



IGU Commission on the Dynamics of Economic Spaces

2017-2018 Report

A. Membership

1. Steering Committee:

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:

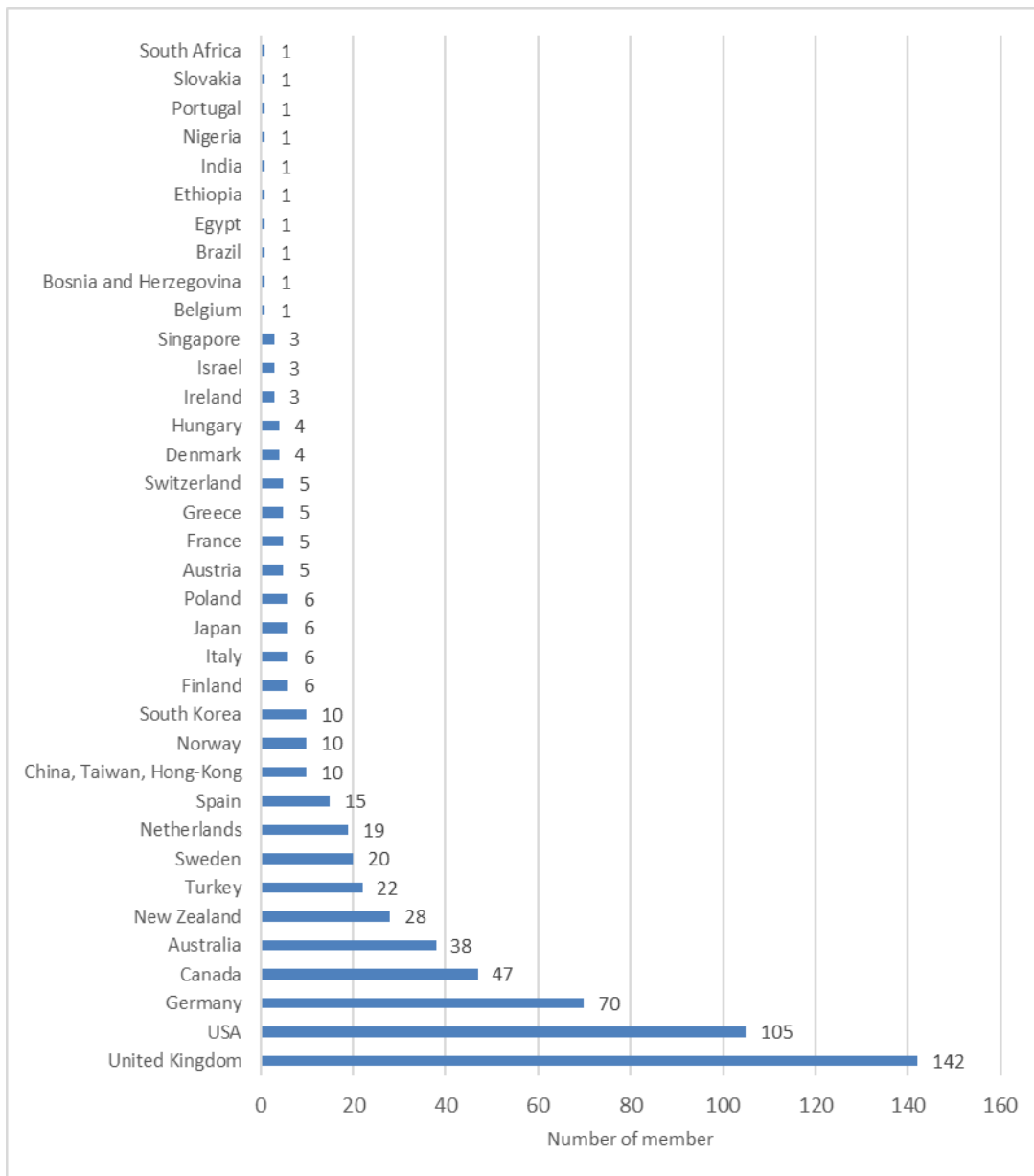
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2. Commission Members:

The IGU Commission on the Dynamics of Economic Spaces (CDES) does not have a formal membership base. Our 'membership' list we use to distribute information consists of 607 active email addresses from all over the world (Figure 1). Although the commission currently has 38 member countries, half of the members (52%) are from United Kingdom (23.4%), USA (17.3%) and Germany (11.5%). When we add Canada (%7,7) and Australia (%6,3) to this rate, 66.2% of the member are from Anglo-American countries (Except Germany). In 2018, the commission for the first time received four members from the African continent (Egypt, Ethiopia, Nigeria and South Africa) and one member from India. However, the representation of developing worlds such as South America, Africa and South Asia is still very low.

Figure 1: IGU Commission on the Dynamic of Economic Spaces Membership by Country (As of 15 December 2018)





B. Meetings

The Commission held and/or participated in the following events during 2017-2018:

1. IGU Mini-Conference on Rural-Urban Linkages for Sustainable Development: An Economic Geography Perspective, Held in Innsbruck, Austria. July 19-21, 2018. 23 paper presented.

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 (Figure 2). 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. The conference had two very interesting keynote speakers each day. Also at the end of the conference there was an excursion titled "The City of Innsbruck and its linkages" as well as an excellent social organization as always (See Photo in Annex).

Figure 2: Participants of IGU CDES Mini-Conference on *Rural-Urban Linkages for Sustainable Development: An Economic Geography Perspective* held in Innsbruck, Austria, 2018



The conference was held under seven session on the following themes:

- Rural-Urban Innovations,
- Value Chains and Systems,
- Spatial Flows I,
- Sustainable (Rural) Development,
- Food Systems,
- New Approaches and Concepts,
- Spatial Flows II,

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. Overall, the following issues were discussed at the conference;

- Different theoretical underpinnings and approaches of rural-urban linkages (e.g. space, ethics, economy, discourse);
- Analysis of different roles of rural-urban linkages for sustainable development and sustainability transitions (e.g. for innovations);
- Analysis of the differences between urban and rural areas and their consequences for economic processes;
- Analysis of governance initiatives for rural urban linkages on various scales (e.g. multi-level approaches, tourism policies).

2. 5th Global Conference on Economic Geography Held in Cologne, Germany, July 24-28, 2018. CDES participated but without a formal session.

The most of the Commission steering committee members and many commission members participated in 5th Global Conference on Economic Geography in Cologne and presented their research in the conference and talked each other and another geographers at the conference. During the conference, I (as a chair of the commission) informally introduce the commission and urged everyone to join the commission and its activities. But due to the uncertainty, unfortunately no formal session was organized under the commission name.

3. IGU Regional Conference 2018, Held in Quebec, Canada. 6-10 August 2018. CDES organized three sessions. 13 paper presented.

There were two dedicated paper sessions and one poster session on the program for the commission at the IGU Regional Conference in Quebec, Canada. 9 papers presented and discussed in each session and chaired by Michael Roche (New Zealand) and Oliver Klein (Germany). 4 paper also presented in the Commission poster session. Michael Roche who is from New Zealand Massey University and member of the commission steering committee, represented the commission at the IGU Quebec meeting.

Further planned meetings:

- IGU CDES Mini-Conference, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas, April/May, 2019.
- 34th IGU International Geographical Congress 2020, Istanbul, Turkey, 17-21 August 2020.
- 6th Global Conference on Economic Geography, 22-25 June 2021, Dublin, Ireland.
- IGU Regional Conference, Paris, France. 18-22 July, 2022.

C. Networking

The IGU CDES did not engage in any collaboration with other IGU Commissions and Task Forces as well as collaboration with other international, intergovernmental, and inter- and multi-disciplinary groups in 2017-2018.

During 2017-2018, the CDES had no cooperative efforts with either the International Social Science Council (ISSC) or the International Council for Science (ICSU) and International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences (CIPSH) programs.



D. Publications

1. Regular Publications:

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 16 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 2018, one book was published as outcome of the previous conferences held in 2017. Full citation of the book is following:

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

Another book is forthcoming as outcome of this year conference. Citation of the book is following:

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

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F Conclusion

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The last book that will be published in the book series of the Commission is titled "Agritourism, Enotourism, Aletourism: Tourism Niches and Local Entrepreneurship in Peripheral Areas" edited by Maria Giulia Pezzi, Alessandra Faggian, Neil Reid. Although this book is not an outcome of the direct activity of the commission, it is a book collaborated with and supported by the commission. Citation of the book is following:

- Pezzi, M. G.; Faggian, A. & Reid, N. (Eds) (Forthcoming). *Agritourism, Enotourism, Aletourism: Tourism Niches and Local Entrepreneurship in Peripheral Areas*. Routledge: London.

2. Commission website:

The commission's current website is accessible under the following address:

<http://igu-cdes.ankara.edu.tr/>

The Commission has also established a Facebook group, which is titled "IGU Commission on the Dynamics of Economic Spaces". To become a member, it is necessary to join Facebook and then click on the Like button. The group page is located at the following link:

<https://www.facebook.com/IGU-Commission-on-the-Dynamics-of-Economic-Spaces-374636672551632/>

E. Archival Contributions

CDES has not provided any archival materials available but would be willing to do so.



Annex

Photo 1: Opening speech of the IGU CDES conference by the Commission Chair, in Innsbruck, Austria July, 2018



Photo 2: Some of the participants of the IGU CDES conference, in Innsbruck, Austria. July, 2018



Photo 3: One of the keynote speaker of the IGU CDES conference, in Innsbruck, Austria. July, 2018



Photo 4: Coffee break of the IGU CDES conference, in Innsbruck, Austria. July, 2018

