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I – Chairman's Column

Dear Commission Members, Friends and Colleagues:

At first, let me wish you a joyful holiday season! Monotheistic world religions are celebrating dates important to their faiths. During holidays we will remain thinking, at least from time to time, on the changing geography of our planet. Changes are often induced by humans, just some of them are positive. One of the occasions to celebrate human/geographer's action was the *31st IGU International Geographical Congress in Tunis, Tunisia (12 – 15 August, 2008)*! The Commission on Political Geography (IGU CPG) was well represented. On Thursday, August 14, we have organised three sessions: *The Concept of Security and Sovereignty*, *EU's Perspectives on Political Geography* and a session on *Issues in Political Geography: Africa and Asia*. Papers presented are listed in our Past Events section.

During the 31st IGU International Geographical Congress in Tunis new officers of the IGU were elected and new directions in research were set. Professor Emeritus **Ronald Abler** (University of Pennsylvania, USA) was elected to become president. *Ron Abler's* pioneering research has focused on communication and its impact on the human habitat, exploring ways different societies have used intercommunications technologies at different times and places, and especially with respect to urbanization. His more recent explorations assess ways in which telecommunications and cyberspace technologies have shaped and will shape both space and place around us. In addition to numerous research articles and book chapters in the field, Abler is the co-author with John S. Adams and Peter R. Gould of the groundbreaking text *Spatial Organization: The Geographer's View of the World* (Prentice Hall, 1971). As Director of the Geography and Regional Science Program at the National Science Foundation (1984-1988), Abler made geography visible as he established the National Center for

Geographic Information and Analysis, the first NSF technology center. As Executive Director of the Association of American Geographers (AAG), *Abler* oversaw a substantial increase in the scale of the organization's activities. His 1986 Presidential Address to the AAG entitled "What Shall We Say? To Whom Shall We Speak?" set a clear tone for what and how he communicated with others. *Abler's* involvement with the International Geographical Union began formally with the IGU's Columbian Quincentenary meeting in Washington (1992), which he organized and for which he co-edited with Melvin G. Marcus and Judy M. Olson an overview of American geography entitled *Geography's Inner Worlds: Pervasive Themes in Contemporary American Geography* (Rutgers, 1992). *Ron Abler* has also been Geography's indefatigable ambassador across the academy and around the globe through his many national and international contributions to professional organizations linking disciplines. In summary we can point out that Ronald F. Abler holds numerous prestigious titles including: Professor Emeritus of Geography at the Pennsylvania State University (1967-1995), President (1985-1986) and Executive Director (1989-2002) of the Association of American Geographers, and Secretary General and Treasurer of the International Geographical Union (2000 - 2008).

Our colleague, Professor *Vladimir Kolossov* has become First Vice-President. *Vladimir* defended his PhD theses in 1979 at Moscow State University and received habilitation in 1992 at the Institute of Geography of the Russian Academy of Sciences. *Vladimir* is Head of the Center of Geopolitical Studies at the Institute of Geography and Professor at the Moscow Institute of International Relations. He received the scholarship of Brussels Capital Region (1991) and Fulbright Scholarship at the University of Colorado at Boulder (1997), was nominated as Professor at the Universities of Toulouse-Le Mirail (2001-2003), visiting professor at the universities of Paris-Sorbonne IV, Paris-I Panthéon-Sorbonne, Bordeaux and Tampere. His research interests lie in the fields of political geography and geopolitics, social geography, world cities and large metropolitan areas. He is the author of more than 300 publications, including the most popular textbook on political geography in Russia. He chaired our commission between 1996-2004 and is on the editorial boards of *Political Geography*, *Geopolitics*, *BelGéo*, *Eurasian Geography and Economy* and *Annales géographiques*.

Professors *Aharon Kellerman* and *Giuliano Belezza* have become vice-presidents as well. *Aharon* received his B.A. in Geography and Jewish History at the University of Haifa in 1969, and his M.A. in Geography at the Hebrew University, 1972. In 1976, he completed his Doctoral degree at Boston University. Prof. Kellerman has advanced from teaching assistant to full professor at the University of Haifa, Israel. He has held an assortment of visiting and affiliate academic positions: Oxford University; Bar-Ilan University; University of Maryland; Ben-Gurion University; University of Miami; Boston University. He served as Vice President of Administration (University of Haifa, 1995-2004), and as Chair of the IGU Commission on the Geography of the Information Society (2000-2008). He is currently Professor Emeritus of Geography, and President at Zefat Academic College, Israel. *Giuliano* graduated in Geological Sciences and Geography in Rome. He was Assistant to the Chair of Geography in the University of Rome since 1967 and Lecturer of Geography at the University of Bari and Rome. He obtained the tenure in 1984 and was named full Professor at Viterbo in 1994. He is the Director of the Department of American Studies in Rome and of the Department of Studies of the Historical and Artistic Heritage in Viterbo. *Giuliano* led courses in Quantitative Geography in Cambridge, was Secretary of the Association of Italian Geographers (1978-1981), member of the IGU Study Group in Resource Management in Dry Lands (1982-1988) and, since 2000, he participates in the IGU Commission on The Cultural Approach in Geography. Since 2003 he is the Director of the Home of Geography in Rome. Both professors supported the work of IGU's Commission on Political Geography throughout its existence and in particular at the 31st IGU International Geographical Congress in Tunis, Tunisia this year.

To the position of the president of the IGU Commission on Political Geography Professor *Anton Gosar*, the editor of this Newsletter was appointed. His professional career started within the tourist industry (1966) where he was tour-guide and travel agent for almost a decade. He then switched to academia, deciding to research the spatial characteristics of tourism mobility at the Institute of Geography in Ljubljana and then Institute of Economic Geography in Munich. He completed his MA studies in Boulder, Colorado (1982) and received his Ph.D. in Geography at the University of Ljubljana in 1988. Eventually he became a full professor in 1999, and Vice-Dean at the Faculty of Arts of the University of Ljubljana, then Dean of the Faculty of Humanities at the University of Primorska (UP), in 2002. At present he is Head of the Department of Geography and member of the Senate of the UP in Koper-Capodistria. He has taught and led research at universities and research institutes in Slovenia (Ljubljana, Koper-Capodistria), Germany (Munich, Bayreuth), USA (Boulder, Co., Portland, Or.

Springfield, Mo.) and New Zealand (Christchurch). He has had Fulbright fellowships on two occasions, as well as Germany's DAAD and New Zealand's Erskine fellowships. His professional work includes studies on political geography, population geography and tourism geography. His regional specialties include SE Europe, the Alps-Adriatic Region, North America and Slovenia. He was among European social scientists who in the 1970s introduced the theory and methodology of social geography into the European professional geography. He has been Vice-President of the National Board of Higher Education of Slovenia and is at present the Vice-President of UNESCO Slovenia. In 2005 he was given the Ambassador of Science award by the Government of Slovenia and in 2006 was named Honorary Member of the Austrian Geographic Society. As the co-author of "*Slovenia – the Tourist Guide*" he has become known to the lay public - this work was awarded Europe's best guide-book in 1995. Anton's contribution to the field of political geography is related to the devolution of Yugoslavia. He produced several papers on the issue of borders of the new, sovereign states and was among organizers of the 2005 conference "*Dayton – 10 Years After*" in Sarajevo. He is member of the IAST – International Academy for Studies in Tourism; the AAG, and of other national and international professional associations. He has edited several professional monographs and was/is member of the editorial boards of *GeoJournal*, *Annals of Tourism Research*, *Geographica Slovenica* and *Geografski vestnik*.

In the next, Spring Newsletter we intend to publish short CV's of officers and Steering committee members of the IGU's Commission on Political Geography. We would also initiate changes in the leadership of the Commission in accordance with the IGU Statute and due to the fact that we miss a native, French speaking steering committee member. In accordance with the new organizational guidelines of the IGU we would start a campaign to increase membership. All interested geographers and other professionals who's specialty and/or interest is within the sphere of political geography and geopolitics are invited. Our webmaster, Professor **Carl Dahlman** has already opened a new IGU CPG Website (<http://www.cas.muohio.edu/igu-cpg/>) on which one can find the *CPG E-mail listserv / CGP liste d'abonnés via email* with information how to subscribe and how to become a member of the commission, etc. We would appreciate contribution to the Newsletter of all commission members (not just Steering committee members). Links to other, in interest similar groups of professionals is to be found on the CGP website too. Previous Newsletters of the IGU CPG (1- 10) are to be approached from the named website as well.

At the 31st IGU International Geographical Congress in Tunis co-operation with other commissions and initiatives of the IGU and of the professional "worldscape" was recommended. The Mediterranean Renaissance Programme (MRP), initiated by the late IGU president **Adalberto Valega**, as well as the newly established Euro-Mediterranean University (EMUNI) in Portorož-Portorose, Slovenia and Fez, Morocco are been put into the foreground of initiatives. Needless to say, this goes for the co-operation with IPSA - the International Political Science Association as well!

II – Future Events

The Mediterranean Renaissance Programme. The Italian Geographical Society and Home of Geography could now confirm their availability to host the MRP workshop entitled "*Contemporary challenges for the Mediterranean basin*" in Rome end of February 2009. This will be the first conference of the MRP. The two day panel sessions on environmental changes, migration, tourism, political geography and the information society will be organized. *Ali TOUMI* took responsibility for the migration panel, *Giuliano BELEZZA* for the tourism panel, *Anton GOSAR* for political geography issues, *Annick DOUGUEDROIT* for environmental changes, and *Maria PARADISO* for the information society. If you intend to present a paper contact Maria Paradiso at paradiso@unisannio.it.
Info: *Dr. Maria Paradiso*

AAG Political Geography Specialty Group Pre-Conference, Las Vegas, March 2009

The PGSG Pre-conference will be held at the Plaza Hotel in downtown Las Vegas. This year's meeting will be March 21-22 (immediately prior to the AAG annual meeting). There will be a social event on the evening of Friday, March 20. Paper sessions will begin the next morning (the 21st) and continue until noon on the 22nd. They have negotiated prices for a block of 30 rooms at the Plaza Hotel. **Call for papers:** A formal call for papers will be sent out shortly after the holidays in the January PGSG Newsletter. The deadline for paper proposals will be set for sometime in early February.

Info: PGSG Summer Newsletter <http://mailer.fsu.edu/~psteinbe/pgsg/newssummer2008.doc>

International Political Science Association Conference (IPSA), Santiago, Chile. RC-15 Political and Cultural Geography board of the IPSA is calling for papers to be presented at the IPSA 2009 International Conference in Santiago, Chile (July 12 – 16, 2009). The general theme of the conference is “Global Discontent? Dilemmas and Change”. RC-15 was reorganized after the IPSA World Congress in Fukuoka, Japan 2006 and is currently co-chaired by Professors **Sanjay Chaturvedi** (Punjab University) and **Takashi Yamazaki** (Osaka City University). Objectives of the RC-15 are: *the study of the political organization of geographical space. The structuring of space is studied under two perspectives: territories and networks. The influence of cultural factors also will receive attention. The ideas of Jean Gottmann as guiding principles for political-geographical analysis will be considered. Among specific themes of research interest are: European and other world-regional iconographies, diasporas, democracy and stability, boundary maintenance and transborder cooperation, urban politics and city networks, and challenges to the Westphalian spatial model from above and below. Studies in electoral geography, on varying scales, as well as those in historical geography and demography that relate to the political organization of space also are encouraged. The role of political and cultural “distance” and other geographical factors in international relations, along with classic issues relating to the geography of war and peace, are encompassing too.* Co-chairs will expect many of steering committee and correspondent members to be able to participate in this exciting event. For more information, please look at: <http://www.ipsa.org/> and <http://secure.santiago2009.org/>. RC15 has its own website at: <http://www.cas.muohio.edu/rc-15/index.html>. At the conference in Santiago, Chile RC-15 is organizing the following panels: 1. Geopolitics and Climate Change; 2. Global Energy Resources: Where Geography and Politics Converge; 3. Urban Politics, Global Discontent and Resistance; 4. Latin American Geopolitics. If you are interested in participating in one of the named panels contact If you are interested in participating in one of the following panels, please contact **Takashi Yamazaki** at yamataka@lit.osaka-cu.ac.jp or **Sanjay Chaturvedi** at csgiorg@gmail.com.
Info: *Dr. Takashi Yamazaki*

Borderscapes 2, Sicily, Italy. You can announce a new edition of the Borderscapes international seminar (Borderscapes 2), to be held in Sicily, from the 13 to the 16 of September 2009. Similarly to the first edition, the conference will be focused on border landscapes, gendered borders and borders as cultural signifiers. A post-conference excursion will be organised. More detailed information will soon be available from elena.dellagnese@unimib.it and gdespuches@tiscalinet.it.
Info: *Dr. Elena Dellagnese*

Market Environmentalism, Pretoria. Dr. Maano Ramuntsindela (maano@enviro.uct.ac.za) will be organizing a session on 'Market Environmentalism' at the Conference of the Society of South African Geographers on 1-3 September 2009. The conference will be held at the University of South Africa, Pretoria, South Africa.
Info: *Dr. Maano Ramuntsindela*

Adriatic Forum, Trieste, Italy. The 2nd Conference of Geographers of the Upper Adriatic - Joint Management of a Borderless Area is planned to be organized by Professor **Maria Paola Pagnini** at the University of Trieste. The conference should take place at the end of September or beginning of October 2009.
Info: *Dr. Milan Bufon*

IGU Regional Conference, Tel Aviv, 2010. The organizing committee informed us about the stage of the upcoming IGU regional conference in Tel Aviv 2010. We have asked the secretary of our commission Professor **David Newman** to serve as local organizer of events and coordinator with the Tel Aviv organizing committee. Their basic E-mail is to be found under geography@targetconf.com (Ms. **Karyn Nahari**, Target Conferences). Commission meetings are to be held during the week of the main conference. We are in contact with **David** and organizers to find the place, time and the appropriate topics to be discussed there. Soon we will provide links from our website to the Tel Aviv conference site <http://www.igu2010.com>, which is not (yet) available. Forms to register for the conference will be available there too. **Aharon Kellerman**, Vice-President, International Geographical Union (IGU) is willing to help us in any regard.
Info: *Dr. Aharon Kellerman*

III – Past Events

At the 31st *IGU International Geographical Congress in Tunis, Tunisia (12 – 15 August, 2008)* three sessions have been completed by topics related to political geography. Session 1 : *Alexander B. Murphy*: Changing Geographical Perspectives on Sovereignty; *Vladimir Kolossov*: Border Studies: Old Approaches and New Ideas; *Anton Gosar*: Bosnia's Borders; *Maria Paola Pagnini*: Les défis de la sécurité : concepts et échelles en Géographie Politique et Urbaine. Session 2 : *Christian Vandermotten*: The Crisis of the Belgian State; *Pawel Churski*: Changes in Polish Regional Policy after the Accession to the European Union: European Determinants – Domestic Consequences; *Jason Dittmer*: The Geographical Pivot of (the End of) History; *Elena Dellagnese*: Gendering Nations, Nationalizing Genders. Session 3 : *Sures Kumar*: Darfur, Sudan Peace Process: Building Together our Territories; *Norie Oshima*: Living Environment Changes in Ulaanbaator After the Democratization ; *Anabelle Ragsag* : Where is home?: Somalia's Migrants in Mindanao, Philippines. We also should express thanks to *Alexander Murphy*, *Christian Vandermotten*, *Vladimir Kolossov* for their chairmanship of the sessions and the excellent moderation of the discussion.

At the 31st IGU International Geographical Congress in Tunis the **Mattei Dogan Foundation Prize in Human Geography** was awarded. It is our greatest pleasure to announce that the recipient of the (first) Mattei Dogan Foundation Prize was the former chair of the Commission on Political Geography Professor *Herman Van der Wusten* (1992 – 1996). The recipient is an internationally accomplished and renowned geographer who has received the Prize in recognition of exceptional scholarly achievements in international human geography over an extended period of time or over his or her lifetime. The Prize consisted of a citation and a financial award of \$4,000. Congratulations Herman!

The 11th International 'Lodz' Conference on Political Geography on Historical Regions Divided by Borders was held in Swinoujscie (Polish part of Usedom Island) at September 17 – 19, 2008. The organizers were the Department of Political Geography and Regional Studies University of Lodz, Silesian Institute in Opole and the Polish Geographical Society Branch of Lodz. 43 participants from Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Hungary, Israel, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, has 38 papers in 6 sessions. The substantive aim of the conference was a discussion over the issue concerning the role of historical regions divided by the border in the process of European integration. The following problems were raised: Historical Regions Divided by the Borders – General Problems; Historical Regions Divided by the Borders – Regional Issues: - Alpen-Adria Region, - Central Europe, - Other Regions of the World; The Role of Divided or Multicultural Cities in Historical Regions; - Historical Regions – Cultural Heritage and Relict Boundaries. A summary of problems was presented by the group of invited experts (*Roman Szul* and *Ryszard Zelichowski* from Poland, *Jan Markusse* from the Netherlands, *Tadeusz Siwek* from The Czech Republic and *Jernej Zupančič* from Slovenia). Debaters emphasized the significance of the conference for defining the role of the historical regions in creation of the regional consciousness in the time of progressive process of the European integration. For the future conferences of this cycle they indicated the necessity of undertaking the issue of multicultural transgenic regions. The proposal of the organizers to hold the next 12th International 'Lodz' Conference on Political Geography in September 2010 on Polish-Czech borderland near Opava was accepted. The conference contained two scientific excursions on Usedom and Rügen Islands (Germany) and also on Wolin Island and Polish mainland.

Applied Political Geography in a New Contemporary European Borderland. University of Oradea, Centre for Territorial Studies and University of Gdansk, Department of Geography and Regional Studies have organized between September 24 and 27, 2008 an International Conference on Political Geography with participants from Romania, Poland, Hungary, Moldova, Italy, Germany and Slovenia. The conference had two parts: at first paper presenters and other participants have used one day for discussions; the following two days were devoted to a field trip (Oradea – Soltvino/Slatina – Dibrova/Apsa de Jos (Ukraine) – Sighetu Marmatiei) crisscrossing the Romanian-Hungarian and Romanian-Ukraine border. To many the presentations of the successes and problems of the Romanian Review on Political Geography in their 10th year of existence by Speakers: Prof. *ILIEȘ Alexandru*, University of Oradea, Director of the Publication and Assoc Prof. *BODOCAN Voicu*, “Babeș-Bolyai” University of Cluj-Napoca, Editor were most enlightening.

Joint Management of a Borderless Area. Department of Geography and the Institute of Mediterranean Social Studies at the University of Primorska have organized a two day conference entitled First Conference of Geographers of the Upper Adriatic – Joint Management of a Borderless Area. The conference took place in Koper-Capodistria (November, 27 - 28) and was devoted to

strengthen ties between human geographers of the region in regard to research and teaching. Ten countries – Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Germany, Italy, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Serbia and Slovenia - and 18 universities were represented. Out of 52 participants 35 have presented their papers - not including papers related to the Bologna process networking to which the morning of the second day was devoted. The organizers Professor *Milan Bufon* and Research Assistant Mr. *Janez Berdavs* have done a tremendous job, in particular by bringing professionals from the area of the Western Balkans to the conference.

IV – Experience and Work of Members

Professor *Sanjay Chaturvedi* was awarded a Visiting Fellowship by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore (June-July 2008) to work on the geopolitics of climate change and its implications for South and Southeast Asia. The webcast of the seminar given by him on the subject can be accessed at the website of ISEAS, Singapore: <http://www.iseas.edu.sg/webcast.htm>. *Sanjay* is also pleased to inform/update colleagues on the activities of the Indian Ocean Research Group (IORG), Inc (www.iorgroup.org). The IORG is pleased to announce the publication of *Crucible for Survival: Environmental Security and Justice in the Indian Ocean Region* (Rutgers University Press, 2008) edited by Professor Timothy Doyle of Keele University, UK (founding convener of human and environmental security for the IORG) and Melissa Risely (an environmental consultant working with the IORG). Professor *Chaturvedi* and Dr. *Takashi Yamazaki*, Co-Chairs of RC 15 (Research Committee 15 on Political and Cultural Geography) of International Political Science Association (IPSA) are pleased to inform/update colleagues on the progress made thus far on the RC 15 panels for the forthcoming IPSA Congress in Santiago, Chile (12-16 July, 2009). The four panels proposed by RC 15 are:

Panel 1: Geopolitics of Climate Change. Co-organizers: Sanjay Chaturvedi (Punjab University) and Timothy Doyle (Keele University); Panel 2: Global Energy Resources: Where Geography & Politics Converge. Co-conveners: Aharon Klieman (Tel Aviv University, RC 41) and Dennis Rumley (Edith Cowan University, RC 15); Panel 3: Urban Politics, Global Discontent and Resistance. Co-organizers: Joe Painter (Durham University) and Jerónimo Montero (Durham University); Panel 4: Latin American Geopolitics. Co-organizers: Heriberto Cairo (Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain) y Jaime Preciado (Universidad de Guadalajara, Mexico). Registration/Abstract forms are available: <http://www.cas.muohio.edu/rc-15/conferences.html>.

Professor *Paul Reuber* informs us that he is chairing the German speaking CPG (Arbeitskreis Politische

Geographie) within the DGFG. He has forwarded to their members our call to get more IGU CPG members. Concerning news on forthcoming conferences, he adds: One of the members of our CPG in Germany, *Benedikt Korf*, is co-chairing a conference on "*Space, Contestation and the Political: A Workshop on Planning, Development and Resistance*" that might be of interest for members of CPG IGU as well. It is to be held at the ETH Zurich, 12th- 13th February, 2009. Organisers are *David Featherstone*, Department of Geography, University of Liverpool, UK; *Benedikt Korf*, Political Geography Division, Department of Geography, University of Zürich, Switzerland, *Joris Van Wezemael*, Centre for Research on Architecture, Society & the Built Environment ETH CASE, ETH Zürich, Switzerland The conference is sponsored by Spaces of Democracy/ Democracy of Space Network, ETH Zurich, and Zurich University and in collaboration with the working group Geography and Decision-making Processes (member of the German Society of Geographers).

The Annual German Conference on Political Geography (Arbeitskreis Politische Geographie) will be organized in May, 2009. The conference is mainly in German language. Information on it will be available in the Spring Newsletter.

The increasing interest in political geography within the German speaking community can be seen by the variety of sessions in this field of research that are taking place in the next "Deutscher Geographentag" in Vienna 2009. Chairs and titles are as follows (in German language): *Tobias Chilla*, *Peter Dörrenbächer* : Die Europäisierung des Raumes und die Verräumlichung der EU-Politik; *Hans Gebhardt*, *Paul Reuber*: Geopolitische Leitbilder und ihre Rolle in den globalen Konflikten einer Welt im Wandel; *Jürgen Oßenbrügge*, *Heiko Schmid* : Ressourcenkonflikte und Gewaltökonomien; *Bernd Belina*, *Anke Strüver*: Gefährliche und gefährdete Raumeigner/innen: Kindheit und Jugend in der Stadt; *Sybille Bauriedl*, *Markus Wissen*: Politische Ökologie der globalen Umweltkrise Felicitas Hillmann; *Doris Wastl-Walter* : Geschlechtsspezifische Geographien der Migration; *Yvonne Riaño*, *Dörte Segebart*: Zwischen Dekonstruktion und Operationalisierbarkeit: Geographische

Entwicklungsforschung und Geschlechtertheorien im Spannungsfeld von theoretisch-konzeptionellen Grundlagen und Praxisrelevanz.

Our colleague, Professor *Vladimir Kolossov* is planning to organize a meeting of professionals interested in political geography. This conference is to be held in St. Petersburg, Russia. Dates are not set yet, but most likely will the meeting take place in 2010 or on a later date.

Professor *Marek Sobzynski* looks forward to the two forthcoming 'Lodz' Conferences on Political Geography, to be organized by the Department of Political Geography and Regional Studies (University of Lodz). First of these will take place in the vicinity of Opava, on the Polish-Czech borderland in September 2010. The subject matter of this conference is not yet exactly defined, however as usual, it will be connected with the place of the conference, therefore also with the theme *Historical Region Divided by the Border*. We would like to discuss the issue of functioning of such regions in new EU conditions. The second conference of this cycle is taking place in 2012 - in the year of the European football championship organized by Poland and Ukraine. The conference will take place in the Polish-Ukrainian borderland and its subject matter will be related to the EU enlargement policy. Much earlier, in September 2009, another conference organized by the University of Lodz will be devoted to problems of *Religious Minorities in Central Europe* (especially protestants). This conference will take place in one of the castles in the Lower Silesia near Legnica. Foreign presenters will be invited as to Polish also English, German and Czech languages will be introduced.

Publishing of Members:

- J. Clark Archer, Stephen J. Lavin, Kenneth C. Martis and Fred M. Shelley, *Historical Atlas of U.S. Presidential Elections, 1788-2004* Washington, DC: Congressional Quarterly Press, 2006 ISBN-10: 1-56802-955-1. The Atlas has received several awards, including "Best Single Volume Reference in Humanities and Social Sciences for 2006" from the Professional and Scholarly Publishing Division of the Association of American Publishers.
- Chaturvedi, S. "The Post-Tsunami Indian Ocean Region: Emerging Perspectives on Environmental Security" in Doyle, T. and Risely, M.(eds.) *Crucible for Survival: Environmental Security and Justice in the Indian Ocean Region*, Rutgers University Press. 2008.
- Chaturvedi, S. "Towards Environmental Justice Movement in India? Spatiality, Hierarchies, and Inequalities" in Banerjee, P. and Chaturvedi, S. (eds.) *State of Justice in India: Marginalities and Justice, Volume III*, New Delhi: Sage. 2008.
- Paul Reuber and Mathias Albert (eds.): *Geopolitics 12/2007; Special Issue: "The Production of Regions in the Emerging Global Order"*. The contributions to this special issue of *Geopolitics* provide: 1.) Theoretical accounts of how to conceptualize regions and regionality in the context of a global order (Postel-Vinay, Helmig/Kessler); 2.) Empirical examples which demonstrate how within that global context the production of regions rests on discursive constructions, on power-related representations of spatiality (Coleman, Dalby, Slocum-Bradley); 3.) Empirical examples which put a particular focus on innovative methodologies and methods from the toolbox of post-positivist social science in order to demonstrate the various means through which the intricate processes and micro-mechanisms of region-production can be studied (Glasze, Strüver). Earlier versions of the contributions to this *Geopolitics'* special issue were presented at a workshop held in Bielefeld in February 2006 as part of the Jointly Executed Research Project 'Gender, Space, and Global Governance' within the Network of Excellence on 'Global Governance, Regionalisation and Regulation: The Role of the EU (GARNET)', funded in the 6th Research Framework Programme of the European Union.
- Paul Reuber makes a note that in the "Forum Politische Geographie" (Vol. 3, 2007) the German CPG member Ulrich Best has published his PhD-Thesis "Transgression as a Rule. German-Polish Cross-border cooperation, Border Discourse and EU-enlargement".

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