

**PAPER SESSIONS ORGANISED BY THE COMMISSION ON
THE HISTORY OF GEOGRAPHY (C.O8.20) FOR THE 2015
IGU REGIONAL CONFERENCE
(MOSCOW, 17-21 AUGUST, 2015)**

**1) SESSION 1 (ORGANISED BY THE IGU COMMISSION
ON HISTORY OF GEOGRAPHY ONLY)**

Title: Exploring and mapping lands, air and waters. Research on the History of Geographical Explorations.

Chairs: Prof. Jacobo García-Álvarez (jgalvare@hum.uc3m.es) and Prof. Alexey V. Postnikov (postnikov@comtv.ru)

Outline:

The aim of this session is to bring together scholarship on the History of Geographical Explorations. Papers are welcome especially dealing with the following aspects:

- Methods of obtaining initial geographical data on regions of exploration.
- Discovering 'Others': relationships between explorers and natives, with special attention to geographical perceptions and ideas in different cultures, as well as to cross-cultural exchange of geographic knowledge.
- Narratives on discovery and exploration: itineraries, geographical descriptions, travel literature, etc.
- Surveying and mapping oceans, lands, air, peoples, boundaries, and states.
- Exploration of natural and artificial waterways and their influence on environmental changes.
- Historiography and archival studies on geographical explorations.

Papers on any other topics related either to the History of geographical explorations or, more broadly, to the History of Geography would also be welcomed.

Abstract submission: Abstracts proposals (maximum: 1800 characters, including spaces; aprox. 250 words), in English or French, should be sent via the Moscow IGU Regional Conference website:

<http://www.igu2015.ru/instruction-abstract-submission>

Deadline for abstract submissions: **31 January 2015.**

2) SESSION 2: JOINT SESSION WITH THE IGU COMMISSION ON POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY

Title: Rethinking what (political) geography ought to be: theories, histories and practices of geography and geopolitics as instruments of peace

Chairs: Prof. Takashi Yamazaki (yamataka@lit.osaka-cu.ac.jp) and Prof. Alexey V. Postnikov (postnikov@comtv.ru)

Outline:

How have (political) geographers defined ‘peace’ as opposed to ‘war’ in their discipline? And why? These questions may sound very simple but have not been seriously investigated. Following the successful joint session between the two commissions in the IGU Krakow Regional Conference, this joint session pursues and advances the same theme of geography and peace one step further. While focusing on the historical development of geographical knowledge as a tool for fostering peace, cultural tolerance and mutual understanding at different scales, this session explores historical and contemporary practices for peace promoted by geographers at various places in the world. Papers on thoughts and/or practices by geographers, whether well-known or not, across the world are welcome.

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