

2024 Annual Conference

IGU Urban Geography Commission



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Cork, Ireland

Welcome

The Urban Commission of the International Geographical Union (IGU-UGI) in collaboration with the University College Cork, Ireland (UCC) are pleased to welcome you to its 2024 Annual Conference.

The conference venue will be UCC-Campus in Cork, Department of Geography, O'Donovan's Road, University College, Cork (Ireland). Further technical details will be provided soon.

Online-registration is required for all participants, pls follow the instructions [HERE](#).

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Crises, what crisis? Urban development and policy in search of the “new normal”

It is widely accepted that societies are currently confronted with multiple crises. This applies to city regions as well, where recent challenges such as the pandemic or rising energy prices add to ongoing problems caused by the scarcity of housing, social inequality, or longer-term issues such as climate change. Governments and city-leaders are increasingly asked to resolve acute problems, while simultaneously trying to deal with such long-term challenges. This leaves the institutions in charge with a profound dilemma: first, policies considered to be sufficiently ‘integrated’ (spatially, cross-sectoral) suffer from their inherent complexities; second, established practice hardly fits with the very temporalities of these challenges. While it seems common sense that a simple return to pre-pandemic conditions (the ‘old normal’) might be unlikely, it remains open what the ‘new normal’ in this respect could be, and how cities and regions could get there.

Venue

The conference venue is the Campus of **University College Cork (UCC)** in Cork, Ireland. All sessions will be held in the CACSSS (College of Arts, Celtic Studies and Social Sciences) Seminar Room (Room G27), O'Rahilly Building, University College Cork. UCC campus map is included on the next page – it is building no.65, map ref. G6. The welcome reception will be held in the Geography Library, Geography Building, University College Cork. The Geography Building is building no. 43, map reference G5.

Keynote speaker – Professor Mark Boyle

Vita: Mark Boyle is a Professor of Geography at Maynooth University, where he has been Chair of Geography since 2007. He has been Chair of Urban of Urban Studies, Director of the Heseltine Institute for Public Policy, Practice and Place at the University of Liverpool, UK, and has served as a Leverhulme Research Fellow and Isaac Manasseh Meyer Visiting Fellow (IMMF) at the National University of Singapore.



Professor Boyle has researched and published widely in the fields of colonialism and postcolonialism, migration, diaspora and development and urban and regional development. Drawing from nearly three decades of teaching introductory and advanced courses in human geography, Mark has also written and revised *Human Geography: An Essential Introduction*, which uses a historical geographical and thematic approach to provide undergraduate students with a firm foundation in human geography. He holds a BSc from the University of Glasgow and a PhD from the University of Edinburgh, both in Geography.

Topic:

Mark Boyle's keynote is titled "*Estranged! Why critical urban scholars and policy makers don't speak and what we can do about it!*"

Abstract:

Why has the figure of the critical **and** policy engaged urban scholar become such a marginal academic subject? In this paper I explore how and why critical urban research has come to view executive power as its arch nemesis and what we ought to do about it. I reflect upon the enduring legacy of academic identities bequeathed by the so-called 'relevance debates' which animated the anglophone discipline in the 1970s. I argue that continued estrangement and jousting between the architects of radical praxis and those of policy practice is indefensible. I scope the contours of a new generation of policy engaged critical scholarship. We can no longer in good conscience fire missiles from inside the ivory tower and outside of the governing tent in the hope that better cities will result. If we are to be serious about 'shaking up the city', we will need to work with and on sources of power – to immerse ourselves in the epistemic communities which enjoy dominion over policy registers – and recalibrate the urban 'partition of the sensible. Throughout the paper I make use of the case of the Detroit Geographic Expedition and Institute (DGEI) and associated community mapping programme in Fitzgerald Detroit. The DGEI is cited by radical geographers as the paradigmatic exemplar of good critical urban research. I argue that the DGEI is indeed instructive but for reasons only tangentially related to the claims made on it by radical geographers.

Schedule-Overview

Day 1 – Wednesday 21st August

Time	Activity
12:00	Registration and coffee
12:00 – 13:00	Steering committee meeting
12:00 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00	Session 1 – “ <i>Crises</i> ”
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 17:00	Session 2 – “ <i>Urban dynamics</i> ”
17:00	Welcome reception

Day 2 – Thursday 22nd August

Time	Activity
09:00 – 10:30	Keynote
10:30 – 11:00	Session 3 – “ <i>Nature, urban resilience, ...</i> ”
11:00 – 12:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00	Session 4 – “ <i>Urban areas under pressure</i> ” #1
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 17:30	Session 5 – “ <i>Urban governance</i> ”

Day 3 – Friday 23rd August

Time	Activity
09:00 – 10:30	Session 6 – “ <i>Urban areas under pressure</i> ” #2
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 13:00	Session 7 – “ <i>Urban systems</i> ”
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch and Urban commission business meeting
14:00 – 17:00	Walking tour of Cork City

Conference Programme
Day 1 – Wednesday 21st August

Session 1:

“CRISES” – 13h30-1500 – Chair: María José Piñeira

Presenter	Paper
Celine Rozenblat <i>University of Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland</i>	The growths and declines of cities in globalization: how cities went through the last crises?
Sujayita Bhattacharjee <i>(International Institute for Population Sciences/IIPS, Mumbai, India)</i>	Rethinking Urban Sustainability: Examining Disparities in Public Health. Facilities across Greater Mumbai, India
Ivan Townshend <i>University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge, Canada</i>	Neighbourhood Variation in COVID Funding Relief: Intersections of Marginalization.

Session 2:

“URBAN DYNAMICS” – 15h30-17h00 – Chair: Ludger Basten

Presenter	Paper
Avinadav Birman & Dani Broitman <i>Technion-Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, Israel</i>	Cities follow people or the opposite?
Victor Reyes, Manuel Suárez, Javier Delgado & Ricardo Gómez <i>UNAM, Mexico-City, Mexico</i>	Monocentric or Polycentric? Analysis of Attraction and Concentration Job in Mexico City.
Tomoko Kubo <i>University of Tsukuba, Tsukuba, Japan</i>	New Trends in the shrinking suburbs of Tokyo: characteristics of “selected suburbs”

Day 2 – Thursday 22nd August

Keynote:

9h00-10h30 – Chair: Markus Hesse

Presenter	Paper
Mark Boyle <i>University of Maynooth, Ireland</i>	Estranged! Why critical urban scholars and policy makers don't speak and what we can do about it!
Discussant	
Dr Maedhbh Nic Lochlainn, <i>University College Cork, Cork, Ireland</i>	

Session 3:

“NATURE, URBAN RESILIENCE AND RELATED CRISES” – 11h00-12h30 – Chair: Céline Rozenblat

Presenter	Paper
Reinaldo Paul Pérez Machado <i>University of Sao Paulo, Sao Paulo, Brazil</i>	Coastal cities, impacts and resilience: Case Study of São Luís do Maranhão – Northeast Brazil
Magali Hardouin <i>University of Rennes, Rennes, France</i>	Long live the renatured schoolyards! Example of the renaturation of school playgrounds in the city of Rennes (France)
Jun Yamashita <i>Kyushu University, Fukuoka, Japan</i>	What influences regional adoption of electric vehicles? The case of Japan

Session 4:

“URBAN AREAS UNDER PRESSURE” #1 – 13h30-15h00 – Chair: Manuel Suárez

Presenter	Paper
Daria Shatilo (Bityukova) <i>Institute of Scientific Information for Social Sciences of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia</i>	Immigrant settlement pattern and housing costs in global German cities

<p>Pu Hao <i>Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong, China</i></p>	<p>Grassroots Urbanism: The Dynamics of Informal Commercial Growth in Shenzhen's Urban Villages</p>
<p>Verónica Mejía. Aaron Gutiérrez & Xavier Delclòs-Alió <i>University of Rovira (URV), Tarragona, Spain</i></p>	<p>The temporary and spatial concentration of cruise passengers in Barcelona: an analysis of mobility through GPS data</p>

Session 5:

“URBAN GOVERNANCE” – 15h30-17h30 – Chair: Herman Geyer

Presenter	Paper
<p>Wayne Davies <i>University of Calgary, Calgary, Canada</i></p>	<p>Second home problems and policies: an international review</p>
<p>Ramón López & María José Piñeira <i>University of Santiago de Compostela, Santiago de Compostela, Spain</i></p>	<p>Urban regeneration strategies. What has changed? The case of A Coruña</p>
<p>Karinne Madron & Constance Carr <i>University of Luxembourg, Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg</i></p>	<p>The cloud's shroud: Google's post-political pursuit of a data centre project in Luxembourg</p>
<p>Sara Benceković <i>University of Luxembourg, Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg</i></p>	<p>Finance unleashed, cities unravelled: The financialisation of property and urban real estate in post-Brexit Dublin and Luxembourg</p>
<p>Markus Hesse <i>University of Luxembourg, Esch-sur-Alzette, Luxembourg</i></p>	<p>Planning conflicts in the pluralistic democracy</p>

Day 3 – Friday 23rd August

Session 6:

“URBAN AREAS UNDER PRESSURE” #2 – 9h00-10h30 – Chair: Markus Hesse

Presenter	Paper
Zaiga Krisjane, Maris Berzins, Elina Apsīte-Beriņa & Maris Fogelis <i>University of Latvia, Riga, Latvia</i>	Depopulating small monotowns in Latvia: making sense of urban shrinkage
Lachang Lyu & MingChen Ma, <i>(Capital Normal University, Beijing, China)</i>	The spatial impact effect, mechanism, and heterogeneity of venture capital on regional innovation output: Evidence from 29 provinces in China
Herman Geyer & Gerhard van Lille <i>Stellenbosch University, Stellenbosch, South Africa</i>	The medicalisation of solid waste: Coordination challenges of domestic biomedical risk waste in illegal dumping sites in informal settlements in Cape Town

Session 7:

“URBAN SYSTEMS” – 11h00-13h00 – Chair: Maedhbh Nic Lochlainn

Presenter	Paper
Daniel O’Donoghue <i>Canterbury Christ Church University, UK</i>	The evolution of Irish Urban Systems. Past, Present and Future
Ou Yubin, Desheng Xue, Hongzhang Lin <i>University of Lausanne, Switzerland, Sun Yat-sen University, Guangzhou, China</i>	From western centralism to decentralization: Trends, breakthroughs and limitations in the world city network based on the Winter Olympic Games
Kseniia Artsybasheva <i>Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia</i>	Medium-Sized Cities in Brazil: Modern Development and Roles in the Urban System
Zifeng Chen <i>(Affiliation)</i>	Revisiting Modifiable Areal Unit Problem in Commuting Analyses: A Comparison of Large and Small Cities Using Cell-Phone Data

14h00: Walking tour of Cork City