



## **IGU Commission on the Dynamics of Economic Spaces (CDES)**

### ***Research Plan or Proposal to Continue the Commission for 2020-24***

#### **1. PRESENT COMMITTEE AND PROPOSED COMMITTEE FOR 2020-24**

##### **1.1. Steering Committee member 2016-2020:**

The Steering Committee of the IGU Commission on the "Dynamics of Economic Spaces" (CDES) consists of twelve members from different countries (Australia, Canada, Germany, Hungary, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Singapore, Slovak Republic, The Netherlands, Turkey, US). The steering committee contains three women and nine men and has representatives from Europe, North America, Australia and Asia. The current members of the Steering Committee are listed as follows:

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## 1.2. Proposed Steering Committee Member for the Period 2020-2024

The Proposed Steering Committee of the IGU Commission on the Dynamics of Economic Spaces (CDES) consists of eleven members from different countries. The steering committee contains three women and eight men and has representatives from Europe, North America and Asia. The current members of the Steering Committee are listed as follows:

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## 2. PRESENT OBJECTIVES OF THE COMMISSION AND PROPOSED OBJECTIVES FOR 2020-24

The Commission's (the CDES) mission is to extend international research and scholarship in economic geography through the development and dissemination of critical theoretical, conceptual and methodological frameworks, the conduct of rigorous empirical and policy

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<sup>1</sup> Nuri Yavan of the Ankara University will serve as Chair of CDES for a two-year period of 2020-2022. Eva Kiss of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences will assume the position of Chair for the period 2022-2024 and Nuri Yavan will become Vice Chair.

analyses, and the building of research capacity in economic geography in different national and institutional contexts, to promote international collaboration in research activity and the dissemination of research findings and to facilitate knowledge transfer about economic geography and associated policy-related issues between countries and institutions.

Therefore, during the 2020-2024 period, the IGU Commission on "*The Dynamics of Economic Spaces*" will continue to aim to bring together small groups of scholars for in-depth discussion on some of the latest issues in the field of economic geography. The CDES also plans to continue to do its main activities such as organizing conferences and publishing books series in the period 2020-2024. In addition, the Commission plan to increase the number of correspondent members from both develop and developing countries but especially South American, African and South Asian regions.

### **3. MAJOR LIST OF ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2016-2020 AND FIVE MAJOR ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN DURING 2020-2024**

#### **3.1 Five Major List of Achievements for 2016-2020**

During the 2016-2020 period, the commission organized 6 conferences, 4 of which were independently organized annual meeting, and 2 were sessions in IGU's main and regional congresses.

The Commission held and/or participated in two events during 2016. One of them was took place in China, the 33rd International Geographical Congress, Beijing, China, August 21-25, 2016. The Commission organized three sessions in this congress on the following themes: Rethinking the Dynamics of Economic Spaces: New Themes, New Ideas and New Approaches; Placing Finance in Urban and Regional Development; Foreign Direct Investment and Migration.

Second and more importantly event organized by the commission was the mini-conference on "New Resource Economies", Massey University, Palmerston North, New Zealand, November 24-26, 2016. 24 papers presented and plus one panel discussion was made during the conferences. This conference aimed to bring together papers on a range of topics related to resource geographies. The topic of the conference focused on resource geographies and resource peripheries in particular making markets, marine economies and food systems in transition, new and old resources: governance and sustainability, and beverages. Participants discussed resource geographies that could include case studies, new perspectives and presentations on resource futures as well as the problems and the potential local and regional effects on economic development.

During 2017, the Commission held another event in New Haven, United States, March 30-April 2, 2017. This was also annual Mini-Conference of the CDES focus on "Sustainable Costal Zones: Challenges, Governance, and Transitions/Engagement" organized by Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven, US. As outcome of this conference, one book was published by Routledge as a part of Commission's book series of *Dynamics of Economic Spaces*. Full citation of the book is following:

- Heidkamp, C. P., & Morrissey, J. (Eds.). (2018). *Towards Coastal Resilience and Sustainability*. Routledge: London.

The purpose of this book, consisting of 20 chapters, aims to interrogate the multi-scalar complexities in creating a more sustainable coastal zone. This book addresses limitations through an examination of socio- technological transitions with an explicitly spatial focus in the context of the coastal zone. The book begins by focusing on theoretical understandings of transition processes specific to the coastal zone and includes detailed empirical case studies. The second half of the book appraises governance initiatives in coastal zones and their efficacy. The authors conclude with an implicit theme of social and environmental justice in coastal sustainability transitions.

During 2018, the CDES organized its annual meeting in Innsbruck, Austria. This was also Mini-Conference on Rural-Urban Linkages for Sustainable Development: An Economic Geography Perspective, held in Innsbruck, Austria. July 19-21, 2018. The mini conference was organized by the Department of Geography of the University of Innsbruck, for three 3 days. 30 delegates from 24 universities in 10 countries were attended to the conference. 23 paper presented in the conference. Participants in the conference were actually quite diverse and rather heterogeneous group of people from universities to regional development agency, and having different background from geographers and regional planners to economists. During the conference, presenters aimed to contribute to the increasing debate on Agri-Food Systems, Ethical Consumptions and Rural-Urban Linkages in the context of Sustainability Transitions research from an *Economic Geography* perspective. In this context, delegates analyzed and discussed various forms of existing rural-urban linkages and applied them to various challenges concerning sustainability transitions in economic geography. As outcome of this conference, another book is forthcoming in September 2020. Citation of the book is following:

- Kratzer, A. & Kister, J. (Eds.). (2020). *Rural-Urban Linkages for Sustainable Development*, Routledge: London.

During 2018, the CDES also participated in the IGU Regional Conference held in Quebec, Canada, 6-10 August 2018. There were two dedicated paper sessions and one poster session on the program for the commission at the IGU Regional Conference in Quebec, Canada. Total 13 paper presented in the conference, 9 papers presented and discussed in each session as oral and 4 paper also presented in the Commission poster session.

In 2019, the Commission held its annual conference in Budapest, Hungary. This mini conference was organized by the Geographical Institute of Hungarian Academy of Sciences for three 3 days. 20 delegates from 12 universities in 7 countries were attended to the conference. The title of the conference held in Budapest, Hungary was "Rethinking Economic Geography in the Era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution: Manufacturing, Entrepreneurship, Employment and Industry 4.0". The conference was held under four session (plus two plenary sessions) on the following themes:

- Industrial Space and Industry 4.0
- Branches and Employment in The Age of Industry 4.0
- Regions, Cities and Smart Specialization
- Transportation and Automotive Industry in The Fourth Industrial Revolution



During the conference, presenters aimed to contribute to the increasing debate on Industry 4.0 and its wider relations and implications in the context of in the Fourth Industrial Revolution from an *Economic Geography* perspective. In this context, delegates analyzed and discussed one of the most important trends in the world economy, which is called the industrial revolution of the 21st century, also called Industry 4.0. As outcome of this conference, selected papers will be published in the special issue of a peer-reviewed journal Hungarian Geographical Bulletin in July 2020.

Since long time, CDES has a very good reputation in publishing edited book and special issues in international peer-reviewed journals. CDES conferences typically result in the publication of one edited book (sometimes two) that is published as part of Routledge's (formerly Ashgate) *Dynamics of Economic Spaces* series. The Commission has already published more than 18 edited books in the series. In 2018, CDES has renewed its contract with Routledge to publish Commission's series of *Dynamics of Economic Spaces*. Thus, now CDES has continued its very successful publishing relationship with Routledge Publishers. The book series is entitled *The Dynamics of Economic Space* (see <https://www.routledge.com/The-Dynamics-of-Economic-Space/book-series/ASHSER1030>) and the Chair of the Commission serves as the Series Editor.

In addition to the above books published in 2017 and 2018 by Commission's Routledge book series, in 2019 one books were published in the book series of the Commission although this book are not an outcome of the direct activity of the commission, actually collaborated with and supported by the commission.

Citation of the book are following:

- Baqir, F., Banerjee, N., & Yaya, S. (Eds.). (2019). *Better Spending for Localizing Global Sustainable Development Goals: Examples from the Field*. Routledge: New York.

Another book that will be published soon in July 2020 in the book series of the Commission is following:

- Pezzi, M. G., Faggian, A., & Reid, N. (2020). *Agritourism, Wine Tourism, and Craft Beer Tourism: Local Responses to Peripherality Through Tourism Niches*. London: Routledge.

### 3.2 Major Activities To Be Undertaken During 2020-2024

**Conferences:** As already mentioned above, the Commission on the Dynamics of Economic Spaces plans to hold regular meetings during the period 2020-2024 (at least one mini-conference per year and visible participation in other IGU events). Please note that the conferences listed represent the minimum activity of the Commission. CDES will take advantage of other opportunities for workshops, conferences, and scholarly activities as they arise during 2016-2020. Therefore, much of the work that will be covered in the proposed conferences for 2020-2024 will build upon the work conducted by CDES during 2016-2020. In this context, the CDES plans to hold the following conferences and attend some of major IGU events and related economic geography congress by organizing the commission special sessions. The proposed locations, themes, and organizers for the conferences that are currently proposed by CDES are as follows:

- IGU CDES Mini-Conference on "Coastal Transitions: Blue Economy", New Haven, Connecticut, USA, 4-8 November, 2020, jointly organized by Liverpool John Moores University, Southern Connecticut State University and MIC University of Limerick.
- 34<sup>th</sup> IGU International Geographical Congress 2021, Istanbul, Turkey, 16-20 August 2021.
- IGU CDES Mini-Conference on "Investment Risks, Environmental Risks and Risks in Global Production Networks", Osnabrück University, Osnabruck, Germany, June 2021.
- 6th Global Conference on Economic Geography, 22-25 June 2021, Dublin, Ireland.
- IGU Regional Conference, Paris, France. 18-22 July, 2022.
- IGU CDES Mini-Conference on "De-industrialization, Digitalization and Innovation Policy in Industrial Districts", Gaziantep University, Gaziantep, Turkey, 12-14 May 2022.
- IGU CDES Mini-Conference, Kiel University, Kiel, Germany, Summer 2023.

**Publishing:** Furthermore the CDES plans to continue its publishing relationship with Routledge Publishers. Because CDES conferences typically result in the publication of one edited book that is published as part of Routledge's Dynamics of Economic Spaces series and/or special issues in international, peer-reviewed journals. In this context, the Commission will continue its book publishing activities both as the output of its annual conferences and as a book proposal coming from the commission members in the new period.

**Networking and Collaboration:** The IGU CDES does not have a formal membership base. Our 'membership' list we use to distribute information consists of 625 active email addresses from all over the world. Although the commission currently has 36 member countries, half of the members (52%) are from United Kingdom (23%), USA (16.8%) and Germany (12%). When we add Canada (7.7%), Australia (6.1%) and New Zealand (4.5%) to this rate, 70.1% of the member are from Anglo-American countries (except Germany). During 2016-2020, 83 new members joined the commission and most of them are from developing worlds. In other words, the share of developing countries has increased much more than developed countries in 2016-2020 period, but their share is still very low in total. Therefore, the Commission plan to increase the number of correspondent members from both develop and developing countries but especially South American, African and South Asian regions, which has the lowest level of representation. The IGU CDES did not engage in any collaboration with other IGU Commissions and Task Forces during 2016-20. However, the Commission plan to collaborate with other IGU Commissions and other international, intergovernmental, and inter- and multi-disciplinary groups in the new period.

As part of networking activities, the CDES updates its web page and adds new materials from time to time. The commission's current website is accessible under the following address: <http://igu-cdes.ankara.edu.tr>