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1. Updates from *Asian Geographer*

***Asian Geographer*: Updates for second half of 2023**

Indexed in the Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) and Scopus, *Asian Geographer* welcomes contributions from any field of physical or human geographical inquiries and methodologies which further our understanding about Asia and the Pacific Rim. Priority is given to contributions which move beyond the profiling of specific geographical sites to promote a wider theoretical and conceptual understanding. For details on the journal's submission requirements, please visit <https://www.tandfonline.com/journals/rage/>. For updates on new articles, please follow the journal on X/Twitter (@AsianGeoJournal).

2023 marks another year of success for *Asian Geographer*. We witnessed an increase in both our submission numbers and origins. A total of 77 new and revised manuscripts were submitted to our journal by scholars based in as many as 22 countries and territories. Over 80% of the submissions came from Asia and the Pacific Rim: Bangladesh, China and India were the top submitting countries, followed by Australia, Japan, South Korea, Thailand and Turkey. Beyond the region, we continued to welcome submissions from North America and Western Europe.

We are also delighted to report that *Asian Geographer*, as an ESCI journal, received its first impact factor from Clarivate's Journal Citation Reports. The journal's impact factor for 2022 was 1.5, which was comparable to or even better than some of our SSCI counterparts in the geography sector. In Scopus, our cite score for 2022 was 3.6, placing our journal firmly in Q2 in the domain of "geography, planning and development". Both indicators testify to the interest and recognition that *Asian Geographer* have garnered among geographers and beyond.

In 2024, *Asian Geographer*'s annual lecture will again be held during the annual meeting of the American Association of Geographers. Following Professor Ayona Datta's inspiring lecture in 2023 on the "informational periphery" (which has been published online and freely accessible by everyone at <https://doi.org/10.1080/10225706.2023.2253233>), our forthcoming lecture will be given by Professor Henry Wai-Chung Yeung, a Distinguished Professor of the National University of Singapore, and a long-serving member of our journal's editorial board. Professor Yeung will give a lecture on "Decentering Anglo-American Geography: Theory development and 'theorizing back' from an Asian perspective", based on a reflection of his work in the co-development of the hugely influential economic geography theory of global production networks. I hope to see many of you in the lecture!

Finally, may I invite you all to read *Asian Geographer*'s latest issue (Volume 41.1), comprising five research articles and a book review. Among this issue's authors are two internationally leading scholars: Professor Colin Flint, known for his significant

contributions to the study of geopolitics, and Professor Anthony Yeh, a Chinese academician who has published widely in urban studies. “Politics” and “wellbeing” are the two keywords of this issue:

- The relationality of geopolitical codes: the example of the Belt and Road Initiative
Colin Flint & Hassan Noorali
Pages: 1-19 | <https://doi.org/10.1080/10225706.2023.2227618>
- Energy as a geopolitical battleground in Sri Lanka [OPEN ACCESS]
Gz. MeeNilankco Theiventhran
Pages: 21-45 | <https://doi.org/10.1080/10225706.2022.2098507>
- Scalar tensions and the missing link crisis in China’s National Trunk Highway System
Fang Bian, Anthony G. O. Yeh & Jingru Zhang
Pages: 47-67 | <https://doi.org/10.1080/10225706.2022.2102512>
- Livelihoods under pressure: insights from riverine community in Bangladesh
Nahrin Jannat Hossain, Nethea Islam Nitu, Md Abdul Malak, Mohammad Abdul Quader, Mahfuzul Haque & Kamruzzaman Akand
Pages: 69-93 | <https://doi.org/10.1080/10225706.2023.2217805>
- Medical travel from north–east India: an assessment of domestic medical tourists’ travel profile and experience
Tanmoy Biswas & Anu Rai
Pages: 95-119 | <https://doi.org/10.1080/10225706.2022.2098506>
- Book review – City of shadows: slums and informal work in Bangalore
Canan Uçar
Pages: 121-123 | <https://doi.org/10.1080/10225706.2023.2227619>

For more of *Asian Geographer*’s latest articles, covering themes such as Manila’s disaster-related resettlements, Vietnam’s unevenly distributed foreign direct investments, and India’s rail-based transit-oriented development, please visit <https://www.tandfonline.com/action/showAxaArticles?journalCode=rage20>.

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2. Activities of Working Groups

- **AGA Young Geographers Working Group (AGA-YGWG)**

Jointly organized by AGA-YGWG, IGU-YECG, GSC-WCYG and ISDE-YSIN, the Third Workshop of Asian Young Geographers was held online on December 16th -17th, 2023, attracting a total of 637 people from 25 countries and regions around the world. For more information about the Workshop, please see Report 3.

- **AGA Working Group on Cultural Geography (AGA-WGCG)**

AGA-WGCG will organize a joint session together with IGU Commission on Cultural Approach at the 35th International Geographical Congress, to be held in Dublin, Ireland from August 24-30, 2024. The name of the joint session is "Recognizing national differences in the perspective on landscape: A way of celebrating a world of difference." The joint session welcomes the papers from AGA colleagues.

3. Report of the Second Workshop of Asian Young Geographers

During December 16th -17th, 2023, the Third Asian Young Geographers Workshop was held online. Initiated by the Young Geographers Working Group of the Asian Geographical Association (AGA-YGWG), the Workshop was jointly organized by AGA-YGWG, Young and Early Career Geographers Task Force of the International Geographical Union (IGU-YECG), Working Committee for Young Geographers of the Geographical Society of China (GSC-WCYG) and Young Scientists Innovation Network of the International Society for Digital Earth (ISDE-YSIN). Under the theme "Geography at New Age", the workshop focused on 20 related topics for exchange and discussion, with a total of 286 scholars giving oral presentations. According to statistics, a total of 637 people from 25 countries and regions around the world attended the conference online.

The opening ceremony kicked off on the morning of December 16th. Prof. Min Chen, Chair of the AGA-YGWG declared the workshop open. Prof. Lai Vinh Cam, Professor of Institute of Geography, Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology, Vice President of the AGA, Prof. Barbaros Gönençgil, Professor of Istanbul University, Secretary General of the IGU, Dr. Zhen Liu, Secretary of the ISDE-YSIN delivered welcome speeches on behalf of the organizers respectively.

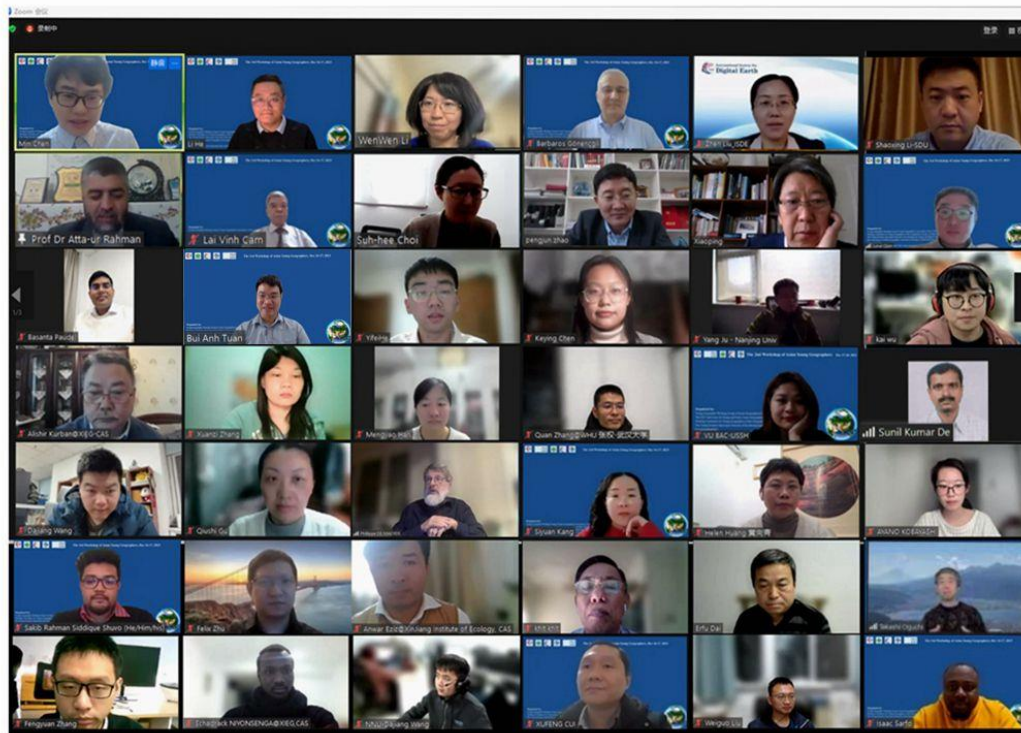
Eight well-known domestic and foreign experts and scholars were invited to give keynote speeches, including *Decarbonisation pathways for China's Freight Mobility* by Prof. Pengjun Zhao, Peking University, Fellow of British Academy of Social Sciences, *Contemporary Geomorphology and Danxia Landforms* by Prof. Sunil Kumar De, North-Eastern Hill University, India, President of International Association of Geomorphologists, *Deserts and Earth System Sciences- with a Special Reference to Chinese Deserts* by Prof. Xiaoping Yang, Zhejiang University, *Transboundary*

Hydrology, Climate Change and its Impact on Recurrent Floods in the Kabul River Basin, Hindu Kush by Prof. Atta-Ur-Rahman, University of Peshawar, Pakistan, President of Pakistan Geographical Association, *GeoAI Vision Foundation Models for Environmental Analysis* by Prof. Wenwen Li, Arizona-State University, USA, *From Astronomers, through Geographers to Cartographers and Finally ...* by Prof. Philippe De Maeyer, Ghent University, *Ecosystem Service: Assessment, Trade-offs and Decision-making in Tibetan Plateau* by Prof. Erfu Dai, Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, CAS, Director of GSC Commission for Young Geographers, and *Indigenous Modernisation and Community Economies in Southwest China* by Dr. Junxi Qian, University of Hongkong, China.

The workshop showcased the latest research advancements on different fields related to geography and discussed the applications of new technologies and methods in navigating pressing global challenges at the new era. Within the two-day workshop, a total of 20 parallel sessions were organized during the workshop. The topics covered various fields of geography, for example, geography of security and governance, evolution of urban and rural social spatial structures, population change and regional sustainable development, geospatial science for land management, challenge towards sustainable energy, nexus between land use and disaster, monitoring ecosystem structure and function, etc. With the great support by the Vietnam Geographical Association and the Red Beds and Danxia Geomorphology Working Group of the International Association of Geomorphologists, special sessions such as the Forum of Sino-Vietnam Young Geographers and Forum on Frontier of Danxia Landform Research were also organized on 17th.

The workshop concluded on the afternoon of 17th. Prof. Li He, Secretary General of AGA-YGWG chaired the closing ceremony. Prof. Min Chen made a summary report on the achievements of the workshop, introduced the AGA-YGWG and their activities, delivered a speech of thanks to the organizing committee members and all participants. Then, Prof. Erfu Dai, Director of the GSC Commission for Young Geographers announced the winners of the Excellent Paper Awards. After recommendations by session chairs first and thorough review and deliberation by the awarding committee afterwards, finally 9 papers were selected for the awards. 3 winners including Issac Sarfo from Henan University, China, Sakib Rahman Siddique Shuvo from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology and Rui Zhu from Institute of High Performance Computing, Agency for Science and Technology and Research, Singapore were invited to give their acceptance speeches.

Initiated in December 2021, the workshop was established to serve as a new platform for young geographers in Asia and beyond to facilitate exchanges and sharing of their research, as well as to promote exchange and cooperation among young geographers, geographical institutions and associations in Asia. According to the conference organizer, with the alleviation of the pandemic situation globally, the next workshop is expected to be held offline.



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4. News from Korean Geographical Society

Report of the 15th Korea-Japan-China Joint Conference on Geography

The 15th Korea-China-Japan Joint Conference on Geography, successfully held from October 20 to 23, 2023, at the University of Seoul, was jointly organized by The Korean Geographical Society (KGS) and Research Center for Small Businesses Ecosystem, Inha University. This international conference, themed 'Livable Cities, Resilient Future,' featured a rich program of 45 sessions, including 15 special sessions and 30 general sessions, presenting a total of 266 presentations, including six keynote speeches, 193 oral presentations, and 67 posters. The conference had 320 attendees.

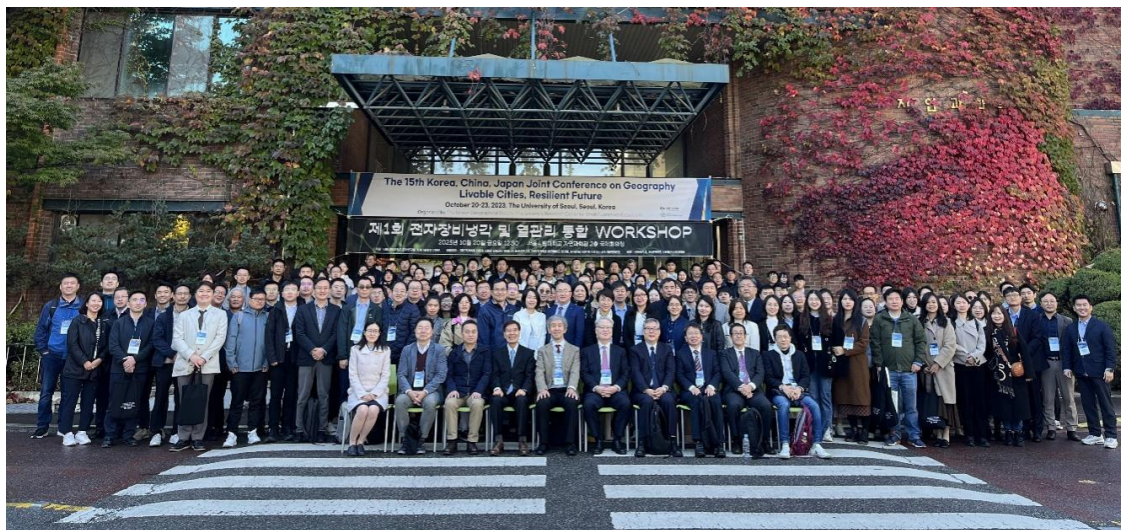
The opening ceremony featured a welcoming address from President Jung Sung-Hoon, representing the host country, South Korea. Subsequent congratulatory speeches were delivered by Vice President Zhang Guoyou of Geographical Society of China and President Oguchi Takashi of Association of Japanese Geographers. The keynote lectures on the second day covered topics such as China's cities cope with external shocks, world geography and world development, and the geographic scale and spatial economic inequality.

The third-day keynote lectures delved into geographers' role in disaster response and risk reduction, an introduction to old maps in Korea, and the role of traditional local

knowledge in coping with disasters. The oral presentations, consisting of 193 research studies, facilitated lively discussions between presenters, discussants, and the audience on the 21st and 22nd of October. Notably, the general sessions, focusing on human-environment interaction, urban geography, and geography education, saw a high number of presentations, as did the special sessions on the geography of COVID-19 and GIS and RS research in the digital transformation era.

In addition to the academic sessions, the conference introduced new elements, including a dialogue session with international journal editors (Meet the Editors) and a networking session for future-generation geographers (International Collaboration Among Young Geographers), fostering meaningful exchanges and discussions. The poster session, comprising 67 presentations, provided an opportunity for live exhibitions and discussions both in-person and through a metaverse platform.

The Farewell Ceremony on the evening of the 22nd brought together over 200 geographers from Korea, China, and Japan to celebrate the achievements of the conference. A brief report on the outcomes, recognition of outstanding presentations, and the announcement of the location for the 16th China-Japan-Korea Joint Conference on Geography at Yanbian University in China marked the conclusion of this successful event. With 20 oral presenters and 10 poster presenters receiving the Young Geographer Award, the conference wrapped up with anticipation for the next meeting. Finally, following the conclusion of the academic events on the 23rd, a field trip took place with the themes of 'Heart of Seoul: Coexistence of tradition and modern' and 'DMZ Tour,' with a total of 64 participants.



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5. News from Azerbaijan Geographical Society (AGS)

In 2023, a series of events were organized with the participation of the Azerbaijan Geographic Society (AGS). In the current year, conferences on the topics of "6th International Geoinformation Days (IGD)" and "Contemporary Issues in Geography" were held.

A meeting took place in the city of Qabala, Azerbaijan, with the joint participation of the State Historical and Architectural Reserve of Qabala and the Qabala Archaeological Center.



As a continuation of the establishment of the Geographical Council of Turkic States, a conference on the topic of "The Role of Turkestan in the History of Turkic Peoples" was held in the capital city of Uzbekistan, Tashkent. The President of the Azerbaijan Geographic Society (AGS), Dr Mirnuh Ismayilov, and a member of the AGS executive board, Dr. Emil Jabrayilov, participated in the event.

Within the framework of the conference, Mirnuh Ismayilov delivered a presentation titled "The Geo-Political Situation and Contemporary Issues of Turkestan in the Geographic Territory of the Turkic World" at one of the twenty sessions organized with the participation of members of the Geographical Council of Turkic States. Both scientists gave interviews to numerous mass media.



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6. News from Geographical Society of Uzbekistan (GSU)

Co-organized by Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovations of the Republic of Uzbekistan, Ministry of Ecology, Environmental Protection and Climate Change of the Republic of Uzbekistan, National University of Uzbekistan named after Mirzo Ulugbek, “Tashkent Institute of Irrigation and Agricultural Mechanization Engineers” National Research University, Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russian State Hydrometeorological University, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur, Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, University of Friborg, Hydrometeorological Service Agency and Geographical Society of Uzbekistan, the international scientific and practical conference on the topic “Water resources of arid regions under climate change conditions: problems and solutions” was held on October 20, 2023 at the National University of Uzbekistan named after Mirzo Ulugbek. A total of 60 scholars participated in the conference online and offline.

The aim of the conference was about discussion of research results, which have been conducting in Uzbekistan and foreign countries on related problems in hydrology, meteorology, climatology, ecology, environmental protection, in general, related fields of geographical science, as well as exchanging of experience, guidance of talented young scientists on perspective scientific directions, coverage of integration and science and innovation in Uzbekistan. 25 presentations was made during the conference.

During the conference, the participants exchanges their academic opinions on the following topics: problems of climate change in arid regions, assessment of hydrometeorological risks and adaptation issues, changes of hydrological regime of transboundary water aquifers in the context of global warming and issues of efficient use of water resources, impact of climate change on physico-geographical processes, the natural environment and geo-ecological problems, socio-economic problems of climate change, issues of their solution, climate change impact on renewable energy sources (water, solar, wind) and human health, using GIS technologies and cartographic methods in climate change researches, raising public awareness on climate change and issues of coverage of educational literature, and personnel training, etc.

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7. News from Philippine Geographical Society (PGS)

Risk Mapping Collaboration

PGS continued its partnership with Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation (PDRF) as part of PDRF's Recovery Program. This engagement conducted Risk Mapping Training in five barangays in Dinagat Islands. The project produced a model Barangay Disaster Atlas which they intend to recreate in other barangays in the province.

10th National Social Science Congress

PGS joined the National Social Science Congress held in Dumaguete City on July 27-29, 2023. PGS formed a panel entitled "Geographies of Care" consisting of presentations from Profs. Joseph Palis, PhD, Jake Rom Cadag, PhD, Ma. Simeona Martinez, and Timothy James Cipriano. The following were the paper presentations of the panelists: Spatialities of mutual care: Locational analysis of community pantries in the time of the COVID-19 pandemic, by Ministry of Mapping and SaanYanPH Volunteers, Presenter: Ma. Simeona Martinez; Narratives of environmental care and grassroots organizing at the peripheries, by Timothy James Cipriano; Mapping and spatial representation of disaster risk by, for and with PWDs, by Jake Rom Cadag; Map stories as method, by Joseph Palis.

ICGS2023

The Third International Conference on Geographical Studies (ICGS 2023) was held virtually on November 24-25, 2023. ICGS 2023 is a collaboration between the UP Department of Geography and PGS. ICGS 2023's theme "Performative Geographies: Spatialities of embodiment, performance, ideology, and practice" highlighted multiple forms of performativities and practices that engage geography as a broad and holistic discipline. The conference included two plenary sessions, 16 panel sessions, 48 research presentations, and a soft launch of the 2022 issue of the Philippine Geographical Journal. In addition, the annual assembly of the PGS and election of its Board of Trustees for 2024 also formed part of the event.

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8. News from National Association of Geographers, India (NAGI)

Report of the 7th International Conference of National Association of Geographers, India on “Clean Water, Good Health, Sustainable Cities and Communities”

The 7th International Conference of National Association of Geographers, India on “Clean Water, Good Health, Sustainable Cities and Communities” held at the Department of Geography, School of Liberal and Creative Arts, Lovely Professional University, Phagwara, Punjab, India from 18 to 19th October 2023. The inaugural session of the conference began at 10:00 AM in Uni Auditorium with a Bouquet Ceremony from Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr. Sanjay Modi to Prof. B. Hema Malini, President, National Association of Geographers India, Prof. Ali A. Aldosaari, President Saudi Geographical Society, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Prof. H.S. Sharma Senior Geographer, Jaipur, Prof. Padmini Pani, CSRD, JNU, New Delhi, Prof. S.C. Rai, Editor, Annals of National Association of Geographers, India Journal, Delhi and Prof. A.K. Saha, Secretary General of National Association of Geographers India, Delhi. Welcome address from Dr. Sanjay Modi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Lovely Professional University, Phagwara. The meeting was chaired by NAGI President Prof. B. Hema Malini who welcomed all participants and organizers of the conference. Following the welcome address, the Keynote address was delivered by Prof. Ali A. Aldosaari, Prof. H. S. Sharma, Prof. Padmini Pani, and Prof. Suresh C. Rai. Madam Rashmi Mittal, Pro-Chancellor of Lovely Professional University, and all dignitaries of the conference released conference proceedings. A vote of thanks was given by Dr. Manu Sharma, Convener of the conference.



Dignitaries on the dais for Inaugural Ceremony

More than 200 registered participants from different parts of India and worldwide attended the conference and presented their research papers in different technical sessions (Seven) on both days. A valedictory session was organized in Sri Baldev Raj Mittal Auditorium on 19th October 2023 at 4 PM. Prof. P.P. Singh Dean of Social Science and Languages, LPU delivered a Vote of Thanks.



Assembling of the participants at Shanti Devi Memorial Auditorium

Report of the 45th Indian Geographical Congress of NAGI

The 45th Indian Geographical Congress of the National Association of Geographers, India (NAGI) was organized in association with the Department of Geography, Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU) Pune. The Department of Geography, SPPU was the venue of the international conference. The total number of participants was around 600 including Online and offline, Invitees, Resource Persons, Local Research Scholars, etc.

The conference started with the Inauguration function on 14th December 2023. Prof. Ravindra Jaybhaye, convener of the 45th IGC (NAGI) welcomed the guests and introduced the themes of the conference. The Presidential address was delivered by Prof. Srikumar Chattopadhyay. In the Memorial lecture session, (i) Prof. E. Ahmed Memorial Lecture was delivered by Prof. Ram Kumar Tiwary, Department of Geography, Ranchi University, Ranchi, (ii) Prof. VLS Prakasha Rao's Memorial Lecture was delivered by Prof. Kalpana Markandey, Department of Geography, Osmania University, Hyderabad, (iii) Prof. P. Dayal Memorial Lecture was delivered by Prof. Rana Pratap, Department of Geography, Magadh University.

In the morning session third program was the Young Geographer Award Competition. There were five presenters and the winner was Mr. Vishavjeet Dhanda, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi. The Jury for the competition was Prof. D.K. Nayak, Prof. Praveen Saptarshi, and Prof. Shobha Shrestha.

There were total 5 Technical Sessions based on sub-themes of conference. It includes total 34 sub-sessions. There were around 246 offline presentations and during the same there were 10 online technical sessions including around 71 total presentations. Cultural program was arranged on second day (15th December) of conference in which Maharashtrian Folk Dances are performed.

Panel Discussion was scheduled on 16th December 2023 on theme “Environment, Development and Sustainability: The Exigency of Geography for a Resilient Future”. This session was chaired by Prof. H. S. Sharma, Former Professor & Head, Department of Geography, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur. Speaker of Panel Discussion: Prof. Srikumar Chattopadhyay, (Retd) Scientist & Head, Resources Analysis Division, Centre for Earth Science Studies, Thiruvananthapuram, India, Prof. H. N. Mishra, Emeritus Professor, Department of Geography, University of Allahabad, and Prof. Suresh Chand Rai, Professor & Head, Department of Geography, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi. There were 6 plenary sessions, 3 dedicated to Physical dimension and geospatial technology, and 3 dedicated to Human Geography. The conference ended with a Valedictory Function on 16th December 2023 with the presence of Dr. Parag Kalkar (Pro-Vice Chancellor, SPPU).



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9. News from Geographical Society of China (GSC)

Report of the First National Conference on Information Geography

The First National Conference on Information Geography and the establishment ceremony of the GSC Commission on Information Geography was held at Suzhou University of Science and Technology from November 18th to 19th, 2023. With the theme of "Chinese Geography in Information Age", this conference attracted about 2000 experts, scholars, students and professionals from universities and institution nationwide.

The opening ceremony was presided over by Prof. Li Xin, Director of GSC Commission on Information Geography. Prof. Jiang Pengming, Secretary of Party Committee of Suzhou University of Science and Technology, and Prof. Chen Fahu, President of GSC, delivered welcome speeches on behalf of the organizers. Prof. Zhang Guoyou, Vice President and Secretary General of GSC, announced the decision on establishing the GSC Commission on Information Geography and handed over appointment letters to the Director and Deputy Directors of the Commission. Ms. Zhang Han, Secretary of Party Committee of College of Geographic Science and Surveying and Mapping Engineering, Suzhou University of Science and Technology, read out the "Proposal of 100 Universities to Jointly Carry out Research and Application of Geo AI" initiated by Prof. Chenghu Zhou, Academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences. Then the Geographic Scene Large Model (GeoLM Version 1.3) developed by Nanjing Normal University was officially launched.

The opening ceremony was followed by plenary lectures given by 9 reputable scientists, which were: *Mechanism and Simulation Methods of Human Earth System Coupling* by Prof. Fu Bojie, *Rethinking on Building Space Earth Science Observation System* by Prof. Guo Huadong, *Digital Twin Modeling and Visualization Technology in Information Geography* by Prof. Gong Jianya, *Geography – Foundation of Hydrology* by Prof. Zhang Jianyu, *Grasping the Development Path of Information Geography - How to apply for Natural Science Foundation Funding* by Dr. Xiong Juhua, *Reflections on the Development of Geographic Models* by Prof. Zhou Chenghu, *Anthropocene and Anthropocene Science* by Prof. Liu Congqiang, *New Characteristics of Discipline Development in the Era of Big Science - Learning, Thinking, and Exploration* by Prof. Wang Jiayao, *Discussion on the Discipline System of Geographic Sciences* by Prof. Chen Fahu, *Thoughts on the Development of Geographic Information Science* by Prof. Lv Guonian. Then the Dialogues on Development of Information Geography were followed. 6 distinguished speakers were invited to share their insights on the given topics and answered the questions raised by the audience on the spot.

On November 19th, more than 900 oral presentations were made at over 50 scientific sessions. The topics of the sessions spanned across 7 following fields, including information geography, geographic remote sensing science, geographic information science, geographic data science, information geography and geoscience development,

and information geography industry development. The presentations covered theories, model development, data intelligence, application, and information geography's support to development of earth science and related industries.

This conference was jointly organized by the Geographical Society of China and Suzhou University of Science and Technology, sponsored by GSC Commission on Information Geography, School of Geographic Sciences and Surveying Engineering of Suzhou University of Science and Technology, Suzhou Zhongke Tianqi Remote Sensing Technology Co., Ltd., and School of Geography and Ocean Sciences, Nanjing University. The conference aims to provide an academic exchange platform for scholars in the field of information geography and related fields nationwide, to conduct in-depth exchanges and discussions on key issues related to China's information geography and to promote the development of disciplines in the field of information geography. It will play an active and leading role in the research of information geography and related fields nationwide.



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10. Forthcoming Events

- **The AGA Council Meeting 2024** will be held in November, 2024 in Shanghai, China. The exact dates of the meeting will be announced soon.
- **The 4th Asian Workshop of Asian Young Geographers** will be held in September, 2024 in Nanjing, China. The exact dates of the workshop will be announced soon.
- **The 35th International Geographical Congress** will be held from August 24-30, 2024 in Dublin, Ireland. Website: <https://igc2024dublin.org/>
- **The 16th China-Japan-Korea Joint Conference on Geography** will be held in October, 2024 at Yanbian University, Hunchun, China. The exact dates of the conference will be announced soon.