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Note from the Chair

Dear AGSG Community,

Welcome to the spring of 2019! For those attending, I cordially welcome you to the 2019 AAG Annual Conference in Washington DC! It promises to be a productive occasion.

As of now, there are 388 members in our specialty group. This number has been consistent over the past ten years. We are happy and proud of such consistent membership support which has helped our specialty group have good visibility in the AAG. In addition, we are appreciative of the hard work of newsletter editor, Todd Stradford at UW-Platteville. Todd does excellent and dedicated work in gathering the members' updates and information, edit the content, design the lay-out, and set and distribute each issue. Two issues a year (each spring and fall) have proven to be a wonderful platform to disseminate a broad range of information and lending the continuing visibility about upcoming events, developments among the Asian geographers' world. We are grateful for your dedication; AGSG today would not be possible without you and newsletter! I also wish to thank the many contributors who have sup-

plied the newsletter with outstanding content every time.

I am pleased to announce our specialty group's 2018-2019 awards:

Asian Geography Distinguished Service Award:



Jennifer Pomeroy
Chair of the AGSG

Daniel E. Esser from American University is the receipt of this award for his outstanding scholarship in the field of Asian geography who have demonstrated notable scholarship and his service of being area director.



AGSG Graduate Student Paper Competition (2 receipts):

First Place - **Yifan Cai** from Clark University for the paper titled "International Technology Diffusion, South-South



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Trade, and Adaptive capacity: Chinese Mobile Phone Companies in Emerging Markets.” Yifan will be presented with \$250 cash premium and a certificate.

Runner-up - **So Hyung Lim** from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for the paper titled “When the Illiberal and the Illicit Meet around Infectious Diseases.” A check of \$150 and a certificate of the award will be presented at the AGSG’s Business Meeting.



The **A.K. Chakravarti Awards** for Best Student Paper and Best Student Research Proposal on South Asia (2 Awards)



Carly Nichols at University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, currently conducting dissertation research on India entitled *Policy Environments and Gender Pathways: Investigating an Agriculture-Nutrition Intervention in India*.

Sanam Aksha graduating from the Department of Geography at Virginia Tech for his work on Natural Hazards in Nepal.



Student Travel Awards

Yifan Cai has also been awarded with Student Travel Award of \$50 at the AGSG’s Business Meeting.

AGSG Best Poster Award

This award will be deliberated at the AAG. If you are interested in serving as a juror, please email Jennifer Pomeroy and Michael Glass.

Congratulations to all awardees! We look forward to presenting all awards at the AGSG’s Business Meeting which will be held on **Friday, April 5, 11:45 AM – 1:00 PM in Cabinet Room, Omni, West**. Please join us.

I would like to highlight the two-day Asian Symposium sponsored by AGSG this year that is co-sponsored by *Asian Geographer* and the AAG International Research & Scholarly Exchange Committee (IRSEC). *Asian Geographer* has a history of over 30 years. It is owned by the Hong Kong Geographical Association (HKGA) – an organization of 50-years. Originally, it was a regional journal based in Hong Kong, but since 2011, it has become a peer-reviewed international journal published by Routledge. The latest issue (volume 38, issue 1) of *Asian Geographer* was published by Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group in June 2018 with six original research articles across the fields of transportation, urban, and political geographies as well as climatology. The link below is the journal’s homepage.

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rage20/current>

In total, the three entities together sponsor thirty sessions, plus one AGSG Poster Session. A wide variety of topics in the Asian context has been organized into the prime time of April 4th (Thursday) and 5th (Friday).

Professor **C. Cindy Fan** of UCLA will be delivering her Asian Symposium keynote speech titled “The Household Approach Toward Migration: Examples from China and Asia” on **Friday, April 5th, from 1:10 to 2:50 PM** in Marshall North, Marriott, Mezzanine Level. Her speech abstract is provided in this newsletter on page 6.

The AGSG’s mission is to promote Asian related geographic research and to facilitate the teaching the geography of Asia through professional meetings, publications, and establishing contacts with Asian geographers. Stay involved and stay Connected in our “home.”

Warm regards,
Jennifer Pomeroy, Ph.D.
Chair of AGSG

AGSG 2019 Board Election

AGSG Board Election - 2019

We are electing three AGSG board positions, to be voted on in advance of the 2019 AAG meeting. Nominees must be AGSG members. Each position is a two-year term.

The available positions are:

Secretary-Treasurer
Southeast Asia Director
East Asia Director

Voting begins on March 21st, and will continue until **April 1st**. Biographies for the candidates are available below. Those elected will begin their terms after the 2019 Business Meeting at the AAG meeting in Washington, DC.

Vote Here: [2019 AGSG Election Ballot](https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0UJxDgkTdLrbyJv)
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Candidate Biographies

Dr. **I-Chun Catherine Chang** is Assistant Professor of Geography at Macalester College in Minnesota, U.S. Her research interests include global urbanism, urban sustainability, policy mobilities and East Asia. In recent years, Catherine has looked at how urban sustainability initiatives manifest on the ground and how their connections shape the global circulation of sustainable planning knowledge and practices. Focusing on two newly-built Chinese eco-cities, she studied the spatio-temporal variegations as well as the trans-local policy mobilities between Shanghai, Tianjin, London and Singapore. Catherine's new research will investigate the financing and financialization of sustainable urban initiatives, the inequality implications of green urban projects in Asia, and the role of transnational sustainable urban planners in policy exchanges. Her work has appeared in *Environment and Planning A*, *Regional Studies*, and the *Journal of Urban Technology*, among others. At Macalester, Catherine regularly teaches courses on cities and urbanization, urban environment, and Asia.



Dr. **Min Chen** is a full professor and the Vice Director of Key Lab of Virtual Geographic Environment (Ministry of Ed-

ucation of PRC), Nanjing Normal University, China. His research interests are geographic modeling and simulation, virtual geographic environment. He is the group leader of the Open Geographic Modeling and Simulation System (OpenGMS, <http://geomodeling.njnu.edu.cn/>) team. Dr. Chen sits as the editor broad of *Environmental Earth Sciences*, *Socio-Environmental Systems Modeling*, *Journal of Geology and Geoscience*, guest editors of *International Journal of Digital Earth*, *Environmental Earth Sciences*, and *Annals of GIS*.



Dr. **M. M. Sheikh** is Associate Professor in Geography in Govt. Lohia P.G. College, Churu, India. Dr. Sheikh started his career with Indo-German KfW water and sanitation project in Churu, Rajasthan, India. About 35 papers and 08 books have been published. The main thrust areas are environmental issues, natural resource management, and biodiversity and rain water issues in desert area. Dr. Sheikh visited to Germany, The Netherlands, France, Belgium, UK, USA and China. He is the member of 21 national and international academic bodies. 08 students awarded Ph.D. degree under his supervision. He has also completed 09 major and minor research projects.



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Secretary-Treasurer, Asian Geography Specialty Group
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2019 AGSG Business Meeting Agenda

Friday, April 5, 2019. 11:45-1:10 p.m.

Asian Geography Specialty Group Business Meeting

Friday, April 5, 2019. 11:45-1:00
Room: Cabinet Room, Omni, West

1. Call to order
2. Approval of minutes from 2018 New Orleans AGSG Business Meeting
3. Old Business
 - a. Briefing from the AAG Chairs meeting
 - b. Secretary/Treasurer's Report
 - c. 2018-2019 AGSG Awards
 - i. AGSG Distinguished Service Award
 - ii. AGSG Best Graduate Student Paper Competition Awards (2 awardees)
 - iii. A.K. Chakravarti Award for Best Student Paper on South Asia (2 awardees)
 - iv. AGSG Student Travel Awards (2 awardees)
 - v. Best Poster Award – to be judged at the AAG meeting
 - d. State of the Group and Activities
 - i. Membership and Listserv membership
 - ii. Summary on the two-day Symposium session sponsored by the AGSG
 - iii. Regional Reports (news from the Area Directors and/other members)
 - e. Election Results (2 positions) by Michael Glass
Secretary/Treasurer
Southeast Asia Area Director
4. New Business and Announcements
 - a. Resolution to Increase Membership Dues for Regular Members to Support Graduate Student Participation at the AAG Annual Meeting [\$5 to \$8]
5. Adjournment

Resolution to vote (#4): Asian Geography Specialty Group Resolution to Increase Membership Dues for Regular Members to Support Graduate Student Participation at the AAG Annual Meeting

Adoption of Membership Dues Increase

WHEREAS the Asian Geography Specialty Group of the American Association of Geographers (AAG) has maintained an annual membership fee of \$5 since 2006 for regular members, and:

WHEREAS the average membership fee for regional specialty groups of the AAG is presently \$7, and:

WHEREAS present travel support for AGSG graduate students to attend the AAG meeting is a single competitive award of \$50, and:

WHEREAS increasing the membership fee from \$5 to \$8 for regular members would raise an additional \$480, be it:

RESOLVED to increase the membership dues for Regular Members from \$5 to \$8, to fund up to 3 annual travel awards of \$100 for graduate student members of the AGSG attending the annual AAG meeting.

Please attend if you are near the Cabinet Room, Omni, West on **Friday 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM.**

2019 AGSG Financial Statement

Association of American Geographers Specialty Groups Financial Report February 28, 2019				
Asian Specialty Group				
Date	Description	Receipts	Disbursements	Balance
8/31/17	Balance forward			\$ 5,018.87
9/30/17	Dues Collected for Sept 2017	54.00		5,072.87
10/31/17	Dues collected for Oct 2017	203.00		5,275.87
11/30/17	Dues collected for Nov 2017	77.00		5,352.87
12/27/17	Pomeroy - 2018 Asian Urbanization Conf.		(300.00)	5,052.87
12/31/17	Dues collected for Dec 2017	38.00		5,090.87
1/31/18	Dues collected for Jan 2018	56.00		5,146.87
2/28/18	Dues collected for Feb 2018	32.00		5,178.87
3/31/18	Dues collected for March 2018	28.00		5,206.87
4/4/18	Aksha - Best Graduate Student Paper		(250.00)	4,956.87
4/4/18	Aksha - Travel Award		(50.00)	4,906.87
4/4/18	Ding - Graduate Student Paper Runner-up		(150.00)	4,756.87
4/10/18	AM 18 awards luncheon		(55.00)	4,701.87
4/26/18	Pomeroy - reimbursement for plaques		(40.00)	4,661.87
4/30/18	Dues collected for April 2018	47.00		4,708.87
5/31/18	Dues collected for May 2018	31.00		4,739.87
6/30/18	Dues collected for June 2018	10.00		4,749.87
7/31/18	Dues collected for July 2018	14.00		4,763.87
8/31/18	Dues collected for Aug 18	28.00		4,791.87
8/31/18	Balance			4,791.87
8/31/18	Balance forward			\$ 4,791.87
9/30/18	Dues collected for Sept 2018	148.00		4,939.87
10/31/18	Dues collected for Oct 2018	171.00		5,110.87
11/30/18	Dues collected for Nov 2018	49.00		5,159.87
12/31/18	Dues collected for Dec 2018	53.00		5,212.87
1/31/19	Dues collected for Jan 2019	53.00		5,265.87
2/28/19	Dues collected for Feb 2019	52.00		5,317.87
2/28/19	Balance			5,317.87

115th AAG Annual Meeting—Asian Geographies: Two-Day Symposium

Organized by Asian Geography Specialty Group (AGSG)
Co-sponsored by *The Asian Geographer* and the
AAG International Research & Scholarly Exchange Committee (IRSEC)

The Asian Geography Specialty Group (AGSG) is pleased to announce two-day symposium, "Highlighting Asian Geographies" during the AAG Annual Meeting in Washington D.C. The symposium will highlight Asia's importance in the 21st century, inter-regional connections within and outside Asia, and cross-disciplinary and cross-scalar approaches to understanding the region.

Geoscientists have organized **Paper, Illustrated Paper, and Poster Sessions** on all aspects of Asia-related research. Topics include, but are not limited to:

Themed Sessions:

Urban, Urbanization

- Cities' Growth and Shrinkage
- Cities and Urban Climates

Region, Regional Development and Planning

- Regional Disparity
- Resources, Planning, and Sustainability
- Transportation Networks and Spatial Infrastructure
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- Structural (In)equality

Climate Change, Resilience, and Public Health

- Air and Water Pollution
- Communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases
- Infectious and Chronic Diseases related to Global Warming and Climate Change

Movement and Migration

- Tourism Geographies and Sustainability
- Transnational Labor – Maid Movement
- Remittances

Spatial Data Science

Symposium Format

The symposium will occur on two days (**April 4 – Thursday and April 5 - Friday**) of the 2019 AAG meeting in Washington DC, gathering sessions that focus on Asian geographies together in a specific area of the conference space. Paper sessions and illustrated paper sessions will be accompanied by a series of keynote lectures and panel sessions that attend to the pressing issues related to Asia's role in the world.

Per AAG's request, poster sessions are also included. The deadline of poster submission is January 31, 2019. Discounted registration fee for poster presenters from the Asian Geography Specialty Group. Poster Competitions will lead to monetary award.

Asian Geographies Symposium Keynote Speaker

C. Cindy Fan will present the keynote address entitled *The Household Approach Toward Migration: Examples from China and Asia* on Friday 1:10 to 2:50 PM in Marshall North, Marriott, Mezzanine Level.

Abstract:

Despite the central role of households in motivating and implementing migration, migration theories tend to focus on migrants themselves rather than considering the household as an organizing unit of population movements. Drawing from examples from China and Asia, this paper argues that the household approach is fundamental and essential. In China, hundreds of millions of migrants from rural areas circulate between their home villages and host cities, a phenomenon that has prevailed for decades. Household-splitting that enables the earning of remittances sets in motion processes of gender and intergenerational divisions of labor that involve both the migrants and the left-behind, constrained by and challenging traditional social roles and norms. Circularity and translocality facilitate migrants' straddling the origin and destina-

tion locations and their potential return. Large numbers of women from South and Southeast Asia are employed in Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Singapore, facilitated by organized recruitment that restricts their rights and settlement possibilities, and motivated by remittances as a major source of the household income. Likewise, transnational migrants who take on multiple identities and ties infuse new meanings to the "home" and to "being family." These examples underscore the importance of considering the household rather than the migrant as the basic unit of migration theories, management and policy-making.



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115th AAG Annual Meeting

Washington, D.C.
3 April – 7 April 2019

<http://annualmeeting.aag.org/>

AGSG Sponsored & Cosponsored Sessions

Asian Geography Specialty Group Business Meeting

Friday, 4/5/2019, from 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM
Cabinet Room, Omni, West

Thursday

Nepal and Himalayan Geographies: Driving the debate on sustainability, disaster and infra- structure Session 1

Thursday, 4/4/2019 from 8:00 AM to 9:40 AM
Room: 8212, Park Tower Suites, Marriott, Lobby
Level

Sponsorships: Asian Geography Specialty Group
Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group
Development Geographies Specialty Group

Organizers: Galen Murton, Katharine Rankin

Chairs: Galen Murton

Session Description:

The Nepal and Himalayan Geographies paper panels are sponsored by The Asian Geography Specialty Group (AGSG) as part of its two-day symposium, "Highlighting Asian Geographies." The symposium as a whole will highlight Asia's importance in the 21st century, inter-regional connections within and outside Asia, and cross-disciplinary and cross-scalar approaches to understanding the region.

Geographers of Nepal and the Himalaya have been convening informally at AAG over the past two years to discuss common points of interest across different geographic subfields (physical geography, human geography, human-environment, GIS). The related themes of sustainability, disaster and infrastructure have emerged as both shared research interests for geographers of Nepal and the Himalaya, as well as key questions of global concern that can benefit from Himalayan perspectives.

The Nepal and Himalayan Geographies group invites proposals for short papers that stake out research directions and critical questions in Nepal and Himalayan geography at the interface of sustainability, disaster and infrastructure. Papers should clarify how critical conversations on Himalayan worlds can furnish insights on these key

themes that will be of interest to wider communities of geographic scholarship.

- 8:00 AM **Parveen Chhetri**, California State University Dominguez Hills, *How treelines from the Nepal Himalaya are responding to climate change?*
- 8:20 AM **Rajesh Bista**, UNC at Chapel Hill
Conghe Song, UNC at Chapel Hill
Crop Raiding from Community Forestry to Agriculture in the Mid Hills of Nepal: Implications to Community Forestry Sustainability
- 8:40 AM **Dhananjaya Katju**, Texas A&M University
An unquiet countryside: Power networks, legislation, institutions, and environmental governance in the Manas Tiger Reserve (Assam, India)
- 9:00 AM **Rajiv Ghimire**, Arizona State University
Netra Chhetri, Arizona State University
Translation of Climate Smart Agriculture from global narratives to local realities: Lessons from Nepal Himalayas
- 9:20 AM **Milan Shrestha**, Arizona State University
Alton Byers, University of Colorado, Boulder
Glacial Floods, Infrastructures, and Sustainability in the Sagarmatha (Mt. Everest) National Park and Buffer Zone, Nepal

Urban, Environment, and Planning Issues in Contemporary Asia

Thursday, 4/4/2019 from 9:55 AM to 11:35 AM
Room: 8216, Park Tower Suites, Marriott, Lobby
Level

Sponsorships: Asian Geography Specialty Group
Regional Development and Planning Specialty Group
Urban Geography Specialty Group

Organizer: Jennifer Pomeroy

Chair: Jiang Xu

- 9:55 AM **Delphine Delphine**, Utrecht University
Yudhi Timor Bimo Prakoso, The Indonesian Ministry of Home Affairs
Patrick Witte, Utrecht University
Tejo Spit, Utrecht University
Fostering "the Giants" through programme management: The use of programme management in Indonesian megaprojects development.
- 10:15 AM **Maarten Bavinck**, University of Amsterdam
Karupiah Subramanian, University of Amsterdam
Mapping the flows of low-price fish for food security of the urban poor: insights from Tamil Nadu, India
- 10:35 AM **Jiang Xu**, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
Calvin King Lam Chung, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
"Lines" as spatial planning tools: how is the state re-scaled for a better environmental regulation in China?
- 10:55 AM **Shelly Selivanov**, University of Victoria
Philip Dearden, University of Victoria
Rick Rollins, University of Victoria

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Tourist Perspectives on Current and Future Sustainability of Island Tourism in Thailand

11:15 AM **Jongnam Choi**, Western Illinois University
Chul Sue Hwang, Kyung Hee University

Environmental and Climate Change Issues Explained in the National Atlas of Korea: A Great Resources for Geographic Education

Nepal and Himalayan Geographies: Driving the debate on sustainability, disaster and infrastructure Session 2

Thursday, 4/4/2019 from 9:55 AM to 11:35 AM
Room: 8212, Park Tower Suites, Marriott, Lobby Level

Sponsorships: Asian Geography Specialty Group
Development Geographies Specialty Group
Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group

Organizers: Galen Murton, Katharine Rankin
Chair: Katharine Rankin

Session Description:

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9:55 AM **Dikshya Devkota**, Gorkha Foundation Nepal
Complementary Roles of Civil Society in Disaster Relief Operations

10:15 AM **Robert Beazley**, Cornell University
Grappling with the Tyranny of Distance: Scuffles with roads, landslides, and sustainability in Nepal

10:35 AM **Keshav Bhattarai**, University of Central Missouri
Mahmmud Yousef, University of Central Missouri
Sunil Lama, University of Central Missouri
Decision-Aiding Transit-Tracker Methodology for Bus Scheduling using Real Time Information to Ameliorate Traffic Congestion in the Kathmandu Valley

10:55 AM **Sabin Ninglekhu**, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
Patrick Daly, Nanyang Technological University
Pia Hollenbach, University of Zurich
Heritage and its Discontents: Newar Urbanism and the Political Economy of Everyday Life

11:15 AM **Krishna K. Shrestha**, University of New South Wales
Reframing disaster governance: Lessons from Nepal's 2015 earthquakes for inclusive and just disaster management

Rethinking the Politics of South Asia's Infrastructures: Towards New Scalar, Methodological, and Theoretical Approaches 1

Thursday, 4/4/2019 from 9:55 AM to 11:35 AM
Room: Virginia C, Marriott, Lobby Level

Sponsorships: Asian Geography Specialty Group
Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group

Organizers: Yaffa Truelove, Heather Bedi
Chair: Heather Bedi

Session Description:

This paper session brings together scholars working across South Asia's diverse infrastructures to query new scalar, methodological, and theoretical approaches attentive to infrastructural politics in the region. In what is now termed the "infrastructural turn," a growing interdisciplinary scholarship conceptualizes infrastructure as a socio-material assemblage of both human and non-human associations. By revealing the simultaneous social, cultural, political, and material dimensions of infrastructure, this literature illuminates the differing agencies and power relations that shape socio-technical systems. Broadly, this work demonstrates that infrastructures are not only projects of state-making that articulate new temporalities, spatialities, and modes of state power (Rankin, et al., 2018; Murton, 2017; Harvey & Knox, 2015; Bedi, 2018), but infrastructures often exhibit "a life of their own" in shaping sociality, everyday experiences, and subjectivities in often unpredictable and unanticipated ways (Amin, 2014; Simone, 2004; Meehan, 2014; Anand, 2015; Millington, 2018; Truelove, 2016; Sabhlok 2017). Within this burgeoning field, scholars of South Asia have brought the region's diverse colonial and postcolonial histories and contemporary geopolitical dynamics to the forefront in interrogating the politics, poetics, and power of a broad range of infrastructural projects: from roads and energy procurement to urban water, waste, and dams. In this paper session, we seek to bring scholars working on the politics of South Asia's infrastructure into conversation in order to deepen understandings of the region's complex infrastructural geographies, and build bridges that span across studies that focus on the urban, rural, extra-territorial space, and zones of exception. Possible paper topics might include, but are not limited to:

- The environmental, political, aesthetic, social, and historical registers of infrastructures in the region
- The material and organizational infrastructures of social life in South Asia, including the role of the state and other mediating institutions
- Violence, pacification and dispossession that result from securitizing, militarizing, or splintering infrastructures
- The use of infrastructure to normalize land acquisitions and/ or population displacement
- The social relations that connect the body to infrastructure, necessitating particular everyday practices and/or labor that reinforce gender/race/caste/ ethnoreligious power geometries
- New theorizations regarding the temporality and spatiality of South Asia's infrastructural projects

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- Nascent methodological approaches attentive to the scalar dimensions of infrastructure, including the body, neighborhood, national and global scales (and their entanglement)
- Intersections between infrastructure, uneven development, and marginalization
- The tensions between conflicting infrastructural imaginaries, and their accompanying discursive and material forms of power
- The socio-political dynamics accompanying infrastructural decay, repair, disruption, and maintenance
- The role of "expert knowledge" and/ or techno-politics in shaping infrastructural (in)visibilities, trajectories, and futures

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- 9:55 AM **Saumya Vaishnava**, Pennsylvania State University
Ashwini Chitnis, Prayas (Energy Group)
A tale of two utilities: Competition and electricity distribution in Mumbai
- 10:15 AM **Elizabeth Chatterjee**, Queen Mary University of London
Green lights, black vetoes: the subnational politics of renewable energy in India
- 10:35 AM **Heather Bedi**, Dickinson College
"Lead the district into the light": The Politics of Solar Infrastructure in India
- 10:55 AM **Vikramaditya Thakur**
Addressing Forced Displacement: Bureaucracy, Bhils and the Narmada Dam Project in Western India

Asia Symposium Poster Session

Thursday, 4/4/2019 from 1:10 PM to 2:50 PM

Room: Lincoln 2, Marriott, Exhibition Level

Sponsorship: Asian Geography Specialty Group

Organizer: Jennifer Pomeroy

Session Description:

Included are Posters on all aspects of Asia-related research. Topics may include, but are not limited to:

Urban, Urbanization

- Cities' Growth and Shrinkage
- Cities and Urban Climates

Region, Regional Development and Planning

- Regional Disparity
- Resources, Planning, and Sustainability
- Transportation Networks and Spatial Infrastructure
- Regional Competitions and Conflicts

Changing Geographies in Rural Asia

- Restructuring Rural Geographies
- Urban-Rural Divide
- Aquaculture

Globalizing Economy in Asian Context

- Asian Markets and Foreign Investment Dollars
- Housing
- Financing Sector

Social (In)equality and (In)justice

- Deepening Income Inequality
- Human Trafficking in Asian Context
- Comparative Studies on Gender (In)equality
- Structural (In)equality

Climate Change, Resilience, and Public Health

- Air and Water Pollution
- Communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases
- Infectious and Chronic Diseases related to Global Warming and Climate Change

Movement and Migration

- Tourism Geographies and Sustainability
- Transnational Labor – Maid Movement
- Remittances

Spatial Data Science

Asian Geographies Symposium: Tigers on the Move: Mobility, Accessibility, and Transportation in Asia

Thursday, 4/4/2019 from 1:10 PM to 2:50 PM

Room: 8216, Park Tower Suites, Marriott, Lobby Level

Sponsorships: Asian Geography Specialty Group

Transportation Geography Specialty Group

Organizer: John Bowen

Chair: John Bowen

Session Description:

Rapid, albeit uneven, Asian economic growth has fueled unprecedented passenger and freight traffic at all scales. Accommodating that growth has required massive investment in new infrastructure. High-speed intercity rail networks and urban rail systems, new and expanded airports and seaports, thousands of kilometers of new expressways, and some of the world's most impressive tunnels and bridges have further transformed the region's already dynamic landscapes. Nevertheless, congestion remains a serious impediment, particularly in Asia's gateway cities; and the region faces difficult challenges in balancing

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demands for greater mobility with environmental and social sustainability. The purpose of this session is to provide a setting for the analysis of mobility and accessibility within Asia's present and future transportation networks.

- 1:10 PM **Eric T H Chan**, University of Oxford
Tim Schwanen, University of Oxford
David Banister, University of Oxford
Assessing street level walkability in Shenzhen: A multiple-scenario walkability approach
- 1:30 PM **Xiangfu Kong**, Peking University
Jiawen Yang, Peking University
Transit ridership forecasting under land use perspective at station level: A case study of Shenzhen
- 1:50 PM **Zhuo Chen** & **Fengjun Jin**, Institute of Geographic Sciences & Natural Resources Research, CAS
Comparative freeway passenger network and freight network in Yangtze River Delta region
- 2:10 PM **Fan Zhang**, East China Normal University, *The Changing Structure of China's Transnational Urban Network: An analysis through Air Passenger Flow*
- 2:30 PM **John Bowen**, Central Washington University, *Flying on Different Trajectories: Budget Airlines in India and China*

Changing Social Geographies in Asia: New Theoretical Constructs and Methodological Approaches

Thursday, 4/4/2019 from 1:10 PM to 2:50 PM
 Room: 8217, Park Tower Suites, Marriott, Lobby Level

Sponsorships: Asian Geography Specialty Group
 Socialist and Critical Geography Specialty Group
 Urban Geography Specialty Group

Organizer: Jennifer Pomeroy
Chair: Jennifer Pomeroy

Session Description:

Geography of Intersectionality in Asian Context
 Globalization, rapid technological growth, and market-oriented economic development in recent years on the Asian continent has accelerated inequality and injustice. These inequality and injustice contexts resemble complexity as that of in other geographic regions, yet with different characteristics. Geography of intersectionality emphasizes two characteristics: "both social context and relationality" of "local, regional, and national geography of global process" (Collins and Bilge, 2016). This organized paper session is looking for paper topics may include various market distortions, social exclusion and institutional weaknesses manifested among multiple dimensionalities of social spaces at local, regional, and national scales in the Asian context. That also includes possible theoretical constructs and methodological approaches about geography of intersectionality specific in the Asian context.

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- 1:10 PM **Bokyoung Shin**, University of Helsinki
Social network analysis in collaborative planning: A case study of the Sinchon Regeneration Project in Seoul, Korea
- 1:30 PM **Shin Bin Tan**, MIT
Obesogenic urban environments: An assessment of socio-spatial disparities in a South East Asian context
- 1:50 PM **Shuang Wang**, University of Tsukuba
Sayaka Fujii, University of Tsukuba
A Study on the living supports and communities of the Public Housing Densely Inhabited by Foreigners in Japan
- 2:10 PM **Zhu Chen**, Tianjin Chengjian University
Lingxiang Huang, Tianjin Chengjian University
A choice experiment study for public preference of agricultural land preservation in Tianjin, China
- 2:30 PM **Jennifer Pomeroy**, York College of Pennsylvania
Changing Social Context and Intersectionality of Gendered Spaces: Comparison in India and China

Urban Inequality III

Thursday, 4/4/2019 from 1:10 PM to 2:50 PM
 Room: Senate Room, Omni, West

Sponsorships: Urban Geography Specialty Group
 China Specialty Group
 Asian Geography Specialty Group

Organizer: Yehua Dennis Wei
Chair: Han Li

Session Description:

This special session provides comparative perspectives on urban inequality trends in different world regions. It examines patterns, structures, and dynamics of socio-economic and spatial inequalities in urban context. The premise is that inequality in cities has critical spatial dimensions: inequality is at once conditioned by and expressed in spatial context. This special session will examine spatial and temporal dimensions of socio-economic inequality, analyze the significance of urban context for inequality, and provide insights for urban planners and administrators to balance efficiency, equity and environment. We welcome articles that address questions such as the following:

- What is the nature of inequality trends in the city/cities in question? What are the temporal/spatial dynamics?
- What is the explanation for these inequality trends and, specifically, how do they relate to (a) urbanization trends, (b) the urban political economy of these cities, and (c) local/national urban policies?

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- How is urban inequality manifested in residential segregation, spatial mismatch, housing inequality, digital divide, environmental injustice, and in general spatial inequality?
- What are the theoretical and policy implications of the research?

1:10 PM **Junsong Wang**

Effects of Agglomeration, Regulations, and Technology on Pollutant Emissions in China: Integrating Spatial and Social Network Analysis

1:30 PM **Dandan Li**

Yehua Dennis Wei, University of Utah

Innovation Policies and Regional Development in China

1:50 PM **Canfei He**, Peking University

Changda Yu, Peking University

Shengjun Zhu, Peking University

Convergence and divergence: The spatial-temporal dynamics of urban export structural inequality in China

2:10 PM **Meitong Liu**, University of Utah

Yehua Dennis Wei, University of Utah

Han Li, University of Miami

Yangyi Wu, University of Utah

Environmental Cost and Environmental Justice of Air Pollution in China

2:30 PM **Yangyi Wu**, University of Utah

Amenity, Firm Distribution, and Creativity of Producer Service Industries in Shanghai: A Perspective from Open Data

Rethinking the Politics of South Asia's Infrastructures: Towards New Scalar, Methodological, and Theoretical Approaches 2

Thursday, 4/4/2019 from 1:10 PM to 2:50 PM

Room: Virginia C, Marriott, Lobby Level

Sponsorships: Asian Geography Specialty Group
Cultural and Political Ecology Specialty Group

Organizers: Yaffa Truelove, Heather Bedi

Chair: Yaffa Truelove

Session Description:

This paper session brings together scholars working across South Asia's diverse infrastructures to query new scalar, methodological, and theoretical approaches attentive to infrastructural politics in the region. In what is now termed the "infrastructural turn," a growing interdisciplinary scholarship conceptualizes infrastructure as a socio-material assemblage of both human and non-human associations. By revealing the simultaneous social, cultural, political, and material dimensions of infrastructure, this literature illuminates the differing agencies and power relations that shape socio-technical systems. Broadly, this work demonstrates that infrastructures are not only projects of state-making that articulate new temporalities, spatialities, and modes of state power (Rankin, et al., 2018; Murton, 2017; Harvey & Knox, 2015; Bedi, 2018), but infrastructures often exhibit "a life of their own" in shaping sociality, everyday experiences, and subjectivities in often unpredictable and unanticipated ways (Amin, 2014; Simone, 2004; Meehan, 2014; Anand, 2015; Millington, 2018; Truelove, 2016; Sabhlok 2017). Within this burgeoning field, scholars of South Asia have brought the region's diverse colonial

and postcolonial histories and contemporary geopolitical dynamics to the forefront in interrogating the politics, poetics, and power of a broad range of infrastructural projects: from roads and energy procurement to urban water, waste, and dams. In this paper session, we seek to bring scholars working on the politics of South Asia's infrastructure into conversation in order to deepen understandings of the region's complex infrastructural geographies, and build bridges that span across studies that focus on the urban, rural, extra-territorial space, and zones of exception. Possible paper topics might include, but are not limited to:

- The environmental, political, aesthetic, social, and historical registers of infrastructures in the region
- The material and organizational infrastructures of social life in South Asia, including the role of the state and other mediating institutions
- Violence, pacification and dispossession that result from securitizing, militarizing, or splintering infrastructures
- The use of infrastructure to normalize land acquisitions and/ or population displacement
- The social relations that connect the body to infrastructure, necessitating particular everyday practices and/or labor that reinforce gender/race/caste/ ethnoreligious power geometries
- New theorizations regarding the temporality and spatiality of South Asia's infrastructural projects
- Nascent methodological approaches attentive to the scalar dimensions of infrastructure, including the body, neighborhood, national and global scales (and their entanglement)
- Intersections between infrastructure, uneven development, and marginalization
- The tensions between conflicting infrastructural imaginaries, and their accompanying discursive and material forms of power
- The socio-political dynamics accompanying infrastructural decay, repair, disruption, and maintenance
- The role of "expert knowledge" and/ or techno-politics in shaping infrastructural (in)visibilities, trajectories, and futures

1:10 PM **Kanchana Ruwanpura**, University of Edinburgh

Benjamin Brown, University of Edinburgh

Loritta Chan, University of Edinburgh

(Dis)connected Colombo: Situating the Megapolis in post-war Sri Lanka

1:30 PM **Prerona Das**, National University of Singapore

Multiple Partitions: Infrastructural Borders in the City of Guwahati, India

1:50 PM **Taru Taru**, University of Michigan

Techno-Political Resource Grab and Spatial-Flows of Resistance in Democratic Societies

2:10 PM **Kenneth Nielsen**, University of Oslo

Growth Infrastructures and Contestation in Goa

2:30 PM **René Véron**, University of Lausanne

Anna Zimmer, University of Birmingham

Natasha Cornea, University of Birmingham

Creating blue infrastructure: Urban imaginaries, social exclusions and the transformation of ponds in Navsari, Gujarat

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Shrinking Cities: China and International Comparisons I

Thursday, 4/4/2019 from 1:10 PM to 2:50 PM
Room: 8212, Park Tower Suites, Marriott, Lobby Level

Sponsorships: China Specialty Group
Asian Geography Specialty Group

Organizers: Chung-Tong Wu, Kai Zhou

Chairs: Chung-Tong Wu

Session Description:

Research on shrinking cities in China are just emerging even though there are reports close to 300 cities that are experiencing this phenomenon (Li and Mykhnenko 2018). Available research on this topic is limited in the the English language. This organized session invited papers that explore the phenomenon of urban shrinking in China and international comparisons with the hope of adding to the available research.

While shrinking cities have captured research and policy attention in Europe and N America since the early 2000s (for example, Pallagst et al (eds) 2014), the phenomenon of urban shrinkage has only recently attracted the attention of researchers in China. However, over the past several years, researchers have begun to pay attention to key factors that contribute to shrinking cities in China. These include massive rural to urban migration, including from smaller towns to larger cities, economic restructuring, impacts of global economic change and an ageing population. In a country with vast regionally differences it is inevitable that there are diverse patterns of urban shrinkage.

In contrast to the massive literature on the growth of Chinese cities and metropolitan regions, the available English language publications on shrinking cities in China are only emerging. Examples include exploratory case studies (Wu, Zhang, Cui & Cui 2014), general surveys (Yang & Dunford 2017; Li & Mykhnenko 2018), graphical analysis (Long & Wu 2016) and case studies of resource depleted cities (He et al 2017). Many more publications on these topics are available in Chinese publications (Zhang et al 2016; Zhou & Qian 2017; Du and Li 2017).

This organized session invites papers that explore the phenomenon of urban shrinkage in China and international comparisons. We welcome papers on any of the following, but by no means exclusive, topics:

- Regional differences in urban shrinkage;
- Resource sector and shrinking regions;
- Case studies of urban shrinkage;
- Migration, resettlement and urban transformations;
- Border regions and urban shrinkage;
- Transport system transformations and impacts on urban growth and decline;
- Theoretical contributions based on Chinese experience.
- Policy/Planning (non)responses to urban or regional shrinkage
- International comparisons

1:10 PM Kai Zhou, Hunan University
Zhiwei Du, Guangzhou Institute of Geography

Two Sides of the Same Coin: Examining City Shrinkages in the Rapid Urbanizing China
1:30 PM Scarlett Jin, Ohio State University
Do central state interventions cause urban shrinkage in China?

1:50 PM Linshen Jiao, Xi'an University of Architecture and Technology
Zhonghua Zhang, Xi'an University of Architecture and Technology
Lu Zhao, Xi'an U. of Architecture and Technology
Study on China's Shrinking Cities in Traditional Agricultural Areas and Strategies to Avoid Shrinkage: A Case Study of Yudong Plain

2:10 PM Kang Wu, Capital University of Economics and Business
Identifying shrinking cities in China from urban network perspective

2:30 PM Zhaoya Gong, University of Birmingham
Ran Tao, University of South Florida
Qiwei Ma, Tsinghua University
Changcheng Kan, Baidu Online Network Technology (Beijing) Co., Ltd
Urban Interaction and Shrinking Cities in Northeast China

Shrinking Cities: China and International Comparisons II

Thursday, 4/4/2019 from 3:05 PM to 4:45 PM
Room: 8212, Park Tower Suites, Marriott, Lobby Level

Sponsorships: Asian Geography Specialty Group
China Specialty Group

Organizers: Chung-Tong Wu, Kai Zhou

Chair: Kai Zhou

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The first part of this organized session focuses on China, this part of the session focuses on international examples and comparisons.

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- Resource sector and shrinking regions;
- Case studies of urban shrinkage;
- Migration, resettlement and urban transformations;
- Border regions and urban shrinkage;
- Transport system transformations and impacts on urban growth and decline;
- Theoretical contributions based on Chinese experience.
- Policy/Planning (non)reponses to urban or regional shrinkage
- International comparisons

3:05 PM **Yuanshuo Xu**, Cornell University
Urban Growth and Shrinkage under State Rescaling in China: Time-series Clustering and Geographic Weighted Modeling

3:25 PM **Chung-Tong Wu**, Western Sydney University
Shrinking Cities in Post-Socialist Nations; China, Russia & Poland

3:45 PM **Gintare Pociute-Sereikiene**, Lithuanian Social Research Centre
The story of shrinking city in Lithuania: drivers, consequences and governance

4:05 PM **Dick Magnusson**, Linköping University
Infrastructure management in shrinking municipalities

4:25 PM **Yann Beauloye**, Université de Lorraine
Michel Deshaies, Lorraine University
Conversion of the former cross-border coalfield of Lorraine (France) and Saarland (Germany)

Panel: Nepal Geographies: Keynote lecture

Thursday, 4/4/2019 from 3:05 PM to 4:45 PM
Room: Delaware A, Marriott, Lobby Level

Sponsorship: Asian Geography Specialty Group

Organizers: Katharine Rankin

Chairs: Galen Murton

Session Description:

This session will kick off two paper sessions and one panel roundtable devoted to the topic of Nepal Geographies and focusing on the related themes of sustainability, disaster and infrastructure. The lecture will be introduced by the Session Chair and followed by a discussant before opening to the audience for further discussion. All four ses-

sions on Nepal geographies will comprise part of the two-day symposium on "Highlighting Asian Geographies."

Panelist: Dinesh Paudel, Appalachian State University

Discussant: Neera Singh, University of Toronto

Discussant: Nanda Shrestha, Florida A&M University

Discussant: Katharine Rankin, University of Toronto

Spatiality of Inner Urban Transportation

Thursday, 4/4/2019 from 3:05 PM to 4:45 PM
Room: 8216, Park Tower Suites, Marriott, Lobby Level

Sponsorships: Asian Geography Specialty Group
Regional Development and Planning Specialty Group
Economic Geography Specialty Group

Organizer: Jennifer Pomeroy

Chair: Jonah White

3:05 PM **Ronghui Tan**, Tianjin Chengjian University
Kehao Zhou, Tianjin Chengjian University
Do public transportation infrastructures affect housing price in China? Insights from Wuhan

3:25 PM **Yuanjie Tu**, Peking University
Jiawen Yang, Peking University
Yuan Xu, Peking University
Yunan Lin, Peking University
The biking revival under China's Transit Metropolis Initiative: the Case of Shenzhen's dockless shared bikes

3:45 PM **Zhou Lin**, Tsinghua University
The street networks evolution in Beijing old city since the establishment of the Republic of China: A syntactical view

4:05 PM **Rajasekaran Deshi**, Govt. Arts College
B.R. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore Central University
Mushrooming of Highrises in Central Business District areas has Triggered Congested Roads into a Chaotic Twister in Bangalore City, India

Panel: Studies in Nepali History and Society

Thursday, 4/4/2019 from 5:00 PM to 6:40 PM
Room: 8212, Park Tower Suites, Marriott, Lobby Level

Sponsorship: Asian Geography Specialty Group

Organizer: Galen Murton

Chair: Katharine Rankin

Session Description:

This roundtable brings together contributors to the forthcoming special issue on Nepal Geographies in Studies in Nepali History and Society (SINHAS). The special issue comprises papers that address the central themes of sustainability, disasters, and infrastructure. These topics are also central to the special panel sessions of the Nepal and Himalayan Geographers Group at AAG 2018.

Introduction: Katharine Rankin, University of Toronto

Introduction: Galen Murton, James Madison University

Panelist: Dinesh Paudel, Appalachian State University

Panelist: Elsie Lewison, University of Toronto

Panelist: Nadine Plachta, South Asia Institute

Panelist: Janardan Mainali, Portland State University

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Panel: Pradyumna Prasad Karan (1930-2018) and Geography: Six Decades of Contributions to Environment, Development and Culture

Thursday, 4/4/2019 from 5:00 PM to 6:40 PM
Room: Delaware A, Marriott, Lobby Level

Sponsorship: Asian Geography Specialty Group
Regional Development and Planning Specialty Group
Organizers: Rajiv Thakur, Sya Kedzior
Chair: Stanley Brunn

Session Description:

Professor P.P. Karan made significant contributions to Geography broadly and Asian Studies specifically through more than 300 publications (including 16 books and numerous articles). His more recent research and publications deal with environment and development, natural and technological hazards, history of the discipline, landscape and culture, studies on Kentucky and cartography. The panel session will celebrate his contributions, through field research in the realm of Himalayan Studies as well as other recent contributions.

Panelist: Unryu Suganuma, J. F. Oberlin University
Panelist: John Metz, Northern Kentucky University
Panelist: Tomoko Yamazaki, Iwate University
Panelist: M.Satish Kumar, Queens University Belfast
Panelist: Kenji Yamazaki, Iwate University
Discussant: Ramesh Dhussa, Drake University

Asia's Urban Challenges and Policy Mobility

Thursday, 4/4/2019 from 5:00 PM to 6:40 PM
Room: 8216, Park Tower Suites, Marriott, Lobby Level

Sponsorships: Asian Geography Specialty Group
Regional Development and Planning Specialty Group
Urban Geography Specialty Group
Organizer: Jennifer Pomeroy
Chair: Diganta Das

- 5:00 PM **Yuran Huang**, Peking University
Connotation and Implementation Countermeasure of Land Intensive Use in China's Economic Core Areas Under the "New Normal"
- 5:20 PM **Diganta Das**, Nanyang Technological University
The Making of Singapore in Amaravati: Policy mobility, praxis, and challenges of planning a smart capital
- 5:40 PM **Aulia Paramita**, Bandung Institute of Technology,
Haryo Winarso, Bandung Institute of Technology
Delik Hudalah, Bandung Institute of Technology
Ibnu Syabri, Bandung Institute of Technology
A Framework for Understanding How Power Relation Works in Megaproject Planning
- 6:00 PM **Jun Zhang**, University of Toronto
Xiaofan Luan, Wuhan University
Corporatist New Urbanization or Statist Neo-liberalization: The Case of China's Leading Industrial City Builder—China Fortune Land Development Corporation (CFLD)
- 6:20 PM **Esmat Zaidan**, Qatar University
Developing Urban Policies for Improving Mobility in FIFA World Cup 2022 City: Analysis of Mode Choice Impacts from the Introduction of Doha Metro

Friday

Agrarian Urbanisms: Tracking Urbanization beyond Cities in Asia I

Friday, 4/5/2019, from 8:00 AM to 9:40 AM
Room: 8212, Park Tower Suites, Marriott, Lobby Level

Sponsorship: Asian Geography Specialty Group
Organizers: Shubhra Gururani, Sai Balakrishnan
Chair: Sai Balakrishnan

Session Description:

In this double panel, we propose the concept of 'agrarian urbanism' to explore the unprecedented rural-agrarian transformation that has accompanied rapid urbanization in Asia. Focusing mostly on peripheral urbanization as it has taken shape in the far and near edges of Asia's metropolitan cities, the panel draws attention to the multi-scalar transformations that extend beyond the city and forge a conversation between urban studies and agrarian studies. In engaging with the debates on planetary urbanization and comparative urbanisms, the aim of the panel is to understand the changing question of land and agrarian property regimes and gain an understanding of how rural and urban geographies are coproduced in predominantly agrarian societies. The papers in the panels engage with the historically sedimented entanglements of colonial policies, developmentalist dreams, climate change, urban planning, and state initiatives and describe how new urban geographies of capitalist accumulation are spatially negotiated and contested in Asia's urbanizing frontiers. By moving beyond the landscape of the city, the panel prioritizes agrarian spaces and relations as critical points of entry to revisit the agrarian-urban question. (Chari 2004, Hart 1998, Roy 2016)

- 8:00 AM **Nausheen H. Anwar** IBA
Receding rurality, booming periphery: Value struggles in Karachi's agrarian-urban frontier
- 8:20 AM **Shubhra Gururani**, York University
Cities in a World of Villages: Agrarian-Urban Transformation in India's Urbanizing Frontier
- 8:40 AM **Emily Nguyen**, Yale University
Spirits of the Fringe: Spirituality and Peri-urban Development of a Changing Village in Hanoi, Vietnam
- 9:00 AM **Delia Wendel**, MIT
The Ethics of Stability: Rebuilding Rural Rwanda after the 1994 Genocide
- 9:20 AM **Discussant:** Gillian Hart, UC Berkeley

Geopolitics on Korean Peninsula and South Korea's Transnational Economies

Friday, 4/5/2019, from 8:00 AM to 9:40 AM
Room: 8216, Park Tower Suites, Marriott, Lobby Level

Sponsorships: Asian Geography Specialty Group
Regional Development and Planning Specialty Group
Geography Education Specialty Group
Organizer: Jennifer Pomeroy

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Chair: **Jinsoo Lee**

8:00 AM **Jinsoo Lee**, University of Idaho
Peace for prosperity? The geopolitics of Trump and the Korean peace process

8:20 AM **Yeon-Taek Ryu**, Chungbuk National University
Spatial Inequalities and Temporal Variations in the Change Rates of House Prices and Rent Levels across Korean Cities, 1986-2000

8:40 AM **Jiwon Lee**, Seoul National University
Regional governance of social innovation ecosystems from an evolutionary perspective : insights from the social fashion industry ecosystems in Seoul, Korea

9:00 AM **Yangmi Koo**, Seoul National University
Korean Transnational Corporations and Regional Development in Vietnam

9:20 AM **Joseph Stoltman**, Western Michigan University
Geographical and Historical Evidence for South Korea's Dokdo

Global South: Impacts of transforming landuse and changing environment on cities

Friday, 4/5/2019, from 9:55 AM to 11:35 AM
Room: 8216, Park Tower Suites, Marriott, Lobby Level

Sponsorships: Asian Geography Specialty Group
Regional Development and Planning Specialty Group
Climate Specialty Group

Organizer: **S.M. Shihab Nur**

Chair: **Chandana Mitra**

Session Description:

Global south has seen uncontrolled and unplanned urbanization followed by massive industrialization and urban sprawl. A number of Asian cities have entered the group of fastest growing megacities in the world in recent times. People migrating from rural areas in search of economic opportunities are living in informal settlements in these cities. For providing the basic services to the large population, these cities have increased the land share for commercialization, industrialization and residential purposes. Thus these cities are now experiencing problems of thermal discomfort, enhanced urban heat island intensity, pollution and associated health issues, urban flooding, traffic congestion, lack of green and open spaces and overcrowding.

One best way of communicating and educating the masses is to display different scenarios on how these inter-comparable urban transitions are affecting the microenvironment in and around cities. Thus, this session aims to highlight research focused on the problems, solutions and possibilities of improving the urbanization process in the Global South.

Paper themes may include, but not limited to -

1. Urbanization and land use change
2. Pollution and impacts of health
3. Heat and associated well-being issues
4. Green space/parks/open spaces and benefits
5. Urban flash floods and water logging
6. Renewable energy and progress in global south cities

9:55 AM **Rajesh Sigdel**, Western Michigan University
Understanding the Land Use/Land Cover Change (LULC) Process in the Kathmandu Valley of Nepal.

10:15 AM **S.M. Shihab Nur**, Auburn University
Chandana Mitra, Auburn University
Cultural and environmental transition and transformation of two south Asian cities: Dhaka and Kolkata

10:35 AM **Sujee Jung**, Rutgers University
The Problem of Land Reclamation: Based on the Waterfront Development Project in Hanoi, Vietnam

10:55 AM **Faizeh Hatami**
Cultural and Physical Changes in Cities in Globalization Era; Case Study of Tehran City

11:15 AM **Discussant: Winston Chow**, National University of Singapore

Agrarian Urbanisms: Tracking Urbanization beyond Cities in Asia II

Friday, 4/5/2019, from 9:55 AM to 11:35 AM
Room: 8212, Park Tower Suites, Marriott, Lobby Level

Sponsorship: Asian Geography Specialty Group
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Chair: **Shubhra Gururani**

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9:55 AM **Sai Balakrishnan**
Recombinant Urbanization: Agrarian-Urban Landed Property and Uneven Development in India

10:12 AM **Will Glover**, University Michigan-Ann Arbor
Towards a History of Agrarian Urbanism

10:29 AM **Sudeshna Mitra**, Indian Institute for Human Settlements
Periurban Narratives of Land Value: From Investments to Compensation

10:46 AM **Chitra Venkataramani**
'A Survey Lies in Wait': Cartographic Agency and the Line Between the Village and the City in Mumbai

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- 11:03 AM **Kasia Paprocki**, London School of Economics
The Climate Change of Your Desires: Climate Migration and Imaginaries of Rural and Urban Climate Futures
11:20 AM **Discussant: Kalyan Krishnan Sivaramakrishnan**

Rurality and Rural Landscape Change in Asian Context

Friday, 4/5/2019, from 9:55 AM to 11:35 AM
Room: 8217, Park Tower Suites, Marriott, Lobby Level

Sponsorships: Asian Geography Specialty Group
Regional Development and Planning Specialty Group
China Specialty Group

Organizer: Jennifer Pomeroy

Chair: Steven McGreevy

- 9:55 AM **Jiayu Yan**, Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, CAS
Yuheng Li, Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, CAS
Research on development types and paths in China's rural areas

- 10:15 AM **Haiyan Pang**, Zhejiang University
Yonghua Li, Zhejiang University
Xiaodan Ge, Zhejiang University
Applying ecological perspective into rural revitalization: A case study of Jingshan Village, China

- 10:35 AM **Juliet Lu**, University of California - Berkeley
The persistence of plantation rubber production in Southeast Asia's new regions of rubber expansion

- 10:55 AM **Steven McGreevy**, Research Institute for Humanity and Nature
New settlers in a withering rural Japan: changing notions of the "good life" and prospects for sustainability

- 11:15 AM **Aparna Parikh**, Dartmouth College
Erasures in 'sustainable' development: gendered negotiations of shifting urban edges in Mumbai, India

Asian Geography Specialty Group Business Meeting

Friday, 4/5/2019, from 11:45 AM to 1:00 PM
Room: Cabinet Room, Omni, West

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Asian Symposium Keynote Speech

C. Cindy Fan: *The Household Approach Toward Migration: Examples from China and Asia*

Friday, 4/5/2019, from 1:10 PM to 2:50 PM
Room: Marshall North, Marriott, Mezzanine Level

Sponsorships: Asian Geography Specialty Group
China Specialty Group
Regional Development and Planning Specialty Group

Organizer: Jennifer Pomeroy

Chair: Jennifer Pomeroy

This is the keynote speech for the two-day Asian Symposium

Session Description:

Despite the central role of households in motivating and implementing migration, migration theories tend to focus on migrants themselves rather than considering the household as an organizing unit of population movements. Drawing from examples from China and Asia, this paper argues that the household approach is fundamental and essential. In China, hundreds of millions of migrants from rural areas circulate between their home villages and host cities, a phenomenon that has prevailed for decades. Household-splitting that enables the earning of remittances sets in motion processes of gender and intergenerational divisions of labor that involve both the migrants and the left-behind, constrained by and challenging traditional social roles and norms. Circularity and translocality facilitate migrants' straddling the origin and destination locations and their potential return. Large numbers of women from South and Southeast Asia are employed in Hong Kong, Taiwan, and Singapore, facilitated by organized recruitment that restricts their rights and settlement possibilities, and motivated by remittances as a major source of the household income. Likewise, transnational migrants who take on multiple identities and ties infuse new meanings to the "home" and to "being family." These examples underscore the importance of considering the household rather than the migrant as the basic unit of migration theories, management and policy-making.

Alternative Urbanism in the Global South

Friday, 4/5/2019, from 1:10 PM to 2:50 PM
Room: 8212, Park Tower Suites, Marriott, Lobby Level

Sponsorships: Asian Geography Specialty Group
Development Geographies Specialty Group
Regional Development and Planning Specialty Group

Organizers: Bikramaditya Choudhary, Diganta Das, Arun Tripathi

Chair: Balbir Butola

Session Description:

Urbanism is one of the most talked about and researched themes across academia. However, multiple nuances of urbanism especially from the global south remain unexplored. The different types of negotiations result in multiple forms of governance in these cities. People in these cities live in relative adversity and develop new forms of negotiations with their immediate neighbourhood and also with the agencies of the state. The availability of essential services in these cities is more often limited to the elites living in better parts of the cities. There emerge secondary circuits of water-supply, paid toilet facilities, open drains and so on for the larger sections of the population, who get confined in smaller geographical spaces. The representation of such imageries still are varied and often marred with contradictions. One the one hand in the promotional videos, and images they are shown as the 'cities of tomorrow'; they also are used to generate capitals through representations like 'slumdog millionaires'. The existing and evolving exclusions are getting accentuated

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and are on display in multiple forms: ranging from exclusionary neighbourhood to exclusionary aesthetics.

Without exhausting all possibilities, paper topics may include:

- The multiple forms of exclusions in the Global South
- Representations and representative aesthetics in the cities of Global South
- Accounts of negotiations/ resistance/resilience in Global South cities
- Social and political structures contributing 'exclusionary structures'
- Smart cities and emerging issues of accumulation and dispossession
- Theoretical possibilities about alternative urbanization in the global south
- Methodological approaches to alternative urbanism

1:10 PM **Introduction:** **Diganta Das**, Nanyang Technological University

1:22 PM **Balbir Butola**, CSRD, Jawaharlal Nehru Univ. *Rhizome City*

1:42 PM **Arun Kumar Tripathi**, University of Delhi *Dark Shades on Glittering Spaces: Excluding Masses in "Inclusive City"*

1:59 PM **Sothun Nop**, The University of New South Wales
Alec Thornton, The University of New South Wales
Community participation in modern urban development planning: A case of Phnom Penh city, Cambodia

2:16 PM **Shoshana Goldstein**, Cornell University
Urban Villages and Class Transformation in Gurgaon, India

2:33 PM **Bikramaditya Choudhary**, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Making and Unmaking of Exclusionary Spaces in Indian City: A Case of Banaras

China's Belt and Road Initiatives and Its Regional Impacts

Friday, 4/5/2019, from 3:05 PM to 4:45 PM
Room: 8219, Park Tower Suites, Marriott, Lobby Level

Sponsorships: Asian Geography Specialty Group
Regional Development and Planning Specialty Group
China Specialty Group

Organizer: Jennifer Pomeroy

Chair: Michael Glass

3:05 PM **Curt Nestor**, University of Gothenburg
China-EU trade along the Eurasian Silk Railway

3:25 PM **Peiran Chen**, Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, CAS,
Chengjin Wang, Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, CAS
Spatial organization network of Chinese Eurasian international freight trains

3:45 PM **Zuo Lin Yao**
Global and regional trends in industrial transfer: the construction of the South China Sea Economic Circle

4:05 PM **Hui Liu**, IGSNRR
The "Belt and Road" Initiative and its impacts on China's border regions' development

4:25 PM **Yi Liang**, IGSNRR, CAS
The spatial evolution of geoeconomics between China

and neighboring countries since the reform and opening-up

Panel: CSG Plenary Session: China's Environment in a Metacoupled World

Friday, 4/5/2019, from
3:05 PM to 4:45 PM

Room: Marshall East, Marriott, Mezzanine Level

Sponsorships: China Specialty Group
Human Dimensions of Global Change Specialty Group
Asian Geography Specialty Group

Organizer: Xinyue Ye

Chair: Xinyue Ye

Session Description:

In the past four decades, China's economic miracle has been shadowed by many environmental challenges with global implications. This talk will highlight long-term trends and consequences of China's major environmental issues, such as air pollution, biodiversity loss, climate change, land degradation, and water pollution and shortages. It will illustrate their driving forces across a metacoupled planet with human-nature interactions within and among countries. The talk will also show some achievements and ongoing efforts of environmental protection. It will focus on the long-term interdisciplinary study on "Pandas, People, and Policies". Finally, the talk will end with suggestions for an environmental revolution to fundamentally improve the environment in China and beyond.

Introduction: Xinyue Ye, NJ Institute of Technology

Introduction: Jianguo Liu, Michigan State University

Panelist: Jianguo Liu, Michigan State University

Discussant: Jianguo Liu, Michigan State University

Discussant: Xinyue Ye, New Jersey Institute of Technology

Urban Climates: Power, Development and Environment in South Asia

Friday, 4/5/2019, from 3:05 PM to 4:45 PM
Room: 8212, Park Tower Suites, Marriott, Lobby Level

Sponsorships: Asian Geography Specialty Group
Socialist & Critical Geography Specialty Group

Organizers: Aparna Parikh, Nida Rehman

Chair: Nida Rehman

Session Description:

In South Asian cities, as with their counterparts in the global north and south, processes of neoliberal urbanization and climate change are bound up in wider social, environmental, and political contestations, just as they are layered with the sediments of colonial and postcolonial histories. Accordingly, concerns with environmental resources, risks, or conservation are inseparable from the constitution of social identities, forms of citizenship, racial and ethnic divides, processes of militarization or securitization, uneven development and so on. The persistence of these entanglements and accretions unsettles the futuristic modus operandi of developmentalist visions and sustainable planning, necessitating closer attention to messier pasts and

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In thinking about the climate in South Asian cities, and region more broadly, we draw inspiration from Christina Sharpe's articulation of the weather, as the "totality of our environments; the weather is the total climate; and that climate is anti-black" (Sharpe, 2016). In this sense, we want to foreground ways that the atmospheres, bodies, and landscapes are historically weighted and politically differentiated, with violent and harmful structures, circulations, and afterlives (Baviskar, 2002; Gidwani and Reddy, 2011; Butt, 2017), but also how engagement with their materialities, ecologies, and histories might offer latent possibilities for progressive alliances or alternate politics (Ahmed, 2013).

Topics include, but are not limited to:

- Socionatural entanglements and hybrid landscapes (cf Swyngedouw, 1996; Whatmore, 2002; Latour, 2004; Barad, 2007; Haraway, 2016; Nading, 2014)
- Liminal urban positionality and vulnerable environmental citizenship (cf Anjaria, 2016; Bhan et al., 2016; Ranganathan, 2018)
- Evisceration and embodied difference (Gidwani and Reddy, 2011)

3:05 PM **Nipesh Palat Narayanan**, University of Colombo
Being World Class: Development and the Knowledge Hegemony

3:25 PM **Shruti Syal**, University of Illinois-Urbana
Formal & quasi-formal infrastructure provision in 'slums': a socio-ecological systems perspective

3:45 PM **Anthony Powis**
'Fluvial City'—The materiality of groundwater in the Chennai rainwater harvesting programme

4:05 PM **Farhana Ahmad**, Cornell University
Tale of Two Cities and their water

4:25 PM **Discussant: Nausheen Anwar** Social Sciences, IBA

Agrarian Change in Contemporary China: Observations and Implications

Friday, 4/5/2019, from 5:00 PM to 6:40 PM
Room: 8219, Park Tower Suites, Marriott, Lobby Level

Sponsorships: China Specialty Group
Asian Geography Specialty Group
Geographies of Food and Agriculture Specialty Group

Organizers: Gregory Veeck, Wenjing Jiang
Chair: Gregory Veeck

Session Description:

With its impressive achievements in agricultural development, poverty alleviation, and overall economic growth, China has become an important reference point used to examine rural (under)development in the Second and Third Worlds. Following the enormous transformations over the past decades, the Chinese countryside today is still witnessing rapid, intriguing and complex changes, triggered

by multi-scalar concerns, struggles and practices over land, food, survival and social justice, from local to global. This session welcomes timely and creative studies on all aspects of rural life in China. Bringing together research findings from all intellectual traditions and methodological approaches, we seek to generate implications for future empirical research, policy making, and possibilities of alternative models as well as experimental practices on the ground. Potential topics include but are not limited to: shifting agricultural policies and domestic/international production regimes (e.g., food safety, food security, new marketing channels, commodity production, trade, and fast-changing farm scale), changing regulations of land and natural resources, tracking land use patterns and changes, investment in agricultural infrastructure and technologies, emerging and innovative rural land transfer practices and related financial services (e.g., through homestead mortgage, land trust, agricultural loans/insurance), increasing concerns over inequality and justice (e.g., income inequality, unfair housing practices, uneven environmental degradation, access to and affordability of safe food), intertwining urban-rural relationships (e.g., through rural industrialization, e-commerce, and migration), and ongoing and continual efforts for transformations towards a sustainable future.

5:00 PM **Discussant: Clifton Pannell** University of Georgia

5:20 PM **Gregory Veeck**, Western Michigan University
Regional shifts in agricultural land use and crop production in China: an empirical redesign of China's agricultural regions

5:40 PM **Erik Breidinger**, Western Michigan University
The use of high and medium resolution imagery to detect agricultural land cover in Chinese Cities: A case study of Nanjing-2000 to 2015

6:00 PM **Shuang Wu**, University of Washington
Daniel Abramson, University of Washington
Rural Resilience in the Chengdu Plain: a Multi-scale Perspective

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Discussant: Nida Rehman, University of Cambridge
Panelist: Nausheen Anwar, Social Sciences, IBA
Panelist: Waqas Butt, University of Toronto Scarborough
Panelist: Yaffa Truelove, University of Colorado
Panelist: Susmita Rishi, Kansas State University
Panelist: Siddharth Menon, -- Year --
Panelist: Maan Barua, University of Oxford

Using Remote Sensing Approach Investigating Land Use and Regional Development of China

Friday, 4/5/2019, from 5:00 PM to 6:40 PM
 Room: 8217, Park Tower Suites, Marriott, Lobby Level

Sponsorships:

Asian Geography Specialty Group
 Regional Development and Planning Specialty Group
 China Specialty Group

Organizer: Jennifer Pomeroy

Chair: Jiren Zhu

Session Description:

This session highlights the use of remote sensing approach investigating land uses related to development in several case study areas in southern China and urban China.

5:00 PM **Fengshou Li**, Guangzhou University
Lin Liu, University of Cincinnati
Hongxing Liu, University of Cincinnati
Kai Liu, Sun Yat-Sen University
Huanli Tang, Guangzhou Zengcheng District Urban and Rural Planning and Surveying and Mapping Geographic Information Institute
Analyzing Trends of Dike-Ponds between 1978 and 2016 Using Multi-Source Remote Sensing Images in Shunde District of South China

5:20 PM **Yingying Mei**, Wuhan University
Jiayi Li, Wuhan University
Xin Huang, Wuhan University
China daily 1km surface ozone concentration estimation using remote sensing high spatial-temporal processing

5:40 PM **Wan Li**, East China Normal University
BinDong Sun, East China Normal University
Economic performance of spatial structure in Chinese prefecture regions: Evidence from night-time satellite imagery

6:00 PM **Jiren Zhu**, Huazhong University of Science and Technology
Yong Tu, National University of Singapore
Yan Guo, Wuhan University
Analyzing the institution-driven urban sprawl in Chinese metropolises: evidence from Wuhan

Saturday

Environment, Development and Culture: Global Perspectives

Saturday, 4/6/2019 from 8:00 AM to 9:40 AM
 Room: the Virginia A, Marriott, Lobby Level

Sponsorships:

Asian Geography Specialty Group
 Regional Development and Planning Specialty Group

Organizers: Prajijwal Panday, Rajiv Thakur

Chairs: Keshav Bhattarai

Description:

This paper session will focus on environmental change, development practices and the impact of both on the cultural landscape. Asking fundamental questions such as what are some of the factors affecting environmental change dynamics globally and locally? We are aware that global warming, climate change and mitigation measures are all significant to the changing socio-cultural processes, human-environment interactions and in the making of disasters. By addressing the complex and diverse interactions of resources and environmental management under environmental uncertainty, the imperative need of sustainability and respecting cultural diversity, this session will raise the issues of our changing global environment that needs to be confronted. Following Professor P. P. Karan's lifelong research interest, papers in this festschrift session will focus on recent advances in the field.

8:00 AM **M.Satish Kumar**, Queens University Belfast
The progress of uneven development and territorial conundrum in the Geo-body of Northeast India

8:20 AM **Ramesh Dhussa**, Drake University
Delhi as Experienced by an Unknown Indian; Nirad C. Chaudhuri

8:40 AM **Tomoko Yamazaki**, Iwate University
Vulnerability Seen through Schools during the Reconstruction Stage in Sanriku Coast, Japan

9:00 AM **Kenji Yamazaki**, Iwate University
Disaster Culture which Disaster Learning Nurtures

9:20 AM **Prajijwal Panday**, Nichols College
The socio-hydrology of water supply and scarcity in Kathmandu Valley, Nepal

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China's Environment in a Metacoupled World

Friday, 4/5/2019, from 3:05 to 4:45 PM
Room: Marshall East, Marriott, Mezzanine Level

Sponsorship: China Specialty Group

The China Specialty Group has a Keynote Lecture every year at AAG. This year features Professor **Jianguo Liu**, the Rachel Carson Chair in Sustainability and University Distinguished Professor of the Center for Systems Integration and Sustainability at Michigan State University. He is also a reviewing editor for *Science*, elected member of the American Philosophical Society, and elected fellow of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences.

Description: In the past four decades, China's economic miracle has been shadowed by many environmental challenges with global implications. This talk will highlight long-term trends and consequences of China's major environmental issues, such as air pollution, biodiversity loss, climate change, land degradation, and water pollution and shortages. It will illustrate their driving forces across a metacoupled planet with human-nature interactions within and among countries. The talk will also show some achievements and ongoing efforts of environmental protection. It will focus on the long-term interdisciplinary study on "Pandas, People, and Policies". Finally, the talk will end with suggestions for an environmental revolution to fundamentally improve the environment in China and beyond.

Agriculture and Rural Geography in East Asia

Saturday, 4/6/2019, from 1:10 PM to 2:50 PM
Room: 8223, Park Tower Suites, Marriott, Lobby Level

Sponsorship: Rural Geography Specialty Group
Chair: Shuang-shuang Tu

- 1:10 PM **Wenhuan Chen**,
Festivalscape in Taiwan Gukeng coffee festival
- 1:30 PM **Lanjiao Wen**, Huazhong Agricultural University, **Anlu Zhang**, Huazhong Agricultural University
What happens to land price when a rural construction land market legally opens in China? A spatiotemporal analysis of Nanhai District from 2010 to 2015
- 1:50 PM **Jianping Tao**
Research on Convergence of Chinese Agricultural Insurance Coverage
- 2:10 PM **Wenhao Wu**, Beijing Normal University
Yansui Liu, Chinese Academy of Sciences
Yuheng Li, Chinese Academy of Sciences
Yongsheng Wang, Chinese Academy of Sciences
Land engineering and its role for sustainable agriculture in the agro-pastoral ecotone: The case study of Yulin, Shaanxi Province, China
- 2:30 PM **Shuangshuang Tu**, Guangxi Teachers Education University
Hualou long, Chinese Academy of Sciences
Yingnan Zhang, Chinese Academy of Sciences
The Process and Driving Mechanism of the Living Space evolution of Typical Villages in rural China

Cultural Landscapes II: Asia and Beyond

Thursday, 4/4/2019, from 3:05 PM to 4:45 PM
Room: 8223, Park Tower Suites, Marriott, Lobby Level

Organizer: Program Committee
Chair: Franklin Ginn

- 3:05 PM **Qiqi Wang**, University of Alberta
The Lived Experience and Sense of Place among Family Sponsored Late-age Chinese Immigrants in Edmonton
- 3:25 PM **Shen Ying**, Wuhan University
Zhaopeng Wang, South-Central University For Nationalities
Dawei Shao, South-central University For Nationalities
Jingyang Hou, Wuhan University
Min Weng, Wuhan University
Heng Wu, Wuhan University
Ancient poets' mobility and the transition of culture centre based on poem data
- 3:45 PM **Tsetan Dolkar**, Govt. EJM College LEH
Landscape as a Palimpsest of the Socio Cultural Change A study of Leh town India
- 4:05 PM **Mai Kobayashi** Research Institute for Humanity and Nature
Meat in a post-development world: insights from Bhutan
- 4:25 PM **Franklin Ginn**
Plants for a Cold Cosmos

China, Tourism and (Soft) Power (1)

Thursday, 4/4/2019, from 8:00 AM to 9:40 AM
Room: Maryland C, Marriott, Lobby Level

Sponsorship: Recreation, Tourism, and Sport Specialty Group
Organizers:

Dr. **Michael O'Regan** - Bournemouth University
Dr. **Jaeyeon Choe** - Bournemouth University

Chair: Michael O'Regan

Session Description:

Chinese tourism holds the potential to redefine tourism, infrastructure, economies and even the governance of many more countries, as Beijing establishes its own norms,

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rules and institutions. We invite scholars to submit theoretical work, case studies and empirical research, for the purpose of expanding our understanding of Chinese outbound tourism. This session addresses Chinese outbound tourism of all kinds, which might include the following.

- Chinese outbound tourism and migration.
- Discourses around the 'Chinese tourist' in the west and China.
- Case studies on BRI linked tourism projects.
- Tourism and the construction of borders and boundaries.
- The Political Economy of Tourism Development.
- Political Geographies.
- Chinese use of the Approved Destination Status (ADS) scheme.
- Anti-Chinese rhetoric & Sinophobia around Chinese tourists.
- Chinese tourist perceptions, motivations and practices.
- Historical evolution of Chinese tourism policies.
- Key themes within China's tourism policy narratives.
- Opposition to specific forms of Chinese tourism e.g. Casinos.
- Chinese Tourism Development and Sustainability.
- Chinese Tourism and Geopolitics (bans, boycotts).
- Chinese tourists and governmentality.
- Chinese Tourist Geographies.
- BRI projects and intercultural communications.
- Weaponization of Tourism.

While there has been considerable scholarly work on soft power and the Belt and Road initiative (BRI), the political and economic investment in Chinese outbound tourism deserves greater attention. Whereas the number of trips abroad taken by Chinese citizens was in the tens of thousands in the 1980s, the current figure is well over 130m per year. While it may remain a marginal phenomenon in demographic or trade terms, tourism is a crucial issue in contemporary China, a major object of governmentality and a means to push soft power initiatives to receptive countries. As China exercises soft power using outbound tourism (and arts and culture more broadly), the growth of Chinese tourism has on the surface benefited the economies of Southeast Asian countries, who were traditionally reliant on long-haul, seasonal travellers from the west.

However, the confluence of tourism with nationalism and soft power agendas in China has seen recent 'unofficial' boycotts and tourist 'bans' against tourism to Palau, South Korea and Taiwan, while Chinese tourists have been allegedly 'mistreated' in tourist destinations, and a terrorist attack in Bangkok in 2015. Tourism has been used by the Chinese authorities to enforce the construction of borders and boundaries in the South China Sea, leading to rising tensions. Just as many countries have eased their visa requirements for Chinese tourists, China has increasingly sought to police 'low-end' tourists who might undermine the Chinese authorities as they attempt to boost their influence on the international stage. The authorities have sought to attract members of the overseas Chinese community to Chinese through Root-Seeking Tour Summer Camps, organized by the Overseas Chinese Affairs Office of

the State Council, so as to teach the Chinese language and culture. Meanwhile, overseas Chinese 'Tuidang' volunteers and Falun Gong practitioners seek out Chinese tourists in popular tourist locations around the globe to questions the legitimacy of the Chinese Communist Party. Questions have emerged about the linkages between tourism and politics, tourism and human rights, tourism and international migration patterns, and the impact of returning Chinese tourists on Chinese society.

These questions place the landscapes of Chinese tourists into a broader context. It demands geographers consider transregional dynamics and politics, to explore tourism's broader links to Chinese strategic interests. Chinese media increasingly highlight the growth of outbound tourism to particular counties, potential revenue and links to BRI. While pitched as tourism projects, China has been accused of hiding its search for political, economic and military influence through tourism. As tourism projects embed infrastructure that supports the development of trade routes (global network of rail, roads, ports, pipelines, fibre-optic cables), does Chinese investment bring wealth, or is it mainly kept within a closed loop of overseas Chinese communities and state linked businesses?

In Forest City, Johor Bahru (Malaysia), Chinese tourists are encouraged to buy Chinese-built apartments in a US\$100 billion development mean to boast international schools, shopping malls, hotels and an immigration center for approximately 700,000 Chinese residents. The construction of the \$1.4bn (£1.1bn) Port City project in Sri Lanka by the state-owned Chinese engineering firm China Communications Construction Company (CCCC) on 665 acres (2.6 sq km) of land is been marketed as a new Dubai, with luxury hotels, shopping malls and a marina. In Koh Kong's Botum Sakor and Kiri Sakor districts in Cambodia, Union Development Group (UDG), a subsidiary of state-owned Chinese real estate developer Wanlong Group control around 20% of the Cambodia's total coastline, as they develop the US\$3.8 billion Dara Sakor project. It is expected to offer a port, an airport, hotels and a golf course. Others projects include the 'Golden Triangle Special Economic Zone' in Laos and MNC Lido City in Indonesia.

- 8:00 AM **Michael O'Regan**, Bournemouth University
Chinese 'Problem' Tourists: Governing from a Distance
- 8:20 AM **Patricia Johnson**, University of Newcastle
The Welcoming Chinese Visitor Program: An instrument of soft power to script service-scapes for the China Market
- 8:40 AM **Jiawei Xing**, University of Aveiro, Portugal
Jorge Manuel Tavares da Silva, University of Aveiro
Tourism diplomacy: An instrument for the development of Chinese outbound tourism
- 9:00 AM **Huihui Gao**, Beijing Normal University
Shangyi Zhou, Beijing Normal University
Stanley Brunn, University of Kentucky
Enhancing Our Understanding of Landscapes along the Silk Road Using Postage Stamps
- 9:20 AM **Marie Faulon**, Université Bordeaux-Montaigne
Questioning social norms by travelling: an insight of Chinese Backpackers inside and outside China

Asia-Pacific Evaluation Conference on Sustainable Development

Report to AGSG March 2019

Asia-Pacific Evaluation Conference on Sustainable Development

The 2nd International Conference of the Asia-Pacific Evaluation Association (APEA) was organized in Manila, the Philippines, February 25-March 1, 2019. The theme of the conference was "Reducing Poverty – Enabling Peace: Evaluation for Accountability, Transparency and Sustainable Development." Evaluation is increasingly recognized as a key function to ensure that the various development initiatives that we embark on have an impact on the ground and make a difference in the lives of people they are intended to benefit. The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) adopted in 2015 also have built in evaluation. Established in 2012, APEA is a regional organization that aims to improve the theory, practice, use and institutions of evaluation across the region. The conference was sponsored by organizations, such as UNICEF and the Asian Development Bank, which also hosted one of the conference days. The conference brought together almost 200 evaluation professionals from international organizations, the private sector, research institutes, academia and civil society. Importantly, a number of parliamentarians and government officials from countries participated as consumers and users of evaluation knowledge.

As the title implies, sustainable development was a cross-cutting theme. In line with our mandate, my organization, the



Independent Evaluation Office of the GEF, led the stream on environmental dimensions of sustainability. My keynote speech was entitled, "Climate Change, Environmental Sustainability, Development and Conflict: What Do Evaluations Show?", in which I drew upon a number of evaluations by our office linking environmental sustainability to resource use conflicts. All these evaluations are available on our website. Geographers will be interested to note our extensive use of satellite data and geospatial approaches to analyzing environmental change in connection with GEF projects and programs. We also organized a panel session on "Evaluating Poverty, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction" in which the panelists discussed the complex interlinkages between the environment, development and disasters, and the challenges this complexity poses for evaluation.

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Book: Green Web II

Bhandari, Medani P. 2018. *Green Web-II: Standards and Perspectives from the IUCN*, Published, sold and distributed by: River Publishers, Denmark / the Netherlands ISBN: 978-87-70220-12-5 (Hardback) 978-87-70220-11-8 (eBook),

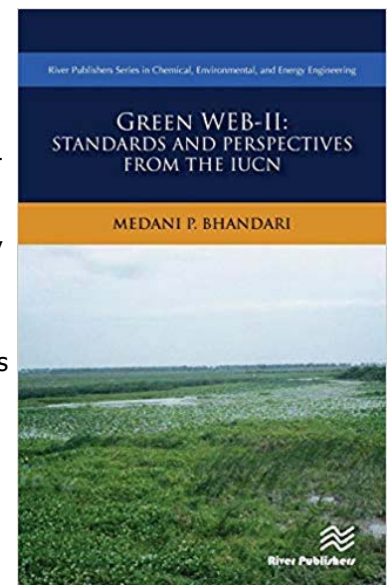
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Green Web-II investigates the IUCN's role in global biodiversity conservation policy as well as in national program development in India, Pakistan, Nepal and Bangladesh. It explores how nature protection priorities and approaches are promoted or addressed by IUCN, an international organization, and how environment conservation policies are created and maintained in states with different capacities of South Asia. It also evaluates IUCN's competency in biodiversity, climate change, nature conservation and environmental policy formulation at global, regional and country levels. This study is the first detailed scholarly study on the IUCN as an organization as well as on its efforts in biodiversity conservation.

This book adds to our knowledge, first by contributing to a small but growing body of work on the sociology of international organizations. IOs, especially International Governmental Organizations (IGOs), have long been the subject of mostly

political science. Second, it applies a fuller sociological imagination to the study of IOs by critically exploring one of the largest and most active nature conservation organizations in the world. Third, it also explores how the IUCN actually goes about building protectoral programs with individual member nations.

Additionally, the book explores the recent development of the green economy (GE) concepts into IUCN's program planning today. The green economy initiative applies a people-first approach. Although the concept is relatively new, this research explores the theoretical development of a green economy and illustrates how this theory is applied in IUCN's program planning to program implementation.



Fulbright Received

Congratulations are in order. "I found out last week that I have received a Fulbright US Scholar Award to teach at Yangon University in Myanmar from November 2019 to April 2020."

John Bowen

Professor and Chair, Department of Geography
Central Washington University



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Bowen Receives Fulbright U.S. Scholar Award to Myanmar for Teaching at Yangon University

The U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board are pleased to announce that Dr. John T. Bowen, Jr. of Central Washington University has received a Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program award to Myanmar in Geography. Bowen will lecture at Yangon University, the oldest and best-known university in the country, from December 2019 to April 2020.

Bowen is one of over 800 U.S. citizens who will teach, conduct research, and/or provide expertise abroad for the 2019-2020 academic year through the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program. Recipients of Fulbright awards are selected on the basis of academic and professional achievement as well as record of service and demonstrated leadership in their respective fields.

The Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to build lasting connections between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. The Fulbright Program is funded through an annual appropriation made by the U.S. Congress to the U.S. Department of State. Participating governments and host institutions, corporations, and foundations around the world also provide direct and indirect support to the Program, which operates in over 160 countries worldwide.

Since its establishment in 1946 under legislation introduced by the late U.S. Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas, the Fulbright Program has given more than 380,000 students, scholars, teachers, artists, and scientists the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research, exchange ideas, and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns.

Fulbrighters address critical global in all disciplines, while building relationships, knowledge, and leadership in support of the long-term interests of the United States. Fulbright alumni have achieved distinction in many fields, including 59 who have been awarded the Nobel Prize, 82 who have received Pulitzer Prizes, and 37 who have served as a head of state or government.

Historical Glimpses, the AGSG Bulletin - Spring 1992

- **Bheru L. Sukhwal** editor, writes, "Editor would like to publish two to three pages short articles on current Asian themes. Please send well researched articles."
- The Asian Specialty Group contributed generously (\$500.00) toward the IGC's Host and Travel Grant program. (International Geographical Congress)
- **Surinder M. Bhardwaj**, chair of the AGSG, called *The Bulletin of Asian Geography* "both our mouthpiece and our mirror."

April 1992 San Diego AAG Annual Meeting Sessions sponsored by the AGSG:

- **John J. Metz**, Northern Kentucky University, and **Michael Bonine**, University of Arizona, organized a session *Changing Patterns of Human Adaptation in Southern Asia and the Middle East*.
- **Nanda R. Shrestha**, University of Wisconsin. *Politics, Ecology, and Development in the Himalayas*.
- **Surinder M. Bhardwaj**, Kent State University, **Abdullah A. Khan**, University of Northern Iowa, & **Harun Rasid**, Lakehead University. *Environmental Disasters in Bangladesh: Coping Strategies and Challenges*.
- **K.C. Tan**, University of Guelph & **Joseph B. Whitney**, University of Toronto. *East Asia in the Pacific*.
- **Thomas R. Leinbach**, University of Kentucky. Two sessions on *Southeast Asia*.
- **W. Donald McTaggart**, Arizona State University. *Development Problems in Southeast Asia*.
- Bheru Sukhwal requested two or three geographic paper sessions to be organized at the November 1992 21st Annual South Asia Conference in Madison, Wisconsin.
- A special exhibit at Arizona State University was reported on, "Under the White Parasol: Cultural Diversity in Laos." "Laos, a Southeast Asian country with at least sixty ethnic groups in an area smaller than the state of Oregon, offers an important lesson in living with cultural diversity."
- **James A. Hefner** received a Senior Fulbright Fellowship to study *Alternative Systems of Forest Management in Thailand*.
- **Gopal Kulkarni** of Indiana University of Pennsylvania received a grant from the United Department of Education for a seminar understanding modern India for High School teachers.
- **Bheru Sukhwal** is taking a sabbatical leave from the University of Wisconsin, Platteville, for the fall of 1992 to work on a project in India.
- **Carolyn V. Prorok** is going on a faculty exchange to Kangweon National University in Chunchon, South Korea for the spring term of 1992.
- **B.K. Roy** has taken over the Directorship of National Atlas and Thematic Mapping Organization in Calcutta, India.
- **Souma Iyer** of the University of Poona will be arriving to attend the IGU Congress in Washington, D.C. She will be giving talks on water resources and geographic education.
- **Surinder Aggarwal**, University of Delhi, is currently doing research on AIDS in India and Drought and Health in the Kalahandi region of India.
- **P.P. Karan** published *Environment, Culture, and Development Strategy [Bhutan]*. New Delhi: Intellectual. 1990.
- **Bheru Sukhwal** published *Political Geography: A Comprehensive Systematic Bibliography*. AMS Press.
- **Ashok K. Dutt**, University of Akron, announced the Fourth Asian Urbanization Conference will be held in Taipei in January 1994. he also published along with **Y. Xie**, "Spatial Disparities of Urban Socio-Economic Development in the People's Republic of China" in the journal, *GeoForum*.
- A data file on each AGSG member's teaching, research interest, and on-going research projects was begun.
- **Ashok Dutt** and **John Eyre** were last year's recipients of the AGSG Specialty Group award.
- Dues for the AGSG was \$10.00

RC21 Conference @Delhi

In and Beyond the City:

Emerging Ontologies, Persistent Challenges and Hopeful Futures

**New Delhi, India
September 18th – 21st, 2019**

<https://rc21delhi2019.com/>

India Habitat Centre (IHC) is the venue for the Conference. IHC is located at the heart of New Delhi. Details of the location are available at:

<https://www.indiahabitat.org>

<http://www.habitatworld.com>

Across the globe, cities surpass their own contours. Urban cores expand and intensify in size and height, and we see connectivities, nodes and enclaves involving new technologies, information flows, migrations, time/space compressions and everyday rhythms and experiences that defy known cartographies and categories. Meanwhile, a city's decision makers, planners, politicians, representatives and all other agents who govern urban life face increasing challenges that exceed their tools of measurement and catego-

rizations in unprecedented ways.

This surpassing of the gaze and grip of the city can also be seen as a reworking of everyday ontologies, or the properties and relations between concepts that we, as urban scholars, may long have assumed to be easily understood, like 'neighborhoods', 'social networks', 'place', 'urban politics', 'urban movements', 'rural-urban continuum' or more. While these contours impact how we live in and understand cities, most traditional urban concerns and vulnerabilities – social and spatial inequalities, racial and ethnic exclusions, injustices and exploitations in livelihoods, inadequacies of housing, infrastructure, health, security and environment – remain. Practices of technology, design and innovation develop simultaneously which adapt to scale and pressure, for example, sustainable, affordable and resilient building and infrastructure, or ways to manage urban waste. New urban experiences that produce new cultural formations, practices, urban art and aesthetics and modes of being political also emerge.

RC21 Urban and Regional Development



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Where in the Asian World?



Last Issue:

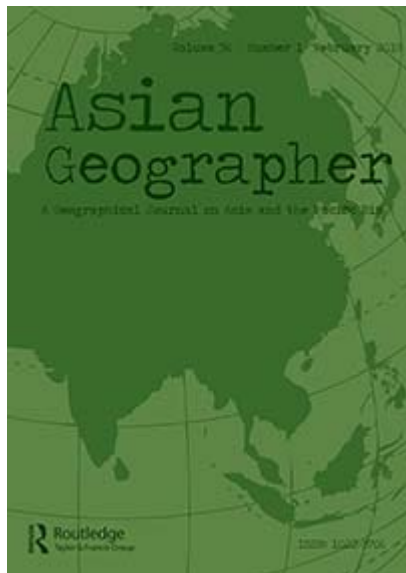
Shekhawati painted houses. The painted towns of Rajasthan, often referred to as the world's largest open air art gallery, is located in the triangle of Delhi, Jaipur and Bikaner. Buildings were decorated with murals beginning in the 16th Century, and then abandoned as merchants moved to cities in the 20th Century.

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Special Issue of *Asian Geographer*

Asian Geographer is a peer-reviewed journal which disseminates knowledge about geographical problems and issues focusing on Asia and the Pacific Rim.



Original and timely articles dealing with any field of physical or human geographical inquiries and methodologies are published.

While the focus of the journal's is placed on regular research articles, review papers as well as viewpoints and research notes under the category of "Asian Geography in Brief" are also considered. Special issues on particular themes or areas are published occasionally.

The journal's Special Issue on Environment

and Development is now available online at <https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rage20/35/2>, covering themes in historical, tourism, development and urban geographies.

For more details of *Asian Geographer*, please visit <https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/rage20/current>

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New issue of ACME: An International Journal for Critical Geographies



On behalf of ACME's Editorial Collective, I'm excited to announce that 2019's first issue of the open-access journal has been released.

<https://www.acme-journal.org/index.php/acme/issue/view/112>

This issue of ACME features a themed section on 'Border Imperialism', in addition to thought-provoking papers on decolonising postcolonial thinking, feminist countertopographies, recherche-cr ation, and fieldwork being left undone.

We hope that you enjoy the latest articles!

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Nineteenth International Conference on Diversity in Organizations, Communities

University of Patras

Patras, Greece

5-7 June 2019

<https://ondiversity.com/2019-conference/program>

The special focus of the 2019 Diversity Conference will address intercultural learning in the wake of global refugee experience. In times of crisis, the refugee presence challenges senses of nation and the practicalities of service provision. We find the “global other” confronting both our identities and our institutions. Socioeconomic crisis accentuates differences and skepticism towards the “other.” These modern border crossers bring the challenges of globalization and ubiquitous learning into our doorstep. They prompt the social psyche to collective storytelling. What are the refugee stories? And how much do they influence challenge or extend national narratives of citizenship? Does the mix of “natives” and “foreigners” create an everyday global awareness? Or How much does the refugee presence alter the nature and dynamics of territorially-defined governance systems?

Theme 1: Identity and Belonging

Theme 2: Education and Learning in a World of Differences

Theme 3: Organizational Diversity

Theme 4: Community Diversity and Governance



12th Global Studies Conference

Jagiellonian University

Kraków, Poland

27–28 June 2019

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2019 Special Focus: The "End of History" 30 Years On: Globalization Then and Now

1989 was a momentous year in the history of the twentieth century. A revolutionary wave that started in Poland, and continued in Hungary, East Germany and elsewhere, led to the end of Soviet domination in Central and Eastern Europe and ultimately the collapse, in 1991, of the Soviet Union itself. 30 years later, the Global Studies Conference meets in Krakow, one of the main centres of the 1980s civil society resistance against the communist regime, to consider, in a multidimensional way, the nature of the post-Cold war

period and the contrast between the current volatile world and the accelerated globalization of the 1990s. While in the aftermath of communism's defeat, the discourse of capitalist triumphalism prevailed – with Francis Fukuyama's 1989 “end of history” thesis as its most influential example – three decades on, more cautious assessments are in order. Although capitalism, especially of a particular, neoliberal kind, may have established its domination over almost the entire globe, the obituaries written in the early 1990s – for social democracy, the state, the nation, sometimes modernity itself – now seem utterly premature. Far from homogenizing the world, the processes of globalization have clashed with tendencies towards fragmentation, globalism has been undermined by nationalism, and neoliberal hegemony is often described as zombie-like, exhausted by challenges both on the right and the left.

Xinyue Ye takes a step toward technologies.

Xinyue Ye (New Jersey Institute of Technology) relocated from Kent State University's Geography department to New Jersey Institute of Technology's College of Computing, as Associate Professor of Spatial Data Science, and Director of the Urban Informatics & Spatial Computing Lab.

He received a three-year grant with Case Western Reserve University from National Institute of Justice starting from 2019, titled “Using Sentiment Analysis and Topic Modeling in Assessing the Impact of Police ‘Signaling’ on Investigative and Prosecutorial Outcomes in Sexual Assault Reports”.



15th Asian Urbanization Conference

Dear Specialty Group Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to announce and distribute the call for papers (attached) for the **15th Asian Urbanization Conference!** The conference is being organized and hosted by the **Vietnamese-German University (VGU)** in **Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam** on November 27-30, 2019.

VGU is emerging as a leading research university in South East Asia and a vibrant participant in the global scientific university. Since its establishment in 2008 in collaboration with a key group of German higher education institutions, VGU offers an outstanding education to students to complement its status as a research university. The conference setting in Ho Chi Minh City offers an exciting and dynamic megapolitan context that serves as a laboratory to study urbanization, development, and innovative planning. It serves as Vietnam's leading economic driver.

Complete information about the conference, including information about featured speakers, themes, travel and accommodation considerations, and more may be found at the conference website.

AUC 2019 Conference Website
<https://auc2019.vgu.edu.vn/>

Sincerely,
 George Pomeroy



THEMES / SUB-THEMES:

City, Metropolitan, Megapolitan, and Regional Transformations in relation to -

- Climate Change and Urban Resilience
- Inclusive, Implementable Urban Governance
- Smart and Green Mobility
- Transformations in Land Management
- Livable and Smart Cities
- Integrated Planning and Development
- Urban Slums and Affordable Housing
- Sustainable Urban Finance
- Urban Renewal and Redevelopment



South Asia Conference

48th Annual Conference
 October 17-20, 2019
 Madison Concourse Hotel & Governor's Club
 Madison, Wisconsin

We are pleased to announce the theme of *ARTISTRY* for the 48th Annual Conference on South Asia!

The Annual Conference on South Asia invites scholars, students, and professionals to Madison, Wisconsin, for a three-day event featuring research panels and round tables, lectures, performances, film screenings, booksellers, association receptions, and other special presentations!



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Japan Studies Association Workshop on Hokkaido

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Workshop Chairs:

A/Prof. Lonny Carlile, University of Hawai'i at Manoa
Dr Maggie Ivanova, Flinders University

This is a ten-day workshop, which consists of six full days in Sapporo (including a free day) and a three-day bus tour that will take us to Shiraoi, Matsumae, and Hakodate. We plan to conclude with an all-day seminar: participants will present 10-minute lightning talks, in which they outline how they intend to use workshop materials and experiences in teaching or research.

The workshop's timing takes into account the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. It would allow participants to take advantage of more affordable airfare, offering enough time for independent, post-workshop travel in Hokkaido or on the mainland.

Tentatively planned for June 1-12, 2020

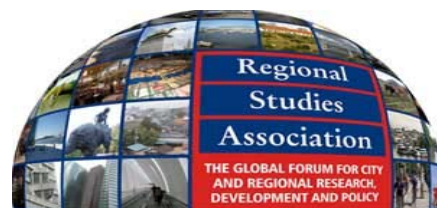
<http://www.japanstudies.org/2020-workshop-on-hokkaido.html>



View from Mt. Hakodate over Donan Hokkaido - T. Stradford

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2019 RSA Conference, Santiago de Compostela, Spain

"Pushing Regions beyond their Borders"

5th June, 2019 - 7th June, 2019

University de Santiago de Compostela, Santiago de Compostela, Spain

<https://www.regionalstudies.org/events/pushing-regions-beyond-their-borders/>

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Regions are intrinsically bounded territories. However, they are increasingly exposed to global forces and flows that undermine their borders. Therefore, it is necessary to push regions beyond their limits, which can be understood as physical, but also as mental and disciplinary. In this sense, regions have to be re-examined going beyond the traditional scopes. The possibilities are multiple, including, among others: regions as scenarios for resilience and global competition; regions as social and political constructions permanently adapted to trans-scale dynamics; and regions as arenas for cooperation and inclusion.

In short, the 2019 RSA Annual Conference aims to discuss how to push regions beyond all kinds of borders and we are calling upon the regional studies, policy and neighbouring communities to join us in Santiago de Compostela, with the following conference themes:

- A. Regional Development & its Policies
- B. Global Economies, Trade, Commerce
- C. Financial Geographies, Flows & Globalisation
- D. Regional economies & (re)location of activities
- E. Innovation, Knowledge & Regional Development

- F. Technologies, Social Networks & Regional Development
- G. Entrepreneurship, Businesses, Start-ups & Spin-offs
- H. Economies of Agglomeration, Clusters & Externalities
- I. Regions & Identity Economics
- J. Tourism & Regional Development
- K. Developing Rural, Peripheral, Remote & Marginal Regions
- L. Global South, BRICs & Developing Area Studies
- M. Institutions, Governance, Governments & Policies
- N. Spatial Planning, Infrastructures & Practices
- O. Geopolitics Nationalism, Federalism & Regionalism
- P. Borders, Cooperation & Cross Border Regions
- Q. Demographics, Mobility, Migration & Labour Markets
- R. Wellbeing, Habitability, Vulnerability & Resilience
- S. Sustainability, Climate Change, Environment & Energy
- T. Regional Methodology & Data
- U. Regional Theorisation & History – Between Time & Space





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Upcoming AAG Meetings

AAG 115th Annual Meeting

3 - 7 April 2019
Marriott Wardman Park Hotel &
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AAG Division Meetings/contacts:

East Lakes Division

October 10-11, 2019 @ Saginaw Valley
State
Saginaw, MI
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Great Plains/Rocky Mountains Division

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Middle Atlantic Division

November 15, 2019 @ USGS Water Sci-
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Middle States Division

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Southeast Division

November 23-26, 2019 @ UNC-Wilmington
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Southwest Division

October 10-12, 2019 @ Texas Christian
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West Lakes Division

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AAG Newsletter:

<http://news.aag.org/newsletter/>

116th AAG Annual Meeting

6-10 April 2020
Denver, Colorado