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# 1. Updates from Asian Geographer

## • Virtual Special Issue 'Asian Environments: Challenges and Responses'

This year marks the beginning of another exciting chapter of Asian Geographer, as the journal enters into collaboration with the Asian Geographical Association and the Asian Geography Specialty Group of the American Association of Geographers to publish more high quality geographical research on Asia and the Pacific Rim. To celebrate this important occasion, *Asian Geographer* launches its first **Virtual Special Issue**, 'Asian Environments: Challenges and Responses'. You are welcome to enjoy a FREE ACCESS to the articles via the link until September 30th, 2020.

https://think.taylorandfrancis.com/ag-asian-environments-challenges-and-reponses/?utm\_source=CPB&utm\_medium=cms&utm\_campaign=JOK11936

Article	Author
An archipelagic tourism development model: the case of Okinawa Prefecture	David N. Nguyen
Naturalizing people, ethnicizing landscape: promoting tourism in China's rural periphery	Anna Ka-yin Lee & Richard Anthony Abrahams
Living environment and quality of life in Hong Kong	S. L. Ng, Y. Zhang, K. H. Ng, H. Wong & J. W. Y. Lee
A pragmatic assessment of livelihood status in the peri-urban interface: a case from developing India	Nasrin Banu & Shahab Fazal
Measuring the effect of climate change on wars in history	Harry F. Lee
Endogenous exacerbation of an exogenous problem: climate change, environmental degradation, and unsustainable development practices in the Philippines	William N. Holden
Regulating post-disaster reconstruction planning in China: towards a resilience-based approach?	Yiwen Shao & Jiang Xu
Environmental policy change in two transitional societies: a comparative study on anti-incinerator construction in Guangzhou and Taipei	Natalie W. M. Wong
Institutional obstacles and opportunities for policy entrepreneurship in cross-border environmental management: a case study in China's Greater Pearl River Delta region	Vivian H. Y. Chu & Anna Ka-yin Lee
"Consumers don't see tigers dying in palm oil plantations": a cross-cultural comparative study of UK, Malaysian and Singaporean consumer views of palm oil	Katharine Reardon, Rory Padfield & Hengky K. Salim

This Virtual Special Issue features 10 recent articles in Asian Geographer on the wide-ranging environmental problems facing Asian countries and regions, and the strenuous efforts to address them. They delve into the radical transformation of Asia's physical landscapes from various entry points: tourism and palm oil production, climate change and earthquakes, and the various individuals and institutions shaping and shaped by environmental changes. They cover various parts of Asia, including Greater China, Japan, India, the Philippines, Malaysia and Singapore, reflecting the expanding origins of the journal's contributions.

## Asian Geographer: Updates for first half of 2020

Provided by Professor Jiang Xu, Editor in Chief of Asian Geographer

Asian Geographer has witnessed a healthy flow of high-quality submissions, resulting in a high number of 'early view' articles on our website. As of 20 Jun 2020, there are 14 such articles. Five of them will be included in the next issue in August, while the rest will be published in subsequent issues. A full list of these articles is available at

https://www.tandfonline.com/action/showAxaArticles?journalCode=rage20.

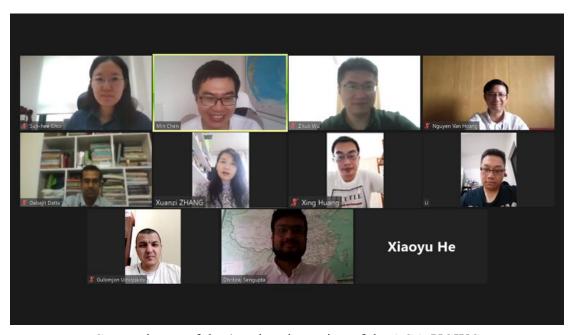
To promote Asian Geographer's visibility in the ongoing discussion on Covid-19, Prof. Jiang Xu and her colleagues have contributed a viewpoint paper entitled 'Geographies of Covid-19: How space and virus shape each other' to our journal. Since its online publication on 27 May, the paper has achieved over 1,300 views, which is significantly higher than usual by our journal's standard, and already been cited. The article is currently making the paper freely accessible to all at <a href="https://doi.org/10.1080/10225706.2020.1767423">https://doi.org/10.1080/10225706.2020.1767423</a>. Please visit this page and help us share this paper to a wider audience through your social media network using the social media buttons to the right of the paper's title.

Covid-19 unfortunately has also meant some interruptions for us. Our much-anticipated panel discussion on 'Seeing Like an Asian Geographer' in AAG 2020 was cancelled as the meeting as a whole was physically called off. Notwithstanding the event's cancellation, I would like to take this opportunity to thank once again three of our editorial committee members, Professor Cindy Fan, Professor Fulong Wu, and Professor Henry Yeung, who would have served as panelists, for their tremendous support. Taylor & Francis and our editorial team will continue to plan for similar events in future major geography conferences to promote our journal.

A special issue entitled 'Northeast Asia in Regional Perspective' is being organised by three scholars from U Kansas (Dr Alex Diener), CU-Boulder (Dr Andrew Grant) and HKU (Dr Mia Bennett). Five contributions, united by their geopolitical/geoeconomic focus, have been solicited by the guest editors earlier this year and will be submitted for review in coming months. The special issue is expected to be published in February 2021.

# 2. Activities of Working Groups

• The first virtual meeting of **AGA Young Geographers Working Group (AGAYGWG)** was held on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020, attended by 11 young scholars from 5 Asian countries. Prof. Min Chen, Chair of the working group introduced the background and aim of establishing the AGA-YGWG. The participants discussed the drafted constitution, website planning and building and future activities of the working group.



Group picture of the 1st virtual meeting of the AGA-YGWG

• AGA Working Group on Cultural Geography planned to organize a joint session with IGU Commission on Cultural Approaches in Geography during the 34th International Geographical Congress. As the IGC2020 Istanbul has been postponed to August 2021, the call for paper is still open. All the papers related to the 4 topics below are welcome.

# JOINT SESSION-CULTURAL APPROACHES IN GEOGRAPHY (IGU) AND WORKING GROUP ON CULTURAL GEOGRAPHY(AGA)

GEOGRAPHY (AGA)

HOME» COMMISSIONS

ASIAN AND EUROPEAN GEOGRAPHICAL PERSPECTIVES AND PRACTICES

TRADITIONAL CULTURES, FOLK SOCIETIES AND FOLKLORIZATION IN ASIA AND EUROPE

GEOGRAPHY OF POPULAR CULTURES: PLACES, EVENTS, PRACTICES

HERITAGE AND GEOGRAPHY IN ASIAN COUNTRIES: A PERSPECTIVE FROM OUTSIDE AS WELL AS INSIDE

• Kazakhstan has submitted a proposal on establishing a **new working group on water related environmental problems**. The future activities of the working group will include proposals for international cooperation in water resources management, solution of water related environmental and transboundary problems, research and mapping of coastal processes in the context of climate change to optimize natural resources management and sustainable development of the Asian region. The proposal will be presented and formally approved at next AGA Council Meeting.

# 3. Sri Lanka Association of Geographers

## Background of Sri Lanka Association of Geographers (SLAG)

The SLAG is one of the outcomes of the immense work of renowned Geographers in Sri Lanka. SLAG has a long history, since 1939. Prior to the establishment of SLAG, this was known as "Ceylon Geography Society", which was inaugurated in the year 1939. This society was re-named as "SLAG" in the year 1972. Since then, the association was administered by eminent resource persons from the field of Geography, attached to different Universities in Sri Lanka and had provided their contributions in different viewpoints to raise the SLAG at present status. The year 2015 was the climax of the history of the association, where the association turned into a new chapter with the intention of 'a new way forward', providing multiple contributions to the Geography and our nation.

#### **Present Office Bearers**

Present committee was elected at the Annual General Meeting, held on 24th April 2015. Accordingly, the chair of the presidency of the association is led by Prof. W. N. Wilson along with his team; Secretary-Dr. (Mrs) Fareena Ruzaik, Treasurer-Mr. D.M.K. Dissanayake and other committee members, who have lent a strong hand for the success of all the events throughout the period.

#### Performance review

SLAG conducted multiple activities for the development of Geography and nation since 2015 onwards, as depicted below.

- Establishment of SLAG data base, including members' name list and publications
- SLAG published Geography Newsletters (New Version) in Sinhala and Tamil
- Published the journal of "The Ceylon Geographers"
- Launched the SLAG E-journal -2019 of "The Ceylon Geographers"
- Established a Web-Site <a href="http://www.cmb.ac.lk/academic/arts/Geo/SLAG/index.html">http://www.cmb.ac.lk/academic/arts/Geo/SLAG/index.html</a>, containing information and study materials for advance level students.
- Conducted "Advanced Certificate Course" for Geography Teachers (Advance Level)
- Distributed certificates for SLAG-life members
- Conducted National Geography Conference (NGC)-2019 on 29.08.2019
- Conducted seminars for advanced level students to provide guidelines to prepare for advance level exams at the Government Schools.
- Participated for multiple education and awareness program in the Radio "National Educational Channel" for A/L students.

#### **National Geography Conference-2019**

Geography is one of the most demanding subject, among the social sciences stream and holds a significant position, both in global and local academic activities, since it has a positive correlation with the country's economic, social and environmental development. This conference was a land mark of SLAG's performance since 2015. I am confident that this conference has provided a unique opportunity to communicate and discuss the opinions of innovative Scientific Researchers in different field of Geography; such as environment, social science and economic etc. from the different Universities in Sri Lanka. The prime objective of the conference is to share knowledge and experience for the betterment of the national development in the context of Geography. Further, this conference has provided an opportunity to meet and communicate an extensive and broad knowledge in the theme of "Power of Geography for National Development", among the academics from different academia of the nation. Also, this conference provided an avenue and excellent opportunity to share knowledge, through extensive interactions; as a result of more participations.

(Provided by Prof. Fareena Ruzaik)

# 4. Report of 41st Indian Geography Congress 2019

41<sup>st</sup> Indian Geographical Congress, 2019, National Association of Geographers, India (NAGI) & National Conference on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Challenge of Agricultures, Health and Development in India with Special Focus on Tribal Areas

## December 28-30, 2019

## **Inaugural Ceremony**

The Conference began with the Inaugural Ceremony held on 28th December 2019 at 10.30 am. In the Opening Ceremony Prof. R. P. Tiwari, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar, M. P was the Chief Guest, Prof. N. C. Gautam, presided over the function, Prof. Rana Pratap, President Elect (NAGI) and Prof. S. C. Rai, Secretary General (NAGI) graced the dais. Prof. R. B. P. Singh, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Patna University, was the Guest of Honour, and Prof. R. P. Mishra, Convener, 41<sup>st</sup> IGC (NAGI) welcomed the guest and introduced the theme of the conference.

#### Release of Souvenir and Books

On this very occasion, the Souvenir & Abstract Volume of 41<sup>st</sup> IGC & National Conference was released by the Dignitaries on the Dias. Besides, two books entitled "Million Cities of India", edited by Bhoogol Ratna, Prof. R. P. Mishra, and "Land Resources: Processes, Degradation and Evaluation", edited by Prof. H. S. Sharma and Prof. S. Padmja were also released.

#### **Felicitation and Honour**

Prof. Gopal Krishan, Chandigarh was honoured with Bhoogol Ratna Award by the Associtation, while Prof. R. K. Rai, Sagar and Prof. H. N. Mishra, Prayagraj was awarded Bhoogol Vachaspati Award. On this very occasion, Prof. Raghvendra P. Tiwari, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, was also honoured and felicitated by NAGI. The felicitation of Former Heads was also done by Department of General & Applied Geography. Felicitation of Prof. S. C. Rai, Prof. Abha Lakshmi Singh, Prof. R. P. Mishra and Dr. Akhtar Ali by CLUMA, Hyderabad.

#### Three Memorial Lectures were delivered as follows:

- *Prof. Moonis Raza Memorial Lecture* delivered by Prof. Sachidanand Sinha, CSRD, JNU, New Delhi on 28.12.2019 at 12:30 pm.
- *Prof. A. N. Bhattacharya Memorial Lecture* delivered by Prof. R. N. Mishra, Retd. Professor of Geography, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur on 28.12.2019 at 5.00 pm.
- *Prof. C. P. Singh Memorial Lecture* delivered by Prof. Shri Kamal Sharma, Retd. Professor, Dept. of General & Applied Geography, Doctor Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar, M.P. on 29.12.2019 at 2.30 pm.

#### **Panel Discussion**

Panel discussion on "Climate Change: Impact and Adaptation in Tribal Areas" was

held on 29th December 2019 at 5:30 pm. In this event, Prof. H. S. Sharma, Jaipur, was the chairperson and Prof. H. N. Mishra, Prayagraj, Prof. Y. G. Joshi, Ujjain and Prof. R. S. Yadav, Varanasi were the Panelists. They highlighted that level and nature of human interference on the planet which is responsible for large scale climatic extremities and the tribal and marginal areas are the worst affected with that. They felt the urgent need at individual and community level along with governmental efforts to cope with these extremities and suggested way for adaptations and environmental sustainability.

## N.P. Ayyar Young Geographer Award

The presentation of shortlisted five contestants for N.P. Ayyar Young Geographer Award was held on 29.12.2019 at 5:00 pm. Prof. Suryakant, Chandigarh chaired while Prof. Salauddin Qureshi, Aligarh and Prof. A. P. Mishra, Varanasi were members of the Jury. Ms. Sujayita Bhattacharjee, Mumbai received the Best Paper Award in the Valedictory function held on 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 at 2:30 pm.

## **Technical Sessions & Paper presentations**

We received a total of 450 abstracts on wide range of themes of the Congress. After the thorough review of abstracts/papers by the Abstract Review Committee, 421 abstracts were accepted for their presentation and placed them in the Souvenir & Abstract Volume. Nearly 500 delegates including Eminent Geographers, Scientists and Research Scholars from more than 20 states and abroad, participated in the Congress. About 350 papers were presented in 40 Technical Sessions during the three days of the event. The Technical Sessions covered the wide range of themes with a major focus on emerging challenges of agriculture, health and development in the context of climate change particularly in tribal areas.

## **Meetings**

The first NAGI Executive Committee Meetings was held on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 5:30 pm, while second meeting of NAGI Executive Committee was held on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 8:30 am. Prof. B. Hemamalini was elected as President of NAGI for the year 2019-20. The NAGI General Body Meeting was held 29<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 6:30 pm. Prof. S. Rai put the Annual report of NAGI in the General Body meeting.

l would like to express my sincere thanks and gratitude to the Hon,ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Raghvendra P. Tiwari for his kind patronage, Prof. S. C. Rai and entire NAGI Executive Committee for their support and members of Local Organising Committee for successfully hosting 41st Indian Geography Congress at Sagar, M.P.

(Provided by Prof. R.P. Mishra)

# 5. Report of Chinese Geographers' Response to COVID-19

Since the beginning of 2020, the novel coronavirus has begun to widespread across the globe. It led to a sudden economic crisis to the global society and posed a big threat to people's life and security. In defeating the COVID-19, Geographical Society of China (GSC) and Chinese geographers have contributed numerous efforts during the challenging time in the following aspects.

## • Strengthen communication on epidemic prevention knowledge to the public

After the coronavirus outbreak, China Association for Science and Technology (CAST) and CAST Alliance for Ecological and Environmental Sciences and Industry (CAEESI) have initiated three proposals, calling upon the scientists to contributed their efforts to the combat. GSC forwarded the proposals on its public account and called on all members and geographers to take actions. On January 31st, GSC started to publish on its Wechat account a series of daily map reports analyzing the epidemic situation developed by the team of Prof. Chenghu Zhou from Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Science (IGSNRR,CAS). As of April 15th, 45 articles related to the epidemic situation including proposals on combat with coronavirus, daily map report, case study, research report, online courses, etc have been published on GSC social media account.

## • Conduct relevant research and serve the government policy-making

During the critical period, Chinese geographers made full use of professional skills and knowledge and made various efforts on research and knowledge popularizing.

Geographers have completed hundreds of reports in defeating with the virus. These reports played an import role in disease prevention and control and work resumption and have been highly valued by the governments at all levels. GSC Commission on World Geography, Commission on Population Geography have submitted two reports to CAST: Suggestions on Strengthening International Cooperation on Novel Coronavirus Prevention and Control and Suggestions on Promoting Data Collection of Normalized Community Population. A number of articles have been published on the reputable journals, such as:

- 1) Bojie Fu and his team, 2020. A Systemic Approach is Needed to Contain COVID-19 Globally, published on *Science Bulletin*.
- 2) Li, GS, Xie, HC, and FH Chen, 2020. Spatiotemporal Change of China's Epidemic Disasters and its Relationship with Human Living Environment over the Past 2200. Published on Science China: Earth Sciences, Sciences, https://doi.org/10.1007/s11430-020-9608-x;

- 3) Chaolin Gu and his team, 2020. *Inflection Point about COVID-19 May Have Passed*, published on *Science Bulletin*
- 4) Li J, Li J J, Xie X, Cai X, Huang J, Tian X, Zhu H. 2020. *Game Consumption and the 2019 Novel Coronavirus*, published on *Lancet Infect Dis*, 20: 275–276.
- 5) Chenghu Zhou, *COVID-19: Challenges to GIS with Big Data* published on *Geography and Sustainability*.
- 6) Tian Huaiyu, An Investigation of Transmission Control Measures During the First 50 Days of the COVID-19 Epidemic in China, published on Science

Prof. Chenghu Zhou and his team carried out research to support the decision on spatial epidemic prevention and control by using big data and GIS. They published daily epidemic dynamic map, implemented a plenty of research programs such as national population mobility estimation, spatial prediction of epidemic scale, division on the epidemic risks of geographical regions, discovery on medical resources shortage, etc. Prof. Yansui Liu and his team developed "COVID-19 Dynamic Monitoring System for National Prevention and Control". Prof. Suhong Zhou and her team also developed a mobile phone application to track the epidemic areas.

# • Establish communication with international scientific organizations, share and exchange information on the epidemic, enhance international cooperation to jointly tackle with the virus

Since the coronavirus outbreak, information on the epidemic situation has been shared and exchanged timely among geographical institutions and geographers from home and aboard and joint efforts have been made on tackling with the disease.

In mid-February, the Geographical Society of China has addressed letters to International Geographical Union (IGU) as well as a dozen of foreign geographical societies, such as American Association of Geographers, Royal Geographical Society (with IBG), Russian Geographical Association, Société de Géographie, Association of Japanese Geographers, Korean Geographical Society, National Association of Geographers, India, Kazakhstan National Geographic Society, Turkish Geographical Society, Geographical Association of Thailand, Romanian Geographical Society, etc to call for joint efforts from international community to fight against epidemic. The letters reported on the extremely difficult situation under the COVID-19 epidemic and the various efforts to overcome it in China and showed the willingness to remain in close communication and coordination with international scientific community, and to strengthen international cooperation in epidemic control to jointly protect lives and health of people and uphold global public health security. Then IGU Executive Committee considered the message very timely and important, and forwarded it to all the Chairs of IGU National Committees, Commissions / Task Forces, hoping that it be disseminated widely and responded quickly.

Meanwhile, GSC also submitted various achievements made by Chinese geographers to IGU, such as COVID-19 Dynamic Monitoring System for National Prevention and Control (International Version) developed by the team of Prof. Yansui Liu, the report *COVID-19: Challenges to GIS with Big Data* by the team of Prof. Chenghu Zhou and Prof. Fenzhen Su and soon these reports were distributed to the IGU community. To support communication on fighting the coronavirus and relevant international cooperation, the GSC has co-sponsored the website "COVID-19 Knowledge and Data Hub" headed by Prof. Chuang Liu and provided support on its planning, organizing and service. (GCdataPR\_COVID-19\_KDH <a href="http://www.geodoi.ac.cn/covid-19/en/index.aspx">http://www.geodoi.ac.cn/covid-19/en/index.aspx</a>). On behalf of CAST and China Global Television Network (CGTN), GSC invited Prof. Thomas Krafft, Co-chair of IGU Commission on Environment and Health, to join the live streaming on "Uniting Through Science — COVID-19 Front Line" on CGTN. In the TV programme, Prof. Krafft discussed the latest scientific development amid the global battle with the COVID-19 pandemic together with experts and scholars in relevant fields from other countries.

## • Ensure teaching order, promote work and school resumption

In response to the national call, geographers worked at home by means of online teaching and online meetings. For example, the team of third-party assessment on the effect of targeted poverty alleviation in China, consisting of more than 1700 experts and scholars from 22 universities and institutions nationwide, has successfully completed the assessment task in 2019 in two months in despite of the serious impact of the epidemic. Editors of geographic journals stuck to their posts during the epidemic to make sure the journal would be published on time.

In order to ensure the stability and teaching order of higher education during the epidemic, GSC worked together with Geography Teaching Steering Committee of Institutions of Higher Learning of the Ministry of Education and jointly initiated "Proposal on Making Full Use of Online Teaching Resources to Carry Out Teaching Activities during the Extended School Opening Period by Geography Teaching Steering Committee of Institutions of Higher Learning of the Ministry of Education", which provided guidelines to colleges and universities across the country to overcome the impact of the epidemic and to carry out online teaching and learning.

(Provided by the Geographical Society of China)

# 6. News from Korean Geographical Society

Chul-Sue Hwang, professor of Kyunghee University, has been elected on June 20 as the next president of the Korean Geographical Society. The new president-elect will take office in January 2021 for two-year term. Dr. Hwang has been working as Vice-President of KGS since 2019. He was also elected as Vice-President of AGA last year.

# 7. Forthcoming Events

• The 5th Asian Conference on Geography is scheduled to be held at Thai Nguyen University, Thai Nguyen, Vietnam from October 18th-22nd, 2021. Some preliminary information about the conference is as follows:

Date: October 18th-22nd, 2021

Theme: GEOGRAPHY IN DYNAMIC ASIA

## **Key topics:**

- Sustainable Development
- Interaction between Environments and Human activities
- Globalization and Localization
- Migration and Conflicts
- Urbanization and the future of Asian cities
- Natural resources and environmental issues
- Disasters
- Climate Changes
- Ecosystem
- Remote sensing & GIS

## **Registration Fee**

- Participants: \$250 - Students: \$150

## Website

The conference website will be available in August 2020.

• Following the spread of the coronavirus pandemic and its current trajectory, it has become clear that it will not be possible to hold the 34th International Geographical Congress in İstanbul in August this year as originally planned. The Local Organising Committee and the IGU Executive Committee have taken the decision that the IGU Congress in İstanbul is postponed for one year, from August 16th to 20th 2021. Some important dates of the congress:

Deadline for abstract papers and posters submission – 11 January 2021

Notification of acceptance (new abstracts) – 08 February 2021

Authors' registration deadline – 05 April 2021

Early bird registration – 05 April 2021

The 34<sup>th</sup> IGC is still calling for papers. Any session proposals regarding the COVID-19 pandemic will be welcome. If you are interested to submit a session proposal for COVID-19 please fill the application form from the following link. <a href="http://www.igc2020.org/SessionForm">http://www.igc2020.org/SessionForm</a>

- Due to the coronavirus pandemic, **Business Meeting of the AGA Executive**Committee 2020 which was scheduled to be held during the 34<sup>th</sup> International Geographical Congress has been postponed and is scheduled to be held on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 in the form of virtual meeting.
- The IAG Executive Committee has been following the ongoing pandemic situation closely and together with the local organising committee has made the difficult decision to postpone the IAG Regional Conference on Geomorphology to Spring of 2021, which was planned to be held in Mashhad, Iran, in October 2020. The Asian Geographical Association was invited to be one of the co-sponsors of the conference.
- Department of Geography, Faculty of Social Sciences, Srinakharinwirot University (GeoSWU) will hold "2nd International Conference on Geography and Geoinformatics for Sustainable Development (IGCCS)" on 21-22 January 2021 in Phuket, Thailand. The 2nd ICGGS aims at providing a platform for scholars around the world to engage in broad spectrum of issues ranging from Natural resources & environment, Socioeconomic, Geography & Geoinformatics application, Geography & Geoinformatics Education, followed by exploring the growth of technological advance in Geoinformatics and its impact on planning and solving global problems. The Asian Geographical Association was invited to be one of the co-sponsors of the conference.

#### 8. Other Issues

• Turkish Geographical Society will issue a special issue of COVID-19 in Journal of Turkish Geography. If you are interested, please check the link below for more details (www.tcd.org.tr).



We are now out for this call which welcomes the potential manuscripts reflecting spatially and temporarily conceptualization of Covid-19 in different settings which might be either Turkey or it vicinity regions (Eastern Europe, Middle-East, Near East Asia, and, so on). The foci of this topical issue of TGR will be on identifying the concerns, challenges, impacts and strategies for survival as well as exploring a set of potential solutions for revival of the society and environment during and post-pandemic times. The journal is fully open access and the paper submitted might be in English, French and Turkish. Any of which can be selected to write the manuscript.

For further detail and more information about the Journal and its editorial statement: <a href="https://dergipark.org.tr/en/pub/tcd">https://dergipark.org.tr/en/pub/tcd</a>

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