social, economic and political contingencies, and which is crucial for the survival and development of fledgling democracies.'

Professor Brij Maharaj, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa