

CALL FOR PAPERS IGU Regional Conference 2013, Kyoto, Japan,  
4-9 August 2013

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The IGU Commission on the History of Geography are planning the following two sessions during the conference.

1. Languages, materiality and the construction of geographical modernities

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Our Commission plans to organize a themed session to contemplate over how different geographical languages and discourses have been deployed in the material and representational construction of modern spaces and places, and how the materiality of modern social life has in turn shaped those languages and discourses. The concept of "geographical modernities" refers thus not only to the differentiated modern spaces and places, but also to modern academic and non-academic geographical discourses themselves. Papers are welcome especially dealing with:

- relationships between the history of geography and material objects, institutions and localities; -critical reflections on various geographical languages (written texts, maps, photographs, paintings, engravings and others);
- material cultures and the production, circulation and consumption of geographical knowledges;
- imaginative geographies in academia and broader society;
- academic and non-academic geographers and the planning and development of cities, regions and countryside.

Participants are welcome to submit abstracts on the topics listed above, but are not limited to those mentioned.

2. History of geography, geographical thought and practice, and gender [Joint session with the Commission on Gender and Geography]

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Within the context of the main theme for the 2013 IGU Kyoto Regional Conference "traditional wisdom and modern knowledge for the earth's future,"

the History of Geography Commission and the Gender and Geography Commission plan to organize a joint session "History of Geography, Geographical Thought and Gender." As decades of vibrant scholarship, including feminist scholarship, have revealed the social processes and the power relations that produce them, both of traditional wisdom and modern knowledge, are neither universal nor neutral. Geographical knowledge is no exception. Over the years we have witnessed a comprehensive critique of geographical traditions in several sub-disciplines within

academic geography. In this joint session, we re-consider the production, transformation and distribution of geographical knowledge - academic and non-academic - from a gender perspective. Papers using a gender perspective are welcome especially in relation to:

- reconsiderations of the history of academic geography and alternative histories of geography;
- critical reflections on geographical concepts (e.g. place, space, home, boundaries, landscape);
- the myriad ways in which geographical knowledge - academic and non-academic - has been produced and embodied in society.

Participants are welcome to submit abstracts on the topics listed above, but are not limited to those mentioned. Other topics and papers concerning "History of Geography, Geographical Thought and Practice, and Gender" are also welcome.

Please see the proposals of these and other sessions at

[http://oguchaylab.csis.u-tokyo.ac.jp/IGU2013/session\\_proposals.html#c12.20](http://oguchaylab.csis.u-tokyo.ac.jp/IGU2013/session_proposals.html#c12.20)

Deadline for abstract submissions: 15 January 2013.

Abstracts (maximum: 250 words) should be sent via

[http://oguchaylab.csis.u-tokyo.ac.jp/IGU2013/submission\\_si.html](http://oguchaylab.csis.u-tokyo.ac.jp/IGU2013/submission_si.html)

We will be happy to join these sessions, as well as to share this information with other colleagues who might be interested in participating.