



International Geographical Union's Commission on Marginalization, Globalization, and Regional and Local Responses

Annual Commission Conference

BRIDGING REGIONAL RESPONSES TO MARGINALIZATION AND DISPARITIES IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD



9-10 August 2021
Virtual Conference

Invitation

Today, in our globalized world, there are serious concerns regarding global warming, pollution, environment, biodiversity, social conflicts, the future of our planet and the future of mankind. There are increasing tensions in the Middle East, in Latin America, in Africa and in other parts of the world, while long-lasting peaceful solutions are hard to find and not easy to implement. In the Global South, economic problems are prevailing. Marginalization is more of a reality for billions of people everywhere.

At the same time, there are increasing gaps between the rich and the poor, between the most developed areas and the least developed ones. Disparities are therefore expanding at all levels. The most developed regions are growing fast, while spill-out effects are not working as they were supposed to, and the least developed regions are lagging behind even more, not able to keep the same pace of development. The current trends show that development will be even more concentrated in several "cores" or growth poles while marginalization will be even more dissipated in the widening periphery.

The world is diverse and there is not a single, universally valid solution to be applied in the same way everywhere. There is no universal cure for the existing problems and challenges raised by marginalization and disparities. Therefore, it is crucially important that regional problems are treated separately and regional responses are provided according to the specificities of each situation. However, every solution, policy or strategy which functioned somewhere might be also seen as a model of good practices and may be adapted and applied successfully in other parts of the world. And this is the meaning of our meeting in Cluj-Napoca: to create a meaningful bridge between regional responses to issues related to marginalization and disparities around the world, from which we may all learn and enrich our experience, to provide further assistance to global and regional needs.

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Call for Papers

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The conference will address the following key topics:

- Drivers of marginalization and challenges in border and peripheral areas
- Opportunities and challenges in regions with specific geographical features (mountain and coastline areas, sparsely populated and isolated areas, areas in transformation or decline etc.)
- Sustainable mountain development
- Exclusion, marginalization and peripheralization in urban areas
- Social inequalities and marginalization
- Marginalization and exclusion in the time of COVID-19 pandemic
- Globalization and its impact on local and regional development
- Interdisciplinarity in regional development
- Local and regional responses to marginalization and territorial disparities
- Best practices in regional governance

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Conference Programme

Monday, 9th August 2021

Opening ceremony

Morning paper sessions

Break

Afternoon paper sessions

Tuesday, 10th August 2021

Morning paper sessions

Break

Afternoon paper sessions

Conclusions

Break

Business meeting

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Important Dates

Call for panels and abstracts opens	5 February 2020
Deadline to submit abstract or panel proposals	25 June 2021
Proposal Acceptance/Rejection Notification by	1 July 2021
Payment for conference fee starts upon receiving the acceptance notification	
Registration fee deadline	10 July 2021
Full conference programme	15 July 2021
Conference date	9-10 August 2021
Full paper submission deadline (optional)	1 October 2021

Registration Fee

(online payment)	Regular
Participant	20 EUR
BS, Msc, PhD Student	20 EUR

