



9th ICCG MÉXICO 2023 International Conference of Critical Geographies

“Territorialities in resistance in the face of extractivism: Geographies from below and on the left”

CALL FOR VIRTUAL SESSIONS OCTOBER 16th - 17th, 2023

In the ninth edition of the International Conference of Critical Geographies, we have decided to open the invitation to participate in the virtual modality, in order to take advantage of the technologies that allow us to reduce the spatial-temporal barrier of physical spaces. The purpose is to initiate a debate based on the proposals received from different latitudes of the world around eleven proposed thematic axes, and to broaden the geographical horizons resulting from the different visions of the people who participate.

Thus, through this call for proposals, we announce the dates of the virtual event, which will take place on 16th to 17th October 2023, integrating participations in the same topics of discussion that we proposed for the in-person event.

We make a clarification in this regard, to participate in the virtual modality is necessary to apply through the form that we share in this call. The works sent to the themed sessions whose call has already closed will be presented exclusively in person in Mexico. **The two calls are independent and it is not possible to transfer works from one modality to the other.**

Due to the concern that various people have expressed to us, and knowing that, despite the facilities and scholarships that we will offer, it is not always possible to travel to the venue of the event, we have decided to hold two days of virtual sessions prior to holding our conference in Mexico City. In the event there will be an inaugural keynote speech and a closing plenary. This will only consist of presentations addressed to the topics mentioned below.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION AND LEARNING

1. Migration, forced displacement and border (de)construction

Human mobility has historically been analyzed from the economic, social and cultural angle, but also from the security one. Borders between States, far from disappearing with globalization, have been strengthened and have played a strategic role in the international scenario and in contemporary migratory flows. Today, when mixed migration (economic and forced) is more visible, given the magnitude of the forced displacements that accompany the historical routes of migratory flows, a profound critical reflection is urgently needed. This topic invites to reflect on this social problem, from a theoretical and methodological perspective, but also from a historical and political point of view.

2. Movements in defense of territory, autonomy projects, geographies for peace and human rights

The thematic sessions of this topic seek to generate a space for meeting, dialogue and critical reflection on different experiences of struggle of movements in defense of territory, life and those who aim to build counter-hegemonic autonomies. It is our interest to problematize and share theoretical, methodological, political and practical approaches, situated from each territory and from each social formation, around these struggles, movements and autonomous projects from the horizon of Human Rights and peace studies in general; but, above all, from different proposals that have emerged regarding geographies for peace and socio-territorial rights in context of armed and unarmed violence, in processes of militarization and paramilitarization or other social conflicts.

3. Socio-spatial (in)justice and uneven development ahead of megaprojects and urban realities

The territorial models imposed by capitalism are processes based on the uneven geographical development, which result in socio-spatial injustice at multiple scales (both in the inner space of cities and in the territories with which they are related by energetic, demographic, political, economic reasons, etc).

In this topic we are looking for works that delve into the impacts suffered by communities that are exposed to the injustice of neoliberal urbanization, as well as the strategies of resistance of these communities against megaprojects or other dynamics of dispossession and unequal appropriation of resources.

4. Counter-cartographies, bodycartographies and other expanded cartographies

Cartography as a language of expression and spatial representation allows us to explore and reveal multiple territorialities, proposing counter-hegemonic narratives, as well as an analysis of territories and their actors that bring into play different dimensions of the experience of space. In this sense, the body and corporeality are revealed as spatial categories that are socially, culturally, environmentally and politically traversed; they embody spatial experiences and, therefore, are constantly transformed with their mobile cartographies. We call here to participate with investigations and reflections that, from the cartographic language, account for both the different scales in which the extractivist model is evident, as well as the equally multi-scale resistances that are built against it.

5. Climate crises, ecopolitics, environmental (in)justice and non-human territorialities

The evident planetary deterioration, as a consequence of human action and exacerbated by the extractivist model, has led us to deepen our understanding of the Earth as a complex entity. New perspectives force us to abandon and question the anthropocentric stance and lead us to take greater responsibility for the future of the planet; and, at the same time, to observe the territorial inequalities generated by power relations and economic interests exercised on the environment. This topic integrates works that, from critical geography, evidence structures and power relations responsible for the climate crisis, as well as its consequences; or that propose alternatives to the capitalist self-destructive evolution that allow us to have a better relationship with the Earth and transform the current environmental reality.

6. Feminisms, gender, bodies and sexualities

Feminist geographies have made visible the inequalities experienced by women and girls facing discrimination, male violence and patriarchal structures.

They also integrate the geographies of gender and sexualities that broaden the critical view from dissidence, in search of affective territories and rights for all ways of being, loving and inhabiting the world. It is from the body that struggles are framed and a multiplicity of sex-gendered and performative identities in resistance are positioned. Community and decolonial feminisms have woven a theoretical basis of making political the act of healing through the territory-body-earth. Understanding the body as a historical territory, meant and linked to the web of life, the defense of the territories from collective care is proposed.

7. Geographies of racism and racialization, inter-ethnic conflict and variegated landscapes

In this topic we seek to put the many genealogies that make up anti-racist and anticolonial thought and struggle in Abya Yala and other regions of the planet at the center of the discussion. The objectives are: to establish dialogues with struggles against structural racism in other parts of the world, with particular emphasis on the Global South, to share theoretical and analytical tools and generate spaces for practical intervention to build different worlds, as well as to consider the anti-racist perspective to mobilize intersectional analyses of our complex realities. We seek, then, to incorporate works that critically analyze environmental, structural and systemic racism, the dispossession of racialized populations, and histories of struggle against global systems of oppression. Priority will be given to works by scholars and/or activists traditionally marginalized by the academy: indigenous and native people, Afro descendants, black people and other racialized groups in both the Global North and South.

8. Teaching-learning geography, geopedagogies and decolonial didactics

In this topic we seek to share and exchange ideas and knowledge that, through didactic proposals and the implementation of alternative and interdisciplinary teaching-learning tools and strategies, allow both students and teachers to become active subjects in the transformation of their social and geographical reality from a critical, decolonial and liberating stance. Also, as a point of discussion to be developed for this topic, we believe it necessary to give importance to the way in which Geography is taught and how geographic knowledge is taught and learned in different social contexts and educational levels, as well as in non-formal and popular education.

9. (Counter)geopolitics from Latin America and the Caribbean: dialogues between the Global South and the North

The World System, as a category that allows us to analyze the spatial expression of power exercised by historically hegemonic territories, has been integrated into an emerging epistemological transformation in Latin America and the Caribbean. Relevant contributions have been made in this region to understand the role that the extractivist model plays in this sense, proposing paradigms that deconstruct coloniality and offer alternatives. We invite to participate in this dialogue between the global souths and norths with works that focus on the tensions, conflicts, hegemonies and counter-hegemonies that are generated in the disputed territories.

10. Artivisms and territorial practices from the arts

We consider dance, theater, music, visual arts and literature to be territorial practices and representations that have a powerful political discourse for both resistance and social transformation. Likewise, beyond being cultural expressions, they are vehicles for peace building, since they promote channels of communication and points of encounter in the midst of territorial divergences and tensions. But also, the arts are presented to the world as a range of possibilities for self-defense, as they have the power to resist and protect vulnerable identities in conflict zones. Through artistic actions, other ways of constructing and inhabiting fragmented and forgotten territories re-emerge. Therefore, art is a political instrument for territorial and identity vindication, an action tool for activism, which merge and define artivism. In this topic we invite to share and make geography from and in artivism, as a methodology for action and community research.

11. Spaces for participation, virtual reality and new technologies

The globalization of content and the universalization of access to the Internet and new technologies, together with their ease to use, have made possible the incorporation of innovative tools for the field of action and social transformation. The access to data and the speed of the flow of information that these instruments allow, make them important amplifiers of participatory methodologies. We call here for proposals and experiences that account for the challenges, scope and limitations of the use of technological instruments for the strengthening or awareness of territories and their collectives that resist and struggle against dispossession and extractivism.

CALL FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

We would like to thank you for your interest in participating in the virtual modality, for the submission of papers you must fill out the form provided below, it should be noted that papers via e-mail will not be accepted.

<https://bit.ly/3PyS5tO>

Considering that this is just one more modality within our conference and the time available is very limited, we inform you that 200 papers will be selected for the virtual event, distributed along the 11 topics mentioned.

For your proposals consider the following requirements:

Title

3-5 keywords

Author(s)

Abstract between 500-1000 words

IMPORTANT DATES TO KEEP IN MIND ARE

Opening and closing period for papers: May 8th to July 1st

Call for papers: May 8th

Deadline for receiving papers with extended date: July 20th

Notice of Acceptance: August 1st

End of payment for registration to virtual event: September 1st

Cost

Without concession: 50 dollars

With concession: 25 dollars

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