



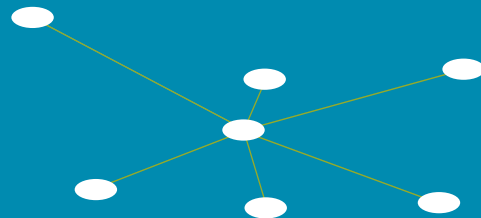
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DOWN TO EARTH

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INVITATIONS



DEAR COLLEAGUES,

I most cordially invite you to participate in the 32nd International Geographical Congress (IGC) in Cologne in August 2012. The last IGC held in Germany was the Berlin Congress in 1899. More than a century later, our German colleagues are eager to welcome geographers from all over the world to Cologne.

The local organisers have given this Congress the motto "Down to Earth", a theme that will have many substantive expressions, including keeping participation costs low, while simultaneously providing a professional environment for the global geographical community at the University of Cologne. Please reserve the week of 26-30 August 2012 for the next IGU Congress. I look forward to meeting you in Cologne.

Ron Abler, President
International Geographical Union



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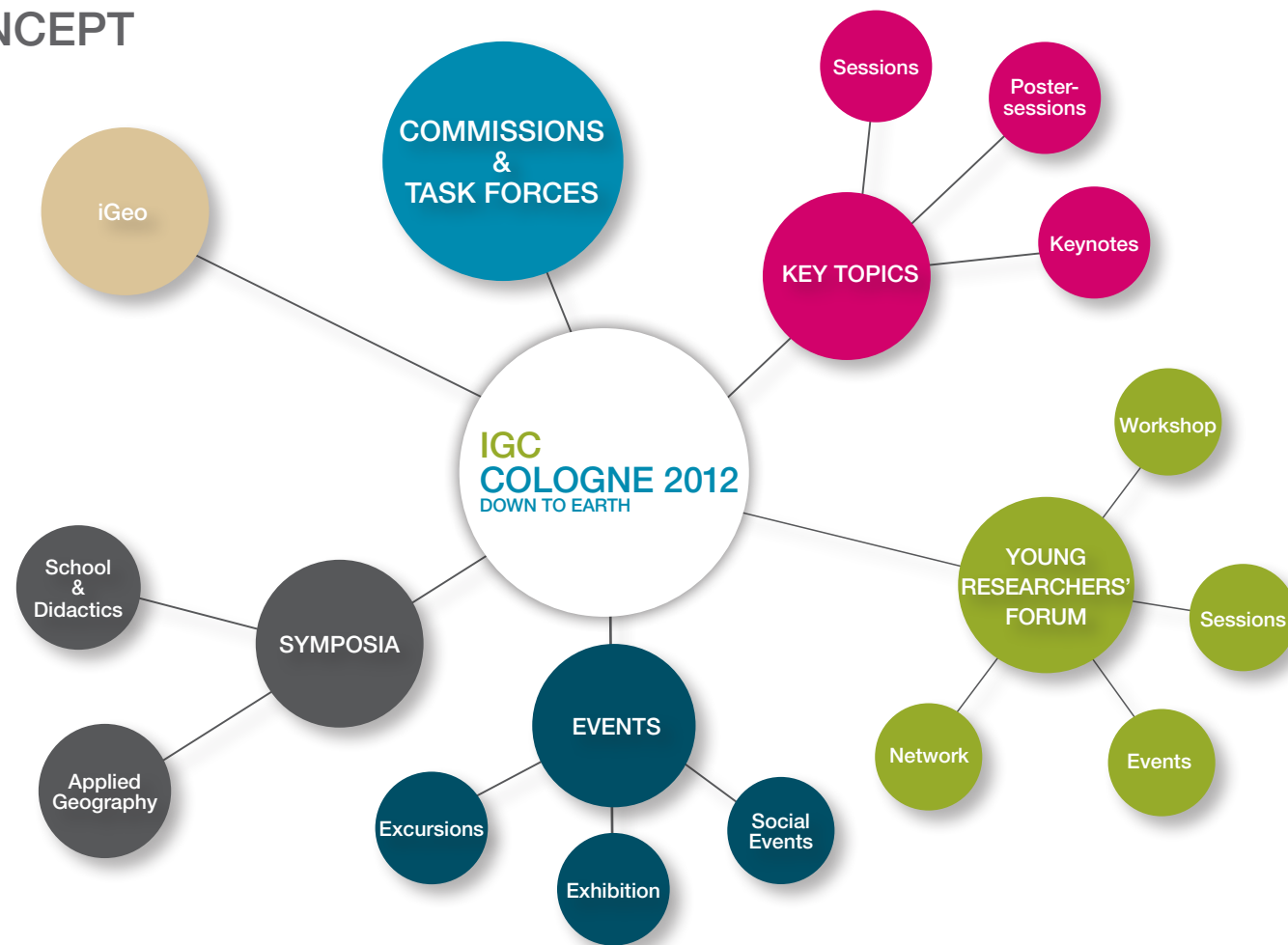
You are cordially invited to attend the 32nd International Geographical Congress in Cologne, Germany, from 26th to 30th August 2012. We are very much looking forward to welcoming geographers and scientists from neighbouring disciplines as well as interested persons from all over the world and will make great efforts to provide an attractive environment for inspiring discussions, synergies and networking.

As has been the case traditionally, the sessions organised by the IGU Commissions and Task Forces constitute the backbone of the congress. At the same time, we are hoping for positive feedback on the new elements of the congress: With the four key topics of the IGC 2012, we want to underline that "down to earth" means providing space for a focused exchange of ideas on geography's contributions to the urgent problems of humankind. As another new element, the 32nd IGC will integrate a Young Researchers' Forum with special programme events for young scientists. A wide range of scientific field excursions is planned in Germany and the neighbouring countries covering sites and topics of high geographical, cultural and scenic interest.

We hope to make your stay agreeable by offering not only a large variety of interesting events, but also an inspiring atmosphere. Welcome to Germany, welcome to Cologne!

Frauke Kraas and Dietrich Soye, Chairs of the Organising Committee

CONCEPT



TRADITION

The sessions of the **COMMISSIONS AND TASK FORCES** of the IGU are the core elements of the IGC 2012. Members of the 36 Commissions and the 2 Task Forces will discuss recent developments and scientific results in their specific fields of specialisation.

INNOVATION

Under the motto "down to earth", the IGC 2012 will have a second, very prominent thematic pillar. **FOUR KEY TOPICS** will provide the framework for discussing geography's contribution to central challenges of humanity:

-  Global Change & Globalisation
-  Society & Environment
-  Risks & Conflicts
-  Urbanisation & Demographic Change

Approximately 35 sessions will focus on each of these core themes. Furthermore, we will invite eight prominent personalities to give keynote lectures on these key topics. Thus, we hope to stimulate new discussions among the global geographical community.

NEW TARGET GROUPS

With special events for young researchers, the IGC 2012 will be an attractive conference for students, PhD candidates and postdocs. The **"YOUNG RESEARCHERS' FORUM"** will provide opportunities for young researchers to present their work and to network with other geographers, young and old. The programme of the IGC 2012 will further include two symposia held in German to attract specific audiences of German-speaking communities: The first symposium addresses **TEACHING AND EDUCATIONAL** matters, whereas the second one will be concerned with themes in applied geography.

NEW FORMS

The poster sessions at the IGC will be lively events with stimulating discussions. We want to give a more prominent position to the poster sessions by taking them from the back rooms to the heart of the conference. Exclusive time slots will be reserved for **POSTER PRESENTATIONS WITH NO PARALLEL SESSIONS**. The authors will be present in the exhibition hall discussing their work with interested visitors. In this way the poster sessions will become an interactive gathering at the end of two out of four conference days.

PROGRAMME

	Week before	Sunday	Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday		Thursday		Friday and following	
08:00 - 11:30	iGeo, Pre-Conferences & Pre-Congress scientific field excursions	Young Researchers' Forum & Check in	Commissions	Key Topic Papers	Symposia	Commissions	Key Topic Papers	Symposia	Commissions	Key Topic Papers	Commissions	Key Topic Papers	Post-Conferences & Post-Congress scientific field excursions	
11:45 - 12:30			Keynotes											
12:30-13:00			Geographer's Keynotes											
13:00 - 14:00			Lunch											
14:00 - 15:30		Opening	Commissions & General Assembly	Key Topic Papers	Symposia	Commissions & General Assembly	Key Topic Papers	Symposia	Commissions & General Assembly	Key Topic Papers	Commissions & General Assembly	Key Topic Papers		
16:00 - 17:30							Poster Sessions			Poster Sessions				
17:30 - 19:00			Break									Closing		
19:00 - 20:30			Social Events											
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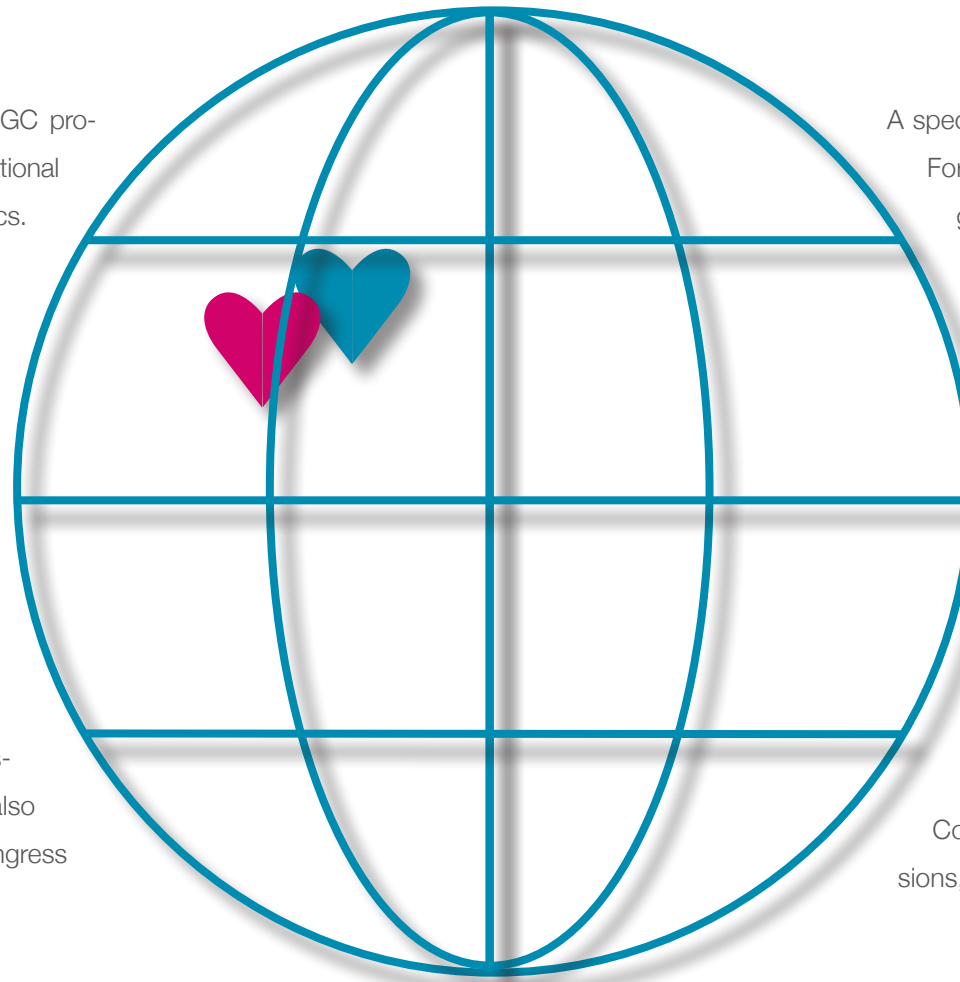
THE IGC 2012: TWO PILLARS

The IGC is essentially the meeting of the Commissions. Supplementing the traditional IGC programme organised by the Commissions and Task Forces, IGC 2012 will be the first International Geographical Congress with open calls for sessions, papers and posters under four key topics.

PILLAR A: COMMISSIONS

Thematic work in the International Geographical Union takes mainly place in the Commissions and Task Forces. These 36 Commissions and 2 Task Forces represent the cutting edge research interest of the global geographical community. Their mandates can be renewed every four years by the General Assembly – and new Commissions and Task Forces may be installed. The General Assembly meets in a number of sessions during the IGC.

The Commissions cover a broad variety of subjects, from specific regional geographies to general discussions on current directions in geographical research or on the history and politics of the discipline. The Commissions and Task Forces are responsible for choosing the foci of and selecting the speakers for their sessions. Some Commissions will also organise additional pre- or post-Congress meetings. An overview of all pre- and post-Congress events can be found at www.igc2012.org.



A special event is the international Geographical Olympiad (iGeo), which is organised by the Task Force "Olympiad" together with the Local Organising Committee of the IGC 2012 as well as geography teachers and didactic scholars from Germany. The iGeo will take place in Cologne in the week prior to the IGC 2012.

PILLAR B: KEY TOPICS

In the second pillar of the IGC 2012 poster and paper sessions are related to the following four key topics: Global Change & Globalisation, Society & Environment, Risks & Conflicts, Urbanisation & Demographic Change. These four key topics were chosen by an array of geographers during two workshops in 2009 and 2010. For each of these key topics, two prominent persons will be invited to give a keynote lecture: one internationally known person from politics or science, one internationally known geographer. On each of the four days of the conference one of the key topics will be in the focus, highlighted by two keynote speeches before the lunch break. The scientific quality of the programme under this new pillar of the IGC 2012 is ensured by the International Scientific Committee, which is involved in all activities regarding the four key topics (e.g. selection of sessions, review of poster abstracts, selection of key note speakers).

CONTRIBUTING SCIENTIFICALLY: CALL FOR PAPERS

CALL 1: PAPER SESSIONS BY THE COMMISSIONS AND TASK FORCES

Submission of papers is possible for some of the sessions organised by the IGU Commissions and Task Forces between 1 July 2011 and 15 December 2011. An overview of those sessions with an open call for papers is available on the IGC 2012 website. All applicants will be informed of the outcome of their paper submission before 15 February 2012.

CALL 2: PAPER SESSIONS ON THE FOUR KEY TOPICS

Papers for the 144 sessions organised under the four key topics can be submitted between 1 July 2011 and 15 December 2011. These sessions have been selected by the International Scientific Committee in a competitive process. Papers have to be submitted via the IGC 2012 website and will be reviewed by the session chairs. All applicants will be informed before 15 February 2012 whether their paper has been accepted.

CALL FOR POSTERS

The Local Organising Committee and the Scientific Committee of the IGC 2012 are interested in strengthening the relevance of poster sessions. Therefore it has been agreed that there will be no parallel paper sessions while the poster sessions take place, all authors have to be present during the poster sessions and there will be awards for the best posters. Posters can be submitted under one of the four key topics from 1 June 2011 until 15 January 2012 via the IGC website. The posters will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee. As there will only be space and time for a maximum of 200 posters, the process will be highly competitive.

STUDENTS' PRESENTATIONS

Students from Cologne will organise a special event where students from around the world will have the chance to present their project ideas or research results in two different formats: Either a "speed presentation" or a poster presentation. The submission of proposals and the procedures are explained on the website of the Cologne students' organisation, links to which are on the IGC 2012 website.

COMMISSIONS



The following sessions have been registered until 1 June 2011 (cf. website for current updates):

C01 APPLIED GEOGRAPHY

- Sessions on applied geography topics

C02 ARID LANDS, HUMANKIND, AND ENVIRONMENT

- Human-nature interaction in arid lands and their margins

C03 BIOGEOGRAPHY AND BIODIVERSITY

- Climate change and land use effects on species, communities and ecosystems: Indian subcontinent and the Himalayas

C04 CLIMATOLOGY

- Climate change and variability in different spatial and temporal scales
- Weather and climate extremes
- Applied climatology in 21 century
- Potential impacts of climate variability and change on agriculture
- Urban climates

- Joint session CoC-IGU MRP: "Climate change in the areas with Mediterranean climate: Characteristics, mitigation and adaptation"

C06 COLD REGION ENVIRONMENTS

- Contextualising climate change: Methodological, institutional and regional responses
- Future perspectives in climatology

C07 CULTURAL APPROACH IN GEOGRAPHY

- Cultures and sustainability
- Cultural approaches in social and geographical theory
- Globalisation and the change of place identity in East Asia
- Multilocality: Symbolic and material constructions of space in societies of mobile individuals
- The uses of art in public space
- Spatialities of art: Between policy and politics
- Cultural approaches to sacred spaces in the global era

C10 GENDER AND GEOGRAPHY

- Gender and Geography
- Gender and Geography (Panel discussion)

C11 GEOGRAPHICAL EDUCATION

- State of the art in Geography education
- Students' interests of geographical topics, regions, and methods
- Preconceptions in Geography and Geography education
- Examples of best practice in Geography education and teacher
- Innovative learning - new & traditional media
- Standards, concepts and experience
- Education for sustainable development & global learning
- Spatial thinking
- Risk education
- Urbanisation in geographical education
- Geography education CGE

C14 GEOGRAPHY OF THE GLOBAL INFORMATION SOCIETY

- Mediterranean information society
- Global information society
- Information and communication technologies for development and human well-being: Perspectives from six continents

C15 GEOGRAPHY OF TOURISM, LEISURE, AND GLOBAL CHANGE

- Global change and tourism: Socio-cultural Issues
- Tourism and global environmental change: Climate change issues
- Tourism and regional development
- Sustainability and tourism development
- Transforming tourism geographies in the Global South
- Tourism mobilities and urban space

C17 GLOBAL CHANGE AND HUMAN MOBILITY

- Global climate change, economic crisis and human mobility

C19 HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

- Health Geography and public health
- Health Geography, vulnerability and global risk
- Access to care
- Global health and disease surveillance

C20 HISTORY OF GEOGRAPHY

- Society and environment: Conceptions and representations of nature(s) in the history of geography

C22 ISLANDS

- Human/nature-interaction on small islands – an integrative geography perspective

C23 KARST

- Human impacts and environmental changes in karst
- Management and conservation of karst landscapes

C25 LAND USE AND LAND COVER CHANGE

C26 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

C27 MARGINALIZATION, GLOBALISATION, AND REGIONAL AND LOCAL RESPONSES

- Marginality in a globalizing world
- Interpretations of marginality
- Regional and local responses to marginality

C29 MOUNTAIN RESPONSE TO GLOBAL CHANGE

- Vegetation response to climate change in tropical mountain ecosystems and consequences for biodiversity and land-use options
- Environmental history and climate change in the high mountain ecosystems of Monsoon Asia during the Late Holocene

C30 POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY

- Political Geography 1
- Political Geography 2
- Political Geography 3

C33 IGU COMMISSION ON URBAN GEOGRAPHY: EMERGING URBAN TRANSFORMATIONS

- Urban social transformations: Contested social spaces

C35 IGU COMMISSION ON TRANSPORT AND GEOGRAPHY

- Large scale transport infrastructure and regional and urban impacts
- Port hinterlands and urban logistics

T01 GEOPARKS

T02 MEGACITIES

- Governance and informality
- Securing resources
- Multiple risks and vulnerability

MEDITERRANEAN RENAISSANCE PROGRAMME

- Towards a democratic Maghreb-Mashrek? / Vers un Maghreb-Mashreq démocratique?
- Renewable Energies in the Mediterranean region: Discussing geographical impacts of related mega projects



KEY TOPICS



SESSIONS ON GLOBAL CHANGE & GLOBALISATION

- Focal points of the past – historic-geographical dimensions of globalisation
- Infrastructures as a key topic for societal disaster resilience
- Mapping the emergence of change: Future European perspectives
- Critical junctures of globalisation – re-spacing globalized living conditions in contexts of rupture
- Knowledge, networks and innovation in China's development
- Labour Geography: Workers interventions in the global economy
- Morphodynamic response to episodic disturbances of coastal systems
- Current shifts in globalizing logistic networks, importance of distance and spatial implications
- Bridging the gap? Scope and limitations of practice-oriented development studies

- Climate change mitigation from global to local
- Towards health promoting water management
- Vector-borne diseases and climate warming
- Challenges of climate change for urban infrastructures
- Is it possible to disentangle anthropogenic and climatological impacts on continental aquatic ecosystems?
- Central Asian ecosystems under water scarcity
- Global complexity: From theoretical thought to geographical evidence
- Financialisation, marketisation and the environment: Towards 'alternative' economic geographies of finance?
- Management Geography – embedding COPs in changing global urban networks
- Digital Earth: An opportunity for spatial citizenship
- Spatial network science and complex systems – methods, data, and application
- The emergence of China's regional economies in the global economy: A new perspective on upgrading and innovation in global-local networks
- Globalisation and the re-making of rural place

- New power from the global south in processes of globalisation
- Post-development and postcolonial studies: Research on inequalities as a challenge for geographical development studies (GDS)?
- Geography, complexity, and information dynamics: Addressing real-world challenges of the new millennium
- Potential and limitation of proxy time-series and data products
- geo@web. Geography production and its lifeworld consequences in the era of the web2.0
- The land of indigenous traditional knowledge
- The global and the virtual: Geographical imaginations of the digital place
- Ecosystem services: Its epistemology and relation to geography
- Analyzing climate change and its impacts via method combinations
- Urban climate and air pollution in a changing climate



SESSIONS ON SOCIETY & ENVIRONMENT

- Integrated water resource management and land use change in South America
- Can we manage human-nature interactions?
- Geomorphic systems under pressure - anthropogenic forces in a changing environment
- Border water scarcity
- Societal perception and relevance of river and floodplain restoration measures
- Tibetan Plateau ecology – research on the past and present role of the Tibetan Plateau for the monsoonal climate of Asia
- Integrative approaches to water resource management in times of global change
- Sustaining ecosystem services in cultural landscapes: Analysis and management options
- Analysis of linked social-ecological systems
- Impact of cryospheric changes on climate and sustainable development in Central-South Asia



- Adaptation to what? Methodological considerations in climate change adaptation research
- Climate reconstruction and climate interpretation in its cultural context for the last millennium
- Contextualising gender and climate change
- Global challenges & local responses: The mitigation of climate change by travel behaviour change
- Relationships between climate change and socio-economic processes in the Arctic
- Soil erosion and terrestrial carbon cycling
- Climate change - Indications, dynamics and regional perspectives
- Palaeoenvironmental reconstruction along the corridors of modern human dispersal from Africa to Europe
- Transition of energy systems and green industry development
- Green economies – a business, society and policy approach
- Globalisation of trade and production and ecological sustainability
- Man and environmental change: Progress in geo-archaeological applications

- Identity and belonging in coastal regions
- Capturing imagined invisibility: How to analyze social representations of climate change?
- Plants, play and place: Children's well-being in green environments
- Geographic information systems, society and education
- The social construction of cultural landscapes: New concepts of "landscape" in social sciences, cultural studies and geography
- Exploring the social-environmental nexus in a resource development context: A sustainable livelihoods framework approach
- Crossing boundaries in human-environment-system research: Exploring transdisciplinary approaches
- Expertise and the politics of the environment
- Applied environmental economic geography and sustainable development and planning
- Cross-sectoral and geospatial dimensions of renewable energy production and reduced carbon emissions
- Protected areas and tourism planning – preparing for global challenges
- Technological and environmental change in the South

- The third pillar as an interface between the two geographies? Chances and challenges of an integrative approach towards global change
- Urban landscape and nature



SESSIONS ON RISKS & CONFLICTS

- Spatial landslide analysis and its implementation in spatial planning
- Early warning systems for natural hazards - technical challenges and social demands I
- Early warning systems for natural hazards - technical challenges and social demands II
- Emerging risks and the spatial dimension of risk I
- Emerging risks and the spatial dimension of risk II
- Broadening the IPCC focus: Extreme events, vulnerability to multiple stresses and adaptation options
- Coasts at risk by extreme events I
- Coasts at risk by extreme events II

- Power struggles – energy systems governance and conflict
- Conflicts on renewable energy
- Natural resources and risk management in developing countries - Networking for sustainability
- Infrastructures as a key topic for societal disaster resilience
- Risk governance in Southeast Asian cities
- Free flow or better stay at home? Changing practices in the management of international mobility
- Local responses to natural disasters
- Resettlement and relocation as a hazard prevention strategy
- New cartographies of risk and conflicts I
- New cartographies of risk and conflicts II
- Flood risks under conditions of global change: Dealing with uncertainties and dynamics of flood risk in urban areas I
- Flood risks under conditions of global change: Dealing with uncertainties and dynamics of flood risk in urban areas II
- Pro-poor environmental governance: Pathways to address socio-ecological conflicts in the amazon



- Phantom regions and borders – (re)constructing regions and borders based on religion, ethnic groups, languages, former state affiliations or historic geographies
- The fight against disenfranchisement: Emerging cultures of protest in the city
- Geographies of violence
- Geography and totalitarian regimes
- Urban dynamics and environmental conflicts
- Anxiety, biosecurity and conflicts
- Development-induced displacement: Addressing conflict and impoverishment
- Identity and space: Post-conflict nation building
- Placemaking and guerilla strategies in contested public spaces
- Indigeneity, state power and struggles over space
- Reconstruction devastated lands
- Risk analysis and management in urban areas: The challenge for methodological geodata and remote sensing approaches



SESSIONS ON URBANISATION & DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE

- Urban informality as post-socialist routine?
- Between the dissolved rural-urban divide and a process-based understanding of spatiality
- Re-ordering the city - Neoliberalization, travelling policies and local context
- The socio-spatial reconfiguration in Gulf Arab cities
- Do borders make regions learn?
- Towards a new centrality of world society: Future faces and functions of urban centres in the 21st Century
- Revolution or transformation? The rise of supermarkets and malls in developing countries and their urban and social impact
- Health and sustainability in the cities of the future – the impacts of urban environments, urban green and urban blue elements
- Managing changes in cultural heritage cities of South-East Asia
- Naturbanisation: Urbanisation in nature and environmental conflicts

- (Mega)urban health in South Asia
- Sustainable urban environments for the future
- Spatial analysis and modeling of the human-environment interface of urban areas
- Urban utopias and heterotopias: Theorizing, analyzing, and evaluating urban spaces
- Megacity research for government action
- The non-/viability of "informality" – taking critical stock of a contested concept
- Strategic urban planning for sustainable development: Methods and experiences
- How European towns deal with peripheralization – different action strategies and comparable structural baselines
- Neighborhood governance under conditions of globalisation – an international perspective
- Megacities: Informal dynamics of global change
- Neoliberal urban transformation processes in the Arab World
- Spatial justice in cities in the South: What can spatializing information tools contribute to urban governance networks?
- Conviviality and/or confrontation? Ethnic, cultural and political diversity in public space

- Uneven geography of power: The production of 'dominant spaces' in urban environments
- Urban poverty – conceptions of everyday life under persistent conditions of inequality
- Un pont sur le fossé ? Le rôle des villes moyennes comme intermédiaire entre déprise rurale et mégapoles.
- Global winners and local losers? - Regeneration strategies in shrinking cities
- Local camps for global migrants: EU's geographies of detention and deportation
- Old and new mobilities in Asia: Challenges for geographical development research
- Migration trends of the baby boomer generation
- Learning beyond borders: Exploring the spatialities of international student mobility
- International migration and 'glocal' spaces of vulnerability
- The mobility of human capital and knowledge
- Multi-local living arrangements on national, inter- and transnational levels: A new old phenomenon?
- Mega events, globalisation and urban development
- The 'migration & development-hype' and its implications for geographical research



YOUNG RESEARCHERS' FORUM

The Young Researchers' Forum is the platform within the IGC for young scholars, post-graduates and students alike. Four activities are clustered under the label "Young Researchers' Forum":

1. YOUNG RESEARCHERS' SESSIONS, PAPERS AND POSTERS

There is a quota for young researchers under the new open call for session proposals. In this way, the local organisers want to encourage young scientists to submit session proposals at an international conference, thus giving them the opportunity to gain experience in presenting at international conferences at an early stage in their career.

2. YOUNG RESEARCHERS' WORKSHOP

Prior to the main conference, a full day of workshops aimed at PhD candidates and postdocs will offer specific training courses relevant for this target group. Workshops will focus on career planning, options for publishing and writing applications for research funding.

3. YOUNG RESEARCHERS' NETWORKING

Special social events will take place during the conference to give young researchers opportunities for networking. The social programme is organised by young scholars and students from Cologne and the Cologne region. There will be scientific field excursions to alternative locations, a barbeque gathering and a party, organised by Cologne students.

4. STUDENT EVENTS

Students from Cologne and from transnational students' organisations will offer special events for bachelor and master students who are attending the conference. Students can apply from 1 July onwards for a "science slam" contest by submitting a video-abstract (cf. "calls" on page 8). Students are also invited to join the students' poster-competition. Information on both events is available on the IGC website.

SYMPOSIA

The programme of the IGC 2012 will also include two symposia that will be held in German. The **FIRST SYMPOSIUM** is organised together with the German Association of Geography Teachers (VDSG) and the German Association for Geography Didactics (HGD) and will address geography teachers and pedagogues. The symposium will focus especially on new forms of competence-based geographical education. Scholars and school teachers will show and discuss how systemic thought, methodological approaches, spatial orientation and communication skills can be integrated in modern geography classes. Furthermore, chances and limitations of bilingual geography teaching will be a topic of interest. In addition to academic discussions, the symposium will also include practical elements. Teachers from local schools will demonstrate new forms of teaching in their schools, giving the participants the opportunity to see practical applications of new concepts. The **SECOND SYMPOSIUM** will focus on applied geography. Together with the German Association of Professional Geographers (DVAG), the Local Organising Committee will provide a platform for exchange on applied geography. The symposium's first day will focus on the relevance of geography in politics, business and society. Two sessions will especially focus on emerging fields in applied geography and the role of applied geography in development cooperation. The symposium will also include a field trip in the Cologne area. At different locations, practical geographers will give insights into their day-to-day work.



THE SYMPOSIA OFFER GRASSROOTS GEOGRAPHERS A CHANCE TO CONNECT TO THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY THROUGH TARGETED OPPORTUNITIES AND VENUES FOR INTERACTION.



SOCIAL EVENTS

Besides the main conference programme, the IGC will offer scientific field excursions to cultural events. The evenings

August 2012. The social programme will start

opening ceremony of the congress, which

Monday, the 27th, the Lord Mayor of the

the participants of the IGC in the historical

the unique surroundings of a traditional brewery pub will give ample opportunities for participants to relax and socialise over a glass of the local beer called "Kölsch". On Wednesday, the 29th, participants can dive into the vivid local scene of small theatres and music clubs.

A broad range of shows and multicultural events will be exclusively arranged for the participants of the IGC. On Thursday, August 30th, the formal closing ceremony will

be followed by an informal get-together near the congress venue.



a broad range of events ranging from in Cologne will be far from boring in on Sunday, 26th August, with the will include a musical programme. On City of Cologne will give a reception for town hall. On Tuesday, the 28th, dining in



EXHIBITION

The scientific programme will be ses, suppliers of equipment will be centrally located in 40 exhibitors will present



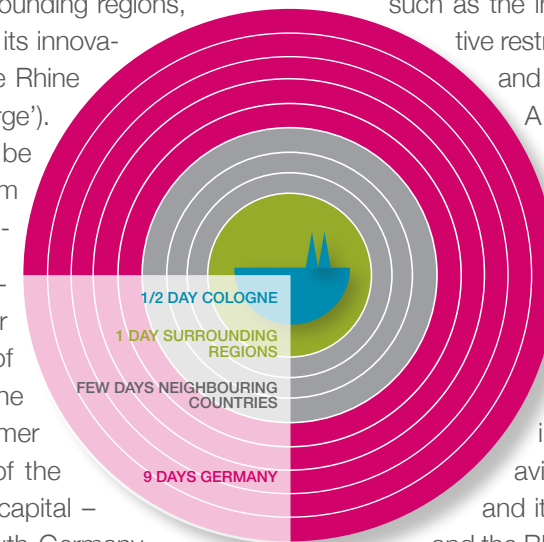
accompanied by an international exhibition of publishing hou-

for field work, software suppliers and various geographical societies. The fair the main conference building and a nearby marquee. Starting on Monday, on 400 square meters information to the IGC 2012 participants.

SCIENTIFIC FIELD EXCURSIONS

As geography in Germany has a long history of scientific field excursions as a means of academic teaching and exemplification, the IGC will remain true to this tradition. Prior to, during and after the congress, a wide selection of scientific field excursions will be offered. Besides a series of half-day trips in Cologne, there will be numerous one-day trips to other sites of geographical interest in both greater Cologne and the surrounding regions, such as the industrial area of the "Ruhrgebiet", having recently gained a world reputation for its innovative restructuring approaches. Other one-day trips will explore the geomorphology of the Rhine and Mosel valleys or the cultural landscapes of the 'Seven Hills' area ('Siebengebirge'). A second category of scientific field excursions of three to five days length will be offered to destinations in Germany and neighbouring countries will be invited to organise these scientific field excursions.

Last but not least, there will be a nine-characteristic landscapes and deeper mic issues. The tour will take in sites of attractions. Starting from Cologne the excursion will address topics such as the restructuration of Germany's former industrial powerhouse, the "Ruhrgebiet", Hamburg, one of Europe's centres of the aviation industry (Airbus) and a global trans- portation hub, Berlin – the old new capital –, and its spatial development after reunification, Munich – the Bavarian capital –, South Germany and the Black Forest. The excursion will end in Freiburg i.B. from where transit back to Cologne or Frankfurt will be arranged.



The detailed excursion programme will be available from 10 October 2011 onwards on the IGC 2012 website. Due to the need of the organisers to make reservations, registration for the longer scientific field excursions (e.g. trips to neighbouring European countries and the Tour of Germany) will close on 10 April 2012. Registration for all day trips will remain open until 1 June 2012.

WELCOME TO GERMANY!

Germany is at the heart of Europe: A multi-faceted country, both geographically and culturally. It is legendary for its North Sea and Baltic beaches, its castles of the Rhine valley, the forests of the central hills (e.g. the Black Forest) and the peaks of the Alps in the south as well as its large variety of cities, towns and industrial areas. The country's chequered, at times very turbulent, history and its modern face are reflected in many places: In the medieval town centres of Nuremberg, Freiburg or Lübeck, in Dresden with its art treasures, in the international financial centre Frankfurt/Main, the technological centre Munich, the merchant and port city Hamburg, the media metropolis Cologne and in Berlin, the country's multicultural capital. More than 82 million people live in the 16 German Länder with their regional customs and traditions.

In the home country of Bach and Beethoven, Goethe and Schiller, music, literature and the arts are valued highly. The 6.7 million foreign residents also contribute to Germany's cultural variety. Knowledge and innovation are important resources. Germany is one of the world's largest industrial nations and exporters, and the label "Made in Germany" promises quality and durability. Sophisticated universities and research institutions provide the conditions necessary for international success and a high standard of living.

Germany has a temperate climate that is influenced by the North Atlantic drift. Humid westerly winds dominate in most parts of the country. The northern and north-western regions have a rather maritime climate, while the eastern regions are more continental. Regionally, e.g. in mountain regions and in the Rhineland, the climate is influenced by other factors as well. In August, the weather may be – depending on the actual atmospheric conditions – weather may change from warm and sunny to cloudy and moist.



- 1 Brandenburg Gate
- 2 Cologne Cathedral
- 3 Eltz Castle
- 4 Rügen Coastline
- 5 Bavarian Alps

COLOGNE

Located on the river Rhine, Cologne with a population of more than one million is the fourth largest city in Germany. Cologne's history goes back almost **2000** years. Founded as a Roman outpost, Cologne nowadays has many facets. **Media centre:** After years of structural change, Cologne is now the most important media city in Germany. A third of the national TV productions are made in Cologne. The record labels in Cologne are important players in the music industry. **Cultural centre:** More than **40** museums and **110** galleries as well as a number of other cultural centres of attraction have made Cologne the most frequently visited city in North Rhine-Westphalia: From Roman finds, medieval works, East Asian treasures to modern art and design exhibitions – every visitor will find something of interest in the numerous museums of this cosmopolitan city on the Rhine. **Convention city:** The city of Cologne plays host to approximately **41.000** events per year that are attended by several million people. The Cologne trade fair ("Koelnmesse") exhibition and congress centre hosts more than **70** international trade fairs and over **2000** conferences annually. **City of churches:** **12** large Romanic churches are located within the medieval city walls. The most popular church, however, is Cologne Cathedral, the city's Gothic hallmark monument which is world famous with its two **157** m towers and a construction history stretching over many centuries. **City of Carnival and Kölsch:** Fun and exuberance rule in the **"fifth"** season. The traditional carnival parade on the Monday (Rosenmontag) preceding Ash Wednesday attracts tourists from around the world. Kölsch, the typical Cologne beer, plays an important role on all festive occasions. It is sold everywhere - in the historic town centre, in pubs on street corners and on the romantic Rhine promenade.

UNIVERSITY OF COLOGNE

Good ideas since 1388! Founded by Cologne's citizens in the Middle Ages, the University of Cologne looks back over an almost uninterrupted history of more than 600 years. It is one of the oldest universities of Europe and today the largest university of Germany as regards student numbers. The University of Cologne is recognised for its high standards of graduate education and international reputation of academic accomplishment. It has six Faculties (Medicine; Mathematics & Natural Sciences; Arts & Humanities; Management, Economics, & Social Sciences; Law; Human Sciences) covering a broad spectrum of disciplines and has developed an internationally outstanding research profile. Geographical research is part of the Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences, which does internationally competitive research in many fields including research on aging-associated diseases, molecular evolutionary biology and plant sciences, quaternary research, megacity research, human-environment research and statistical physics.

The IGC 2012 will be hosted in the central university. With the University being the conference stresses the academic nature of the congress.

Our **BACK TO THE UNIVERSITY APPROACH** a shift to a simpler and decidedly academic. Thus, the registration fees can be kept low and young scientists from all over the world may to participate.



buildings of the University, the IGC 2012

also symbolises congress culture. so that students have an opportunity

The IGC is a quadrennial congress of the International Geographical Union (IGU). At the 2004 congress in Glasgow, the German Geographical Society (DGfG) together with the Institute of Geography of the University of Cologne successfully applied to host the IGC in 2012. A Local Organising Committee (LOC) was created, to organise and manage the congress on behalf of the DGfG.

INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHICAL UNION

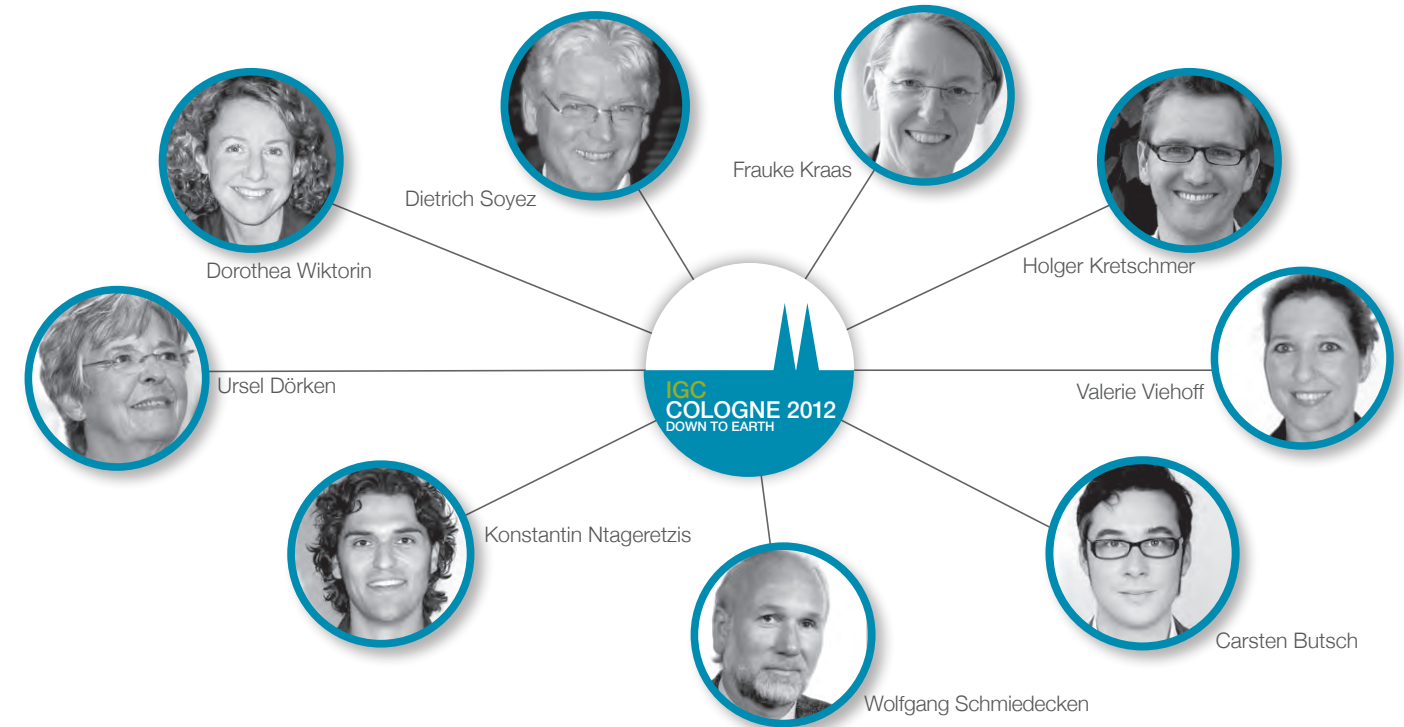


The IGU was founded in Brussels in 1922. The organisation emerged from a series of international geographical conferences, the first of which took place in Antwerp in 1871. Its core aim is to encourage research into geographical problems, to support scientific debate and publications, to provide a platform for geographers to work in international organisations and to advance the development of international standards in the scientific geographical community.

GERMAN GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY



The German Geographical Society (DGfG) is the umbrella organisation for geographical associations and societies in Germany. It was founded in 1995 (by uniting much older precursor organisations) and has some 25,000 members. The DGfG represents the interests of geographers working in schools, universities and applied professions. The Society is committed to communicating the significance of geography as a school subject, as an academic discipline and as an applied discipline.



LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE



In 2008, the Local Organising Committee started the preparations for the IGC 2012. This Committee is responsible for planning, organising and managing the Congress. The Local Organising Committee (LOC) consists mainly of faculty and staff members of the Institute of Geography at the University of Cologne. For certain projects external experts have been invited.



SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

The DGfG has appointed an international committee to design the pillars of the four key topics of the Congress. This Scientific Committee is involved in planning the content of the Congress while assisting the Local Organising Committee in developing a clear disciplinary profile and ensuring the compliance with high scientific standards. The Committee consists of 26 internationally known geographers from all over the world. The picture shows those members who were able to personally attend the first meeting in Cologne in May 2011.

TRAVELLING TO COLOGNE

Cologne is well connected by all modes of transport. You can reach Cologne by air either via Cologne-Bonn-Airport (CGN), Flughafen Düsseldorf (DUS) or via Frankfurt (FRA). If you arrive at Frankfurt a convenient fast speed ICE train connection brings you in less than one hour from the airport to Cologne central station. We are glad to announce that **Star Alliance** is the official carrier for the IGC 2012. Special conditions will be offered for participants of the IGC 2012 (for details please visit our website).

For those travelling by rail **Deutsche Bahn** offers a special IGC 2012 return-ticket. For 99 Euros you can travel to Cologne from any German railway station (for details please visit our website).

ACCOMMODATION

Together with our partner **KölnTourismus** we selected a variety of hotels – ranging from reasonably priced youth hostels to most comfortable five star hotels. In these hotels a limited number of rooms are available at discounted rates until mid July 2012. For further information please visit our website.

VISA

Depending on your country of origin it may be necessary to apply for a visa before travelling to Germany. A list of nationalities for which a visa is obligatory is available on the website of the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Auswärtiges Amt). Any further questions concerning visa applications can be dealt with on the website of the German Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

TRAVEL GRANTS

The Executive Committee of the IGU and the Local Organising Committee will jointly launch a travel grants programme. Information on the programme are available on the IGU and the IGC 2012 website from 10 October onwards. Young scholars and participants from developing countries can apply for travel grants via an online form. However, a full cover of costs will not be granted but a partial refund of travel costs or the waiving of the conference fees is possible.

IGC 2012 COMPACT

CALL FOR PAPERS AND POSTERS

1 July until 15 December 2011

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION ONLINE

10 October 2011 until 31 July 2012

EARLY BIRD FEE

10 October 2011 until 10 April 2012

REGISTRATION FOR FIELD TRIPS

10 October 2011 until 10 April 2012

(longer scientific field excursions and trips to neighbouring countries)

10 October 2011 until 1 June 2012 (one-day scientific field excursions)

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FEES

Special reductions will be granted to a limited number of participants from developing countries. For further details please refer to the IGC 2012 website. Information on the IGU travel grants programme is also available on the website.

IGC – CONGRESS FEES

	EARLY BIRD	NORMAL		ON-SITE	
	full ticket	full ticket	day ticket	full ticket	day ticket
PARTICIPANT	295 €	350 €	110 €	400 €	130 €
PHD STUDENT	145 €	175 €	60 €	200 €	70 €
STUDENT	100 €	120 €	40 €	140 €	50 €
ACCOMPANYING PERSON	100 €	120 €	40 €	140 €	50 €

FEES FOR SYMPOSIA

	EARLY BIRD	NORMAL		ON-SITE	
	full ticket (2 days)	full ticket	day ticket	full ticket	day ticket
PARTICIPANT	100 €	120 €	–	140 €	–

ACCOMMODATION



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COLOGNE 2012
DOWN TO EARTH

Together with our partner KölnTourismus we offer a variety of different hotels and room categories. Rates will be available from 35 € up to 149 € per night. They all can well be reached by public transportation. The conference fees will include day-tickets for public transportation for Cologne on the congress days. Please find three selected hotels below and keep in mind that these are only examples for the wide variety of hotels to choose from. The booking can be done via the IGC 2012 webpage at www.igc2012.com.



The Hotel Park Inn Köln City-West is the official IGC 2012 congress hotel. It has a capacity of 205 rooms and is only two bus stops or a 10 minutes' walk away from the congress venue.

Single: 99,00 € room per night (incl. breakfast)

Double: 117,00 € room per night (incl. breakfast)



The A&O hostel is right at the city center of Cologne. It offers 173 rooms for people who prefer to spend more for living and less for accommodation. The tram will take you to the congress venue in less than 10 minutes.

Single: 59,00 € room per night (incl. breakfast)

Twin: 75,00 € room per night (incl. breakfast)



4-star hotel Novotel Köln City is situated on the banks of the Rhine, close to the old town. It has a capacity of 221 rooms, the congress venue can be reached via tram in less than 10 minutes.

Single: 106,00 € room per night (incl. breakfast)

Double/Twin: 122,00 € room per night (incl. breakfast)