

IGU Regional Conference
« Changes, challenges, responsibility »
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Commission *History of de la geography* (C12.20)

Joint session organized with the Commission *Political Geography* (C12.33)

What (political) geography ought to be?
Theoretical approaches to and historical

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"Geography is mostly useful for making war" is a very famous catch phrase, highlighted by Yves Lacoste's well-known book, "La Géographie, ça sert, d'abord, à faire la guerre (1976)". But geographical knowledge can also be considered as a tool for fostering peace, cultural tolerance and mutual understanding at different scales, as argued and demonstrated by many authors and works in the past, such as Immanuel Kant and his cosmopolitan theory; Piotr Kropotkin, Élisée Reclus and other relevant anarchist geographers; the various prominent scholars involved in the discussions and preparations related to the 1919 Paris Peace Conference and the subsequent Treaties; or Griffith Taylor's plea for "geopacifics". Stimulated by the IGU initiative for a UN International Year of Global Understanding, this session is aimed to attract papers examining how geography and geographers have contributed to this kind of perspective throughout the modern and contemporary history of the discipline. Papers are welcome especially dealing with:

- historical roles of geography and geographers in promoting peace;
- relationships between various geographical knowledges and peace movements and initiatives;
- academic and non-academic geographers and their ideas on the regional, national and global peace;
- involvement of geographers in Peace Treaties and other analogous diplomatic instruments;
- solutions for the local, national and global conflicts from the geographer's perspective;

- geography and education for peace;
- imaginative geographies as potential tools for fostering peace.

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Preliminary Programme

Wednesday, 20.08.2014

9:00 – 10:45

An historical view of George Jobberns and Political Geography in New Zealand	Prof. Michael Roche
Building antimilitarism: Elisée Reclus, Social Geography, and War	Dr. Federico Ferretti
From world state to universal peace - the contribution of Polish political geography to the peace research. Professor Stanisław Pawłowski case.	Dr. Marcin Solarz
Geopolitics with the dew on it? Bernard DeVoto and William Gilpin's geopolitical vision	Prof. Elena dellAgnese

Discussion

11:15 – 13:00

La question de la fixation de frontière territoriale de la Guyane française : la géographie française en échec ou la fin d'un certain 'romantisme' géographique	Prof. Jean-Yves Puyo
Pierre Monbeig and the Brazilian Geographer's Association (AGB)	M.A. Larissa Lira
Political Geography, Geopolitical Self-organization of Society and World Political Map.	Dr. Kaledin Nikolai
Reasoning on the Kropotkin's dilemma, between Mutual Aid and being interventionist in the First World War, perhaps could be useful for a contemporary peaceful world.	Prof. Fabrizio Eva

Discussion

Thursday, 21.08.2014 (11:15 - 13:00)

War, Peace and a Geographical Internationalism: The 1871 Antwerp International Geographical Congress as a Peace Festival after the Franco-Prussian War	Prof. Toshiyuki Shimazu
Tolerance in geographical education - a comparative analysis of geography school textbooks in Poland, Great Britain and Spain	M.Sc. Ewelina Żurawicz, M.Sc. Magdalena Oberska, M.Sc. Małgorzata Surmacz
Japanese wartime geopolitics and exceptionalism in the post war era	Professor Akihiko Takagi
Geopolitics renaissance between the traditional and the critical	prof. David Newman

Discussion