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Fifty Years of Local Governance 1980 - 2030

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4 - 5 September 2018

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Aim

The Conference marks the establishment 30 years ago of the IGU Commission on Geography and Public Administration, after an initial period as a Study Group of the International Geographical Union, from 1984 to 1988. The conference seeks to revisit the main research issues addressed by the Commission since the mid 1980s and to explore the current trends and future challenges confronting local governance in the context of the new global urban agendas, namely the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its 17 SDGs that came officially into force on 1 January 2016, the New Urban Agenda adopted in the Habitat III Conference, in October 2016, and the Paris Agreement or Paris Climate Agreement adopted in December 2015.

Participation & Selection criteria

- Participation in the conference requires the presentation of a paper
- Submissions will be double-blind peer-reviewed by the Scientific Committee for content and appropriateness to this conference
- The working language of the conference will be English
- Translation services will not be provided

Program

The conference is organized in two tracks:

- **Track 1** looks 30 years back revisiting the changes, processes and the respective outcomes in the field of local governance in different parts of the world.

- **Track 2** looks into the future analyzing current trends in local governance.

Track 1

- Local Government in Europe post 1980: national trends and the Europeanization of urban governance and local policies
- Local government reforms in Central and Eastern Europe since 1990
- Post-colonial Local Government reforms in Africa
- Local governance in America, Asia, and Oceania after 1980

Track 2

- Local governance in the new global urban development agendas
- Local governance, spatial justice and the Right to the City
- Good governance and autonomy
- Decolonizing local governance
- Local government reforms: decentralization and re-centralization
- Regions and Political Devolution
- The nexus of micro, local, regional and transnational governance
- Meso-level governance
- The challenges of multi-level governance
- Rescaling of urban governance and the role of neighbourhoods
- Inter-municipal cooperation
- Cross-border municipal cooperation
- Metropolitan government
- Municipal amalgamation reforms
- Informal institutions and hybrid local governance models
- Local government finance system: financing the new challenges
- Post-2008 austerity localism
- Alternative models for local government social policies
- Progressive localism and the transformation of urban governance
- Re-municipalization of local public service provision
- Municipal owned corporations and local public services
- Managerialism, entrepreneurialism, public-private partnerships and privatization
- Local economic development
- Strategic and collaborative municipal planning
- The governance of urban cultural heritage
- Climate change and Green governance
- The governance of protected areas and urban green spaces
- Local governance and the new security challenges in urban areas
- Participatory local governance and community engagement
- Citizen participation in local policy making
- Social movements and the New Municipalism
- Local government in the digital era: democracy, participation, accountability
- Smart urban governance: Internet and new ICT tools
- Social media in local governance
- Local governance in the age of Big Data
- Crowdsourcing in urban governance

Panel Organization

- The conference is organized in panels according to themes
- Each panel has 5 papers
- Oral presentation: 15-20 min

Abstracts

- Submit the abstract, of no more than 250 words, until 30 March 2018, to: igu.geogov@gmail.com
- If necessary, contact us to discuss any ideas that you might have for a paper on the proposed themes and issues or on other related topics
- Successful applicants will be informed by 15 April 2018

Expected Outcomes

- It is expected that a selection of conference papers will be published
- The selected manuscripts will be double-blind peer-reviewed
- More information about publication will be given during the conference

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Important dates

- Submission deadline for abstracts: until 30 March 2018
- Notification of abstract acceptance: 15 April 2018
- Registration and payment: 15 April - 15 May 2018
- PowerPoint Presentation (PowerPoint file): during the conference
- Full paper for publication: date to be announced during the conference