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INTRODUCTION

Dear Colleagues,

our key event during first half of 2015 was Commission annual conference “Local Government and Urban Governance: Citizens Responsive Innovations in Europe and Africa”, held in Lisbon on 9-10 April 2015. Professor Carlos Nunes Silva and his team once again prepared perfectly organized and well attended conference. Presented contributions very well reflected the latest research developments in governance, planning, participation, or public policies, in multidisciplinary perspective. We were especially pleased by extensive international research interactions and focus on Europe and Africa as we planned. There were many positive reflections expressed by participants already during, as well as after the conference.

It seems that we are quite successful also in our publishing activities. It is confirmed by the fact that we have been able to prepare one book a year during the last years. This year we completed book edited by Ján Buček and Andrew Ryder “Governance in Transition”, within Springer Geography Series. Book is based on contributions presented originally on our conferences and further elaborated and updated into book chapters. The book appeared later than we expected, so we thank authors for their patience and trust. As one of the editors, I would like to stress large work done by Andrew Ryder. He did perfect work in final editing and completion of the book. Nevertheless, I also congratulate all contributors and thank for their co-operation. We are supposing to go on in publication activities also in this year. New special journal issues as well as book project are under preparations.

I believe that we will meet in Moscow regional conference in August. On behalf of the Commission and organizers, you are also kindly invited to participate on Commission sessions organized during the next IGU Congress in Beijing 2016. We will pay more attention to this event in next newsletter.

With best wishes

Ján Buček,
July 2015, Bratislava



COMMISSION ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN LISBON 2015

The 2015 Annual Conference of the IGU Commission on 'Geography of Governance' addressed the theme "**Local Government and Urban Governance: Citizen Responsive Innovation in Europe and Africa**". The Conference was organized by Professor Carlos Nunes Silva, Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning, University of Lisbon, Portugal. It was held in Lisbon, 9-10 April 2015.

The conference has very good response among the scholars around the world. Initially, we obtained more than 100 abstracts that went through review process. Finally, we registered more than 70 participants from 25 countries. Final programme consisted of two planetary sessions, and set of parallel panel sessions around issues of governance in Europe, urban governance in Africa and ICT in urban governance. We could listen and discuss almost seventy very interesting contributions prepared by participants working in various scientific disciplines. As follow up, conference organizers consider publication of selected conference contributions in journal special issues and in scientific monograph.

On behalf of conference participants as well as the Commission, I would like to express our great thanks to Carlos N. Silva for his long term effort in preparation of this conference. It was not easy task to manage conference in this scale. Our Commission meetings in Lisbon are already becoming famous thank to perfect organization, as well as high scientific standard. We are also grateful to all support staff and students involved in conference preparation and services.

We are very thankful also to three "speakers" in final session (Doris Wastl-Walter, Brij Maharaj, Ari-Veikko Anttiroiko) for their very inspiring closing remarks and initiation of fruitful discussion. Nevertheless, we are grateful to all chairs of sessions and discussants, and of course to all participants for coming and presenting their research outputs.

Presented contribution (alphabetically according to first author):

MANAGEMENT OF MUNICIPAL SERVICE INTEGRATION: THE CASE OF AN INTEGRATION INNOVATION OF HOME CARE SERVICES OF TAMPERE, FINLAND - **Ari-Veikko Anttiroiko, Pekka Valkama, Stephen J. Bailey** (University of Tampere, Finland)

NGOS AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN CROATIAN LOCAL DEMOCRACY - **Boris Bakota** (Faculty of Law, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University in Osijek, Croatia)

THE USE OF ICT TO EXPAND THE ROLE OF CITIZENS IN URBAN GOVERNANCE: FROM INTELLIGENT TOWARDS SMART CITIES - **Boglárka Horváth Barsi, Mihály Lados** (*Centre for Economic and Regional Studies of the Hungarian Academy of Science West Hungarian Research Department of Institute of Regional Studies, Hungary*)

REFORMING PLANNING LAW AND PRACTICE IN AFRICA: THE CASE OF KENYA - **Ellen M. Bassett** (Dept. of Urban and Environmental Planning, University of Virginia, USA)

DEVELOPMENT OF A GIS MAPPING METHOD FOR CONSULTATION WITHIN PLANNING OF OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENTS - **Ulla Berglund, Kerstin Nordin** (Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden)

LONG-TERM VIEW ON LOCAL SELF-GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT IN SLOVAKIA AFTER 1989 - **Ján Buček** (Department of Human Geography and Demography, Comenius University, Slovakia)

THE SMART CITY AND ITS CITIZENS: GOVERNANCE AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN AMSTERDAM SMART CITY - **Carlo F. Capra** (IHS - Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Nederland)

PARTNERSHIPS IN EXTREMADURA: THE LOCAL ACTION GROUPS - **Gema Cárdenas, Ana Nieto** (Department of Arts and Sciences Territory, University of Extremadura, Spain)

GOVERNANCE AND TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT: LEARNING BY PRACTICE - **Pedro Chamusca** (CEGOT – Center of Studies on Geography and Spatial Planning, Porto), **José Rio Fernandes** (Department of Geography at the University of Porto, Porto)

GOVERNANCE OF PUBLIC SPACES: BETWEEN DISCOURSE AND REALITY - **Nadia Chabi, Khalil Bouhadjar** (Faculty of Architecture and Urbanism, Constantine University 3, Algeria)

UNFOLDING GOVERNANCE PRACTICES FOR TOP-DOWN MANAGEMENT OF URBAN CONFLICTS IN A POST-SOCIALIST NEIGHBOURHOOD IN BELGRADE - **Marija Cvetinovic** (Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland)

RECENT PROGRESS IN ONLINE COMMUNICATION FACILITIES FOR URBAN PLANNING. A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF POLISH AND GERMAN MUNICIPALITIES - **Lukasz Damurski** (Faculty of Architecture, Wrocław University of Technology, Wrocław, Poland)

A PROMISING EXPERIENCE OF PLANNING IN SETIF – ALGERIA. THE CASE OF CHOUF LEKDAD AREA - **Abderrahmane-Azzouz-Diafat** (Laboratoire PUViT, Université F. A. Sétif 1, Algeria)

LOCAL GOVERNANCE CHALLENGES IN TIMES OF TRANSIT MIGRATION: REFLECTIONS ON THE HOUSING SECTOR IN SOUTH AFRICA - **Eva Dick** (Faculty of Spatial Planning of TU Dortmund University, Dortmund, Germany), Thorsten Heitkamp (International urban development and housing consultant, Dortmund, Germany)

URBAN DIMENSION OF THE EU POLICIES AND THE NEW ‘EU URBAN AGENDA’ - **Dana Dobrić** (Faculty of Law University of Rijeka, Republic of Croatia)

SUPPORTING COUNCILS TO SUCCEED: ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF THE MOVE FROM TOP-DOWN INSPECTION TO SECTOR-LED IMPROVEMENT IN ENGLISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT - **James Downe, Heike Doering, Steve Martin, Hadar Elraz** (Centre for Local & Regional Government Research, Cardiff Business School, United Kingdom)

LOCAL GOVERNANCE IN A NATIONAL CONTEXT: MALI’S OUELESSEBOUGOU REGION - **Jeffrey O. Durrant** (Department of Geography, Brigham Young University, USA)

THE POTENTIAL ROLE OF ICT TO SUPPORT INCLUSION AND INVOLVEMENT OF CITIZENS IN URBAN GOVERNANCE IN EGYPT - A CASE STUDY OF FAYOUM GOVERNORATE - **Gihan Amanallah Elanany** (Department of Math, Statistics and Insurance, Faculty of Administration Science, Sadat Academy, Egypt)

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A MODEL FOR INNOVATION? THE QUEST OF CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN CITIES: SHANGHAI, JAPAN, ISKANDAR, NEW YORK, AMSTERDAM AND TARRAGONA - **Olga Gil** (Facultad de Derecho, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain)

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LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICES IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA - **Željka Vajda Halak, Danijela Romić** (College of Applied Sciences “Lavoslav Ružička” in Vukovar, Croatia)

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MEDIUM-SIZED HAITIAN CITIES AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE OF 12 JANUARY 2010: AN ANALYSIS OF THE URBAN GOVERNANCE FROM THE PERSPECTIVE GIVEN BY THE GOVERNANCE ANALYTICAL FRAMEWORK GAF - **Abigail-Laure Kern** (Cooperation & Development Center CODEV, Laboratory of Urban Sociology LASUR, Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne EPFL, Switzerland)

REFORM UNDER COMPETITION AND COMPLEXITY: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND WATER AND SEWAGE ASSOCIATION - **Rassem Khamaisi** (Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, University of Haifa, Israel)

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS: CONSTRAINTS AND SOLIDARITIES - **Oussama Kharchi** (Institut d'Architecture et des Sciences de la Terre, Université Sétif 1, Algeria)

LOCAL MANAGEMENT OF LARGE PROJECTS IN AMSTERDAM: DEALING WITH STABILITY AND TURBULENCE - **Thijs Koolmees** (Amsterdam Institute of Social Science Research, University of Amsterdam & Project Management Bureau, Municipality of Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

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ETHNIC CITIZENSHIP CONSTRUCTIONS OF MIGRANT MINORITY GROUPS IN THE UNITED STATES AND GERMANY - **Sascha Krannich** (Political Science Department, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, Germany)

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A RESPONSIVE URBAN PROJECT IN THE M'ZAB – ALGERIA: THE CASE OF THE NEW KSAR OF TAFILALT - **Said Madani** (Laboratoire PUViT, Université F. A. de Sétif 1, Algeria)

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GOVERNANCE ON THE MOVE: REFLEXIVITY AND THE LEARNING IMPERATIVE. A CASE STUDY FOR THE GOVERNANCE OF REGIONAL MOBILITY - **Sylvie Ocelli** (IRES - Istituto di Ricerche Economico Sociali del Piemonte, Italy), **Alessandro Sciuolo** (IRES - Istituto di Ricerche Economico Sociali del Piemonte, Italy)

LOCAL GOVERNANCE AND CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN URBAN REGENERATION PROGRAMMES IN SPAIN: A LEARNING PROCESS FROM EU URBAN POLICIES EXPERIENCES - **Aaron Gutiérrez Palomero** (Department of Geography, Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Spain)

AFRICAN URBAN PLANS - THE CASE OF KIGAMBONI, TANZANIA - **Maria Chiara Pastore** (Department of Architecture and Urban Studies, Fondazione Politecnico di Milano, Italy)

SPACES OF PARTICIPATION: A CRITICAL ANALYSIS OF PARTICIPATION IN HOUSING PROJECTS IN WHITTLESEA, SOUTH AFRICA - **Lungile Penxa** (Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany & University of the Western Cape, South Africa)

DIRECT LOCAL DEMOCRACY NEEDS THE FISCALLY INFORMED VOTER TOO: ABOUT FISCAL SHORTCUTS, SOFT FISCAL ILLUSIONS, AND PRACTICAL IDEAS TO NARROW GAPS - **Werner Pleschberger** (University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria)

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RECENT LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION IN ITALY AND IMPACT ON URBAN DESIGN AND REGIONAL PLANNING. AN ANALYSIS WITH A SPECIAL FOCUS ON THE MILANESE CONTEXT - **Renzo Riboldazzi** (Politecnico di Milano, Italy)

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LIMITS OF ACCEPTABLE CHANGE (LAC) AS A TOOL FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF HERITAGE SITES: THE CASE OF MOZAMBIQUE - **Margarita Gomez Salas** (DARCH - Dar es Salaam Centre for Architectural Heritage, Tanzania)

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TEMPORARY REUSE OF SPACES AND PARTICIPATION IN URBAN REGENERATION PROCESS – **Gerardo Sassano, Antonio Graziadei, Luca Catalano, Annalisa Metta, Maria Livia, Pasquale Passannant, Sara Bellarosa, Giuseppe Biscaglia, Francesco Scaringi, Federico Amato, Beniamino Murgante** (University of Basilicata, Italy)

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THE OBVIOUS RESPONSE: PUBLIC CONSULTATION AS A TOOL FOR URBAN PLANNING IN MOZAMBIQUE - **Oliver Schetter** (Department of Architecture, Technical University of Berlin, Germany)

ASSESSMENT OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC STATUS RELEVANCE TO LATVIAN VOTERS PARTICIPATION IN ELECTIONS - **Lilita Seimuskane, Inga Vilka, Edgars Brekis** (University of Latvia, Faculty of Economics and Management, Riga, Latvia)



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POLICY GRID: A DEMOCRATIC APPROACH TO THE URBAN DIMENSION - **Diana Soeiro** (IFILNOVA - NOVA Institute of Philosophy, FCSH/ Universidade Nova de Lisboa, Portugal)

THE VALUE MAP OF THE WELFARE PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND THE MODEL OF ITS MEASURABILITY - **Mariann Somosi** (University of Miskolc, Faculty of Economics, Hungary), **György Kocziszký** (Monetary Council of the Hungarian Central Bank & University of Miskolc, Faculty of Economics, Hungary)

CONSTITUTING URBAN SPACE (MOROCCO) - **Heide Studer** (Tilia - Studio for Landscape Planning, Austria)

LOOKING FOR A SYSTEM OF INDICATORS OF TERRITORIAL GOVERNANCE IN TOURISM DESTINATION: THEORETICAL FOUNDATIONS AND APPLICATION EXAMPLE - **Alfonso Fernández Tabales** (Department of Physical Geography and Regional Geographical Analysis, University of Seville, Spain), **Concepción Foronda Robles**, **Luis Galindo Pérez de Azpillaga**, **Ana García López** (Department of Human Geography, University of Seville, Spain)

URBAN COMMUNITY INITIATIVES AND SUSTAINABLE URBAN REGENERATION. CASE STUDIES IN ITALY - **Anna Trono** (Department of Heritage-University of the Salento, Italy), **Maria Chiara Zerbi** (Dipartimento di Beni Culturali e Ambientali, Università Degli Studi Di Milano, Italy)

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BRIDGING ICT, URBAN GOVERNANCE, AND FUTURE STUDIES: A FORWARD LOOKING ANALYSIS EXPERIENCE IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA OF LISBON - **Simone Tulumello**, **Olivia Bina**, **João Ferrão** (Institute of Social Sciences, University of Lisbon, Portugal)

MODERN CONCERNS MANAGEMENT WITH 'CITIZENS REPORTING' - **Tobias Vaerst** (wer denkt was GmbH, Technical University Darmstadt, Germany)

MY WATER; MY CHOICE! THE ROLE OF CITIZENS IN ENSURING EQUITABLE ACCESS TO WATER IN SOWETO EAST VILLAGE – NAIROBI - **Jacqueline Walubwa** (The University of Nairobi, Kenya & University Bordeaux Montaigne, France)

Conference basic information in brief:

Title: "Local Government and Urban Governance: Citizen Responsive Innovation in Europe and Africa"

Date: April 09-10, 2015

Location: Lisbon, Portugal (University Campus)

*Local organizer: Professor Carlos Nunes Silva, Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning
University of Lisbon, Lisbon, PORTUGAL*

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Conference web page: (<https://sites.google.com/site/locgovgeo2015/home>)

NEW BOOK PREPARED BY THE COMMISSION MEMBERS ON THE MARKET

We are very happy that after more years, we completed next Commission book under the title **“Governance in Transition”**. Publisher of this book is Springer (within its Geography series) and it is available on book market since Spring 2015. This book contains contributions prepared by colleagues from nine countries. As it is usual in our book projects, we provided publishing opportunity also to young scholars. The book brings together experts from a wider variety of fields, including geography, economics, political science, and town planning.

It explores some of the practical issues concerning attempts to decentralise government, reshape territorial administrative systems, and improve intergovernmental cooperation. Book looks at experience in government restructuring and devolution from a variety of national, international and cross-border perspectives. Within the book are discussed various administrative and financial issues, as well as problems in implementation of administrative reforms.

We appreciate all authors for their contributions. We are also grateful for very professional and co-operative approach by colleagues from Springer and its partners.

Besides Preface and Introduction, it contains following chapters:

Part I Governance, Intergovernmental Relations, and Development

Top-Down and Bottom-Up Metropolitan Integration in Poland - Tomasz Kaczmarek and Andrew Ryder

The Sydney Metropolitan Strategy: Implementation Challenges - Patrick Fensham

Governmental Devolution as a Motor of Local Development - Andrew Ryder

Theories of Metropolitan Government and the Post-socialist Experience: The Case of Poznań Metropolitan Area - Łukasz Miłkuła

Regional Elites, Networks and the Beauty of Regionalism in Hungary - Ilona Pálné Kovács

Rural Governance in the New EU Member States: The Experience of the Polish LEADER+ Pilot Programme (2004–2008) - Marek Furmankiewicz, Wojciech Knieć, and Jane Atterton

Part II Crossborder and International Co-operation in Development

Strategic Cooperation Between Regions: Building and Utilising Transnational Relations - David Rylander and Pontus Tallberg

Changing Patterns of City-Hinterland Relations in Central and East European Borderlands: Szczecin on the Edge of Poland and Germany - Péter Balogh

Transformation Processes in the Former Black Triangle - Rick Glöckner and Isolde Roch

The Influence of Regional Identities on Spatial Development: A Challenge for Regional Governance Processes in Cross-Border Regions - Stefan Obkircher

Part III Administrative Systems, Services Delivery and Local Finance

The Empowerment of Local Democracy and Decentralisation of Service Delivery in Local Government Reform: Evidence from Portugal - Carlos Nunes Silva

Municipal Bonds in Hungary: Constraints and Challenges - Gábor Kovács

Municipal Property During the Post-socialist Transition in Slovakia - Ján Buček

Governing the Transformation of the Built Environment in Post-socialist Bratislava - Pavel Šuška



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Book flyer is enclosed to this newsletter and is available also on the Commission web. The direct link to the book's page on Springer website is:

<http://www.springer.com/us/book/9789400755024#aboutBook>

COMMISSION ACTIVITIES DURING SUMMER 2015

Our sessions within IGU 2015 Regional Conference in Moscow are core of our activity during summer 2015. This main IGU event in 2015 is organized by Russian Geographical Society, Russian Academy of Science and Lomonosov Moscow State University - Faculty of Geography. During mid-August (17-21 August 2015), we will have two busy days there, full of our sessions and poster presentations, organized across key topics as – governance; development; spatial planning; environmental governance. We will cover various spatial dimensions, with truly global coverage of knowledge and shared experiences.

More details are available:

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website: www.igu2015.ru

FORTHCOMING ACTIVITIES IN 2016 – OUR SESSIONS DURING BEIJING IGC

For our planning it is important to know that International Geographical Congress 2016 will be held from 21 to 25 August 2016, at the National Conference Center, Beijing. Call for papers will be open until mid-January 2016 and registration until mid-March 2016.

More details concerning our Commission activities within IGU Congress 2016 in Beijing will be available during Autumn 2015, and you will get more information in next Newsletter as well as by separate mail communication.

For more details see:

<http://www.igc2016.org/dct/page/1>

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