

## IGU COMMISSION ON THE DYNAMICS OF ECONOMIC SPACES

### 2022 REPORT

#### A. Membership

##### 1. *Steering Committee:*

The Steering Committee of the IGU Commission on the Dynamics of Economic Spaces (CDES) consists of eleven members from different countries. The steering committee contains three women and eight men and has representatives from Europe, North America and Asia. The current members of the Steering Committee are listed as follows:

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##### 2. *Commission Members:*

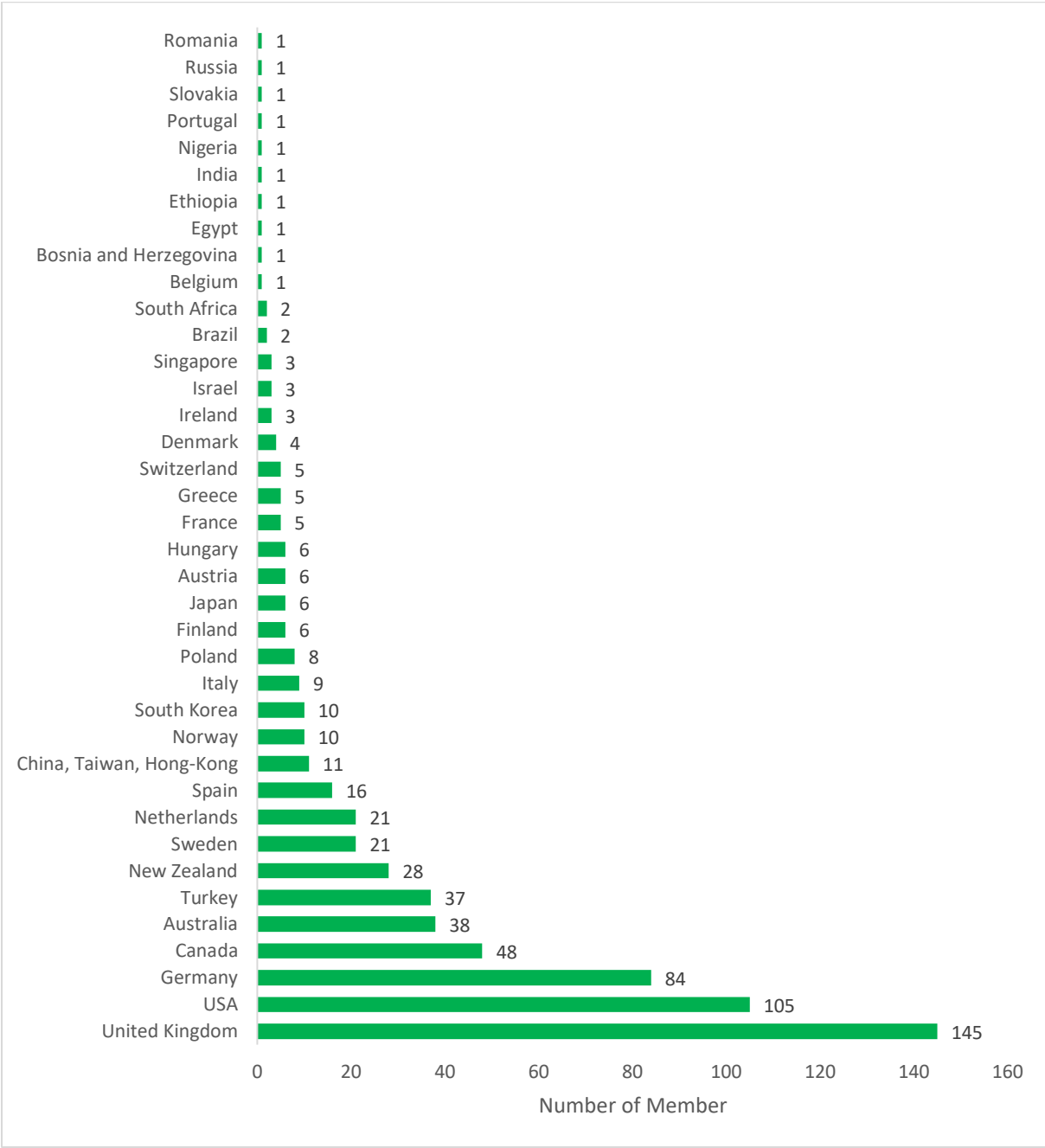
The IGU Commission on the Dynamics of Economic Spaces (CDES) does not have a formal membership base. Our 'membership' list we use to distribute information consists of 657 active email addresses from all over the world (Figure 1). Although the commission currently

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<sup>1</sup> Eva Kiss, from RCAES Geographical Institute, Budapest, Hungaria, will serve as Chair of the IGU CDES for the period 2023-2026 and Nuri Yavan of the Ankara University will become Vice Chair for a two-year period of 2023-2024.

has 38 member countries, half of the members (51%) are from UK (22%), USA (16%) and Germany (13%). When we add Canada (7%), Australia (6%) and New Zealand (4%) to this rate, 68% of the member are from Anglo-American countries (except Germany). In 2022, 30 new members joined the Commission.

Figure 1: IGU Commission on the Dynamic of Economic Spaces Membership by Country (As of 31 December 2022)



## B. Meetings

During 2022 period, the Commission held its traditional annual mini conference on *Reshaping Economic Geography in times of Risk, Uncertainty and Crisis* October 5-7, 2022 in Osnabrück, Germany. The mini conference was organized by the Institute of Geography of Osnabrück University for three 3 days. 30 delegates from 17 universities in 8 countries (such as Germany, Turkey, Sweden, Poland, South Africa, USA, Netherlands and China) were attended to the conference. 19 papers were presented at the conference. The aim of the 2022 IGU-CDES Osnabrück Conference was to generate debate on existing theories and concepts in addressing risks, uncertainties and crises that are potentially reshaping the (globalized) economy, and to stir discussion on the need to rethink or develop new concepts in Economic Geography. The conference was held under six paper sessions plus two plenary sessions on the following themes:

- Regional Resilience
- Reconfiguration of global production networks
- Risk environments
- Uncertainties and risks in innovation and digitalisation
- Sustainable Development
- Impact of Covid-19 on food and beverage industry

The conference started on the first day with the interesting presentations of two keynote speakers and the discussions that followed. In her keynote address, Claudia Simon (Lower Saxony Ministry of Economic Affairs, Labour, Transport and Digitalisation) explained strategic and situational actions made by the State Ministry of Economic Affairs in the Lower Saxony of Germany during the COVID-19 crises and the global crises and presented the concrete experiences from the field. The second keynote speaker, Robert Hassink (Kiel University) debated paradigms in economic geography in times of theoretical pluralism and economic crisis and resilience.

On the second day, 4 sessions were held and the participants presented their papers on Regional Resilience, Reconfiguration of global production networks, Risk environments and Uncertainties and risks in innovation and digitalisation, respectively. These studies, which come from the perspectives of evolutionary and institutional economic geography and Global Production Networks (GPN), provided the opportunity for highly productive and intense discussions.

On the last day, 2 sessions were held and the delegates presented their papers on Sustainable Development and Impact of Covid-19 on food and beverage industry issues in these sessions. These studies, which examine the risks and opportunities created by the green transition process and COVID-19 in the agriculture, food and retail industries, presented important findings on current problems and revealed new ideas-exchanges. As always, the conference ended with a technical field trip about risk mitigation in the logistics sector to visit an international logistics company and the new Container Terminal in the Port of Osnabrück (See Photo in Annex).

On the other hand, in 2022, the Commission participated in the IGU Centennial Congress, held in Paris, France between 18-22 July 2022, by organizing three sessions titled (1) “Real estate and space: where and how to build in a context of no net land take?”, (2) “Centres, Centralité Et Fonction Marchande” and (3) “Post Covid-19 Global pandemic and new world economic order 2020”. Two of them were held in English and one in French, in line with the multilingual nature of the congress. In the third session organized by Indian colleagues, a total of eight presentations were planned in two slots. The four presentations of the first slot dealt with different topics from different parts of the world (link between voting pattern and socio-economic marginalization of some areas in Poland, renewable energy industry of Korea, changes in the Polish car market due to Covid-19 pandemic, shift in the origin of FDI from West to East in Hungary). The second part can even be called the Indian section, because all the speakers and topics were related to one of the most populous countries on Earth, India, and to the various effects of the Covid-19 epidemic (caste system, food crisis, future of Folk art, global epidemics). Two of the planned four presentations were actually delivered, which dealt with the situation of the most peripheral group of Indian society (Dalits) and the food crisis of those who migrated within India, how the epidemic affected them, and what serious consequences it had. After the presentations of the sections, a lively discussion unfolded regarding the various topics. The number of participants was especially high for the first slot, approx. 30 people.

Further planned meetings:

- IGU CDES 2023 Mini-Conference, October or November 2023, Switzerland or Taiwan.
- 35<sup>th</sup> IGU International Geographical Congress 2024, 24-30 August 2024, Dublin, Ireland.
- IGU CDES 2024 Mini-Conference, Adam Mickiewicz University, September 2024, Poznan, Poland.
- 7th Global Conference on Economic Geography, 2025, Worcester, MA, USA.

**C. Networking**

The IGU CDES did not engage in any collaboration with other IGU Commissions and Task Forces as well as collaboration with other international, intergovernmental, and inter- and multi-disciplinary groups in 2022.

During 2022, the CDES had no cooperative efforts with either the International Social Science Council (ISSC) or the International Council for Science (ICSU) and International Council for Philosophy and Human Sciences (CIPSH) programs.

**D. Publications**

**1. Regular Publications:**

Since long time, CDES has a very good reputation in publishing edited book and special issues in international peer-reviewed journals. CDES conferences typically result in the publication of one edited book (sometimes two) that is published as part of Routledge’s (formerly

Ashgate) *Dynamics of Economic Spaces series*. The Commission has already published more than 20 edited books in the series.

CDES has renewed its contract with Routledge in 2018 to publish Commission's series of *Dynamics of Economic Spaces*. Thus, now CDES has continued its very successful publishing relationship with Routledge Publishers. The book series is entitled *The Dynamics of Economic Space* (see <https://www.routledge.com/The-Dynamics-of-Economic-Space/book-series/ASHSER1030>) and the Chair of the Commission serves as the Series Editor.

In 2022, two books were published in the book series of the Commission although two of this books are not an outcome of the direct activity of the commission, actually either collaborated with and supported by the commission or just published under the Commission series but unlinked from the Commission activities. Citation of these books are following:

- Storti, L., Urso, G. and Reid, N (Eds) (2022) *Economies, Institutions, and Territories: Dissecting Nexuses in a Changing World*. Routledge.
- Rakauskienė, O. G., Štreimikienė, D., & Volodzkienė, L. (2022). *Excessive Inequality and Socio-Economic Progress*. Routledge.

Another book published in 2022 by Commission's Routledge book series as outcome of the previous year the commission conference is following:

- Heidkamp, C. P., Morrissey, J. E. and Germond-Duret, C. (Eds) (2022) *Blue Economy: People and Regions in Transitions*, Routledge.

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- 16) Situating Just Transitions: Sustainability, Innovation, and Inclusion in the Blue Economy?

## 2. Commission website:

The commission's current website is accessible under the following address:

<http://igu-cdes.ankara.edu.tr/>



## E. Archival Contributions

CDES has not provided any archival materials available but would be willing to do so.

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Photo 1 and 2: Welcome and Opening Talk by the Chairperson and Organizer of the IGU CDES conference in Osnabrück, Germany, 5-7 October 2022

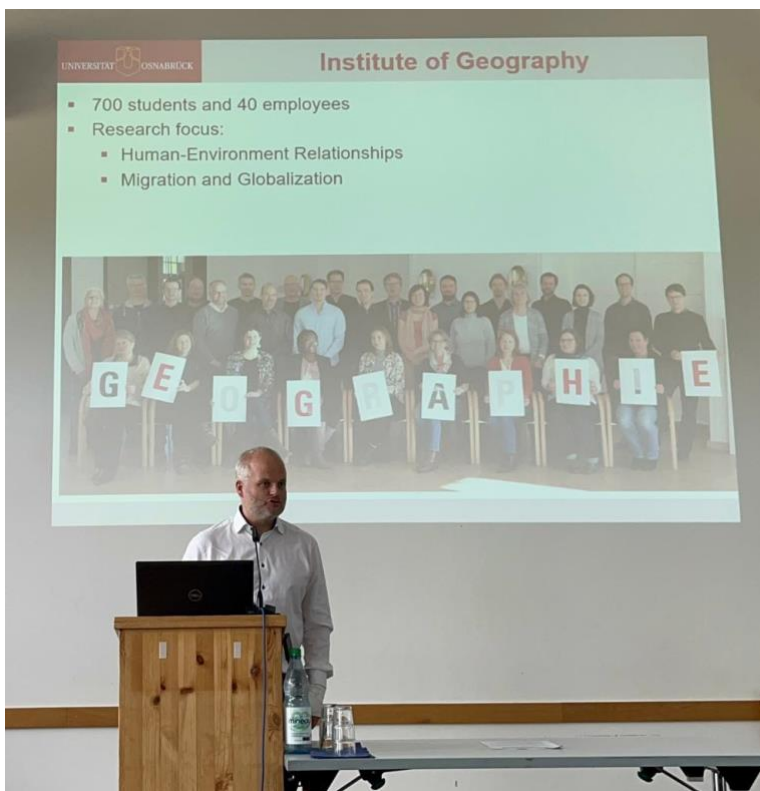


Photo 3 and 4: A discussion and a presentation at the two sessions of the IGU CDES conference in Osnabrück, Germany, 5-7 October 2022



Photo 5: Some of the participants of the IGU CDES conference in Osnabrück, Germany, 5-7 October 2022







Photo 6 and 7: One of the social events of the IGU CDES conference in Osnabrück, Germany, 5-7 October 2022







Photo 8 and 9: Field trip to City town of Osnabrück and Logistic Container Terminal in the Port of Osnabrück at the end of the IGU CDES conference in Osnabrück, Germany, 5-7 October 2022

