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1. Updates from *Asian Geographer*

***Asian Geographer*: Updates for first half of 2022**

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. In 2021, manuscripts on average received a post-review first decision in 64 days. For details of the journal's submission requirements, please visit <https://www.tandfonline.com/journals/rage>.

The first half of 2022 saw the successful debut of *Asian Geographer*'s annual lecture series at the American Association of Geographers annual meeting, which was held online in February. Over 60 researchers joined Professor Neil Brenner, Lucy Flower Professor of Urban Sociology at The University of Chicago, for his lecture entitled "Extended Urbanization: A Concept in Search of a Theory?", during which he reflected on the theoretical and empirical challenges of researching contemporary urbanization in Asia and beyond through the concept of extended urbanization. The lecture was preceded by an introduction of the journal to the audience, and the launch of Professor Brenner's two books in Chinese, *City, Territory, Planet: Essays in Critical Urban Theory* and *New State Spaces*. In the same meeting, *Asian Geographer* also sponsored two sessions on "New Technologies and Urban Transformation", with presentations covering the varying socio-spatial implications of the development and use of smart, digital and green technologies in various forms.

Looking into the near future, we invite you to check out the next issue (39.2) of *Asian Geographer*, which will be published in August 2022. This issue includes six papers – all already published online – contributed by scholars based in China, Germany, Japan, Indonesia, the United States, and Sri Lanka, among others. Four of them are full-length research articles, covering critical issues in food security assessment, sustainable tourism, urban expansion, and environmental injustice. The two others are contributions to "Asian Geography in Brief", our section for brief reports (no longer than 4,000 words) on findings from recent fieldwork and data analysis.

- Setiadi, R., Artiningsih, A., Sophianingrum, M., & Satriani, T. (2022). The dimension of rural-urban linkage of food security assessment: An Indonesian case study. *Asian Geographer*, 39(2), 113-131. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10225706.2020.1768570>
- Akbar, I., & Yang, Z. (2022). The influence of tourism revenue sharing constraints on sustainable tourism development: A study of Aksu-Jabagly nature reserve, Kazakhstan. *Asian Geographer*, 39(2), 133-153. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10225706.2021.1894462>

- Subasinghe, S., Wang, R., Simwanda, M., Murayama, Y., & Vitanova, L. L. (2022). Neighborhood dynamics of urban expansion based on morphological spatial pattern analysis and geospatial techniques: A case study of the Colombo metropolitan area, Sri Lanka. *Asian Geographer*, 39(2), 155-175. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10225706.2021.1903519>
- Basu, P., & Chakraborty, J. (2022). Hazardous industries and distributive environmental injustice in Ahmedabad, India. *Asian Geographer*, 39(2), 177-198. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10225706.2021.1930078>
- Van Nguyen, C., Schwabe, J., & Hassler, M. (2022). Value chains and the role of middlemen in white shrimp farming in Central Vietnam. *Asian Geographer*, 39(2), 199-208. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10225706.2021.1886953>
- Shen, J. (2022). Globalization, population flow and the spatial diffusion of COVID-19. *Asian Geographer*, 39(2), 209-217. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10225706.2021.1910526>

For more of *Asian Geographer*'s latest articles – covering Belt and Road infrastructure, participatory planning in Seoul, climate change adaptation on Koh Tao, and much more, please

visit:

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

(Provided by Prof. Jiang Xu, Editor-in-Chief of *Asian Geographer*, jiangxu@cuhk.edu.hk)

2. Activities of Working Groups

- **AGA Young Geographers Working Group (AGA-YGWG):** Organized by Nanjing Normal University, Geographical Society of China, China Society of Natural Resources, China Association for Geospatial Information Society, Chinese National Committee of International Society for Digital Earth, AGA Young Geographers Working Group, the Second National Geographic Analysis and Modelling Workshop will be held online from July 30th to August 6th, 2022. The main courses of the workshop include GeoDetector, GeoSOS, HASM, GWmodelS. So far more than 1800 participants have registered for the virtual event. Participants are requested to submit reports and will be assessed when the training courses end. The qualified trainees will be presented certificates issued by the organizers. A contest on geographic analysis and model developing and application will be held after the workshop. The organizers plan to hold the next workshop as an international webinar to attract more international scholars. For more information, please visit <https://geomodeling.njnu.edu.cn/modelTrainingCourse/>

- **AGA Working Group on Cultural Geography (AGA-WGCG):** AGA-WGCG will jointly organize sessions with IGU Commission on Cultural Approaches in Geography during the IGU Centennial Congress, which will be held during July 18th – 22nd, 2022 in Paris and online. For more information, please visit the congress website: <https://www.ugiparis2022.org/>

Organized by AGA Working Group on Cultural Geography, the workshop “Asian Atlas of Culture and Heritage” will be held during the 5th Asian Conference on Geography. More details of the workshop will be announced on the conference website. <http://acg2021.tnu.edu.vn/>

3. News from Pakistan Geographical Association (PGA)

Under the auspices of the Pakistan Geographical Association (PGA), the 17th International Geographical Conference themed "Impact of Climate Change on Water and Agricultural Sustainability" organized by Department of Geography & Geomatics, University of Peshawar was held at Bara Gali Summer Campus dated May 23-26, 2022.



The conference was attended by over 150 Geographers from all over Pakistan and abroad. During the PGA Business Session, the outgoing PGA executive body presented the PGA progress report. After that the election for new PGA executive body was convened by Prof Dr Safdar Ali Shirazi, Chairman, Department of Geography, University of the Punjab Lahore and the new PGA executive body was elected. Prof Dr. Atta- ur- Rehman, Chairman Department of Geography & Geomatics, University of Peshawar was elected as new president of the Pakistan Geographical Association.



The Department of Geography, University of the Punjab, in collaboration with Pakistan Geographical Association (PGA), organized a successful post-doctoral colloquium at the Department's Masaud A. Mian RS & GIS Lab, where Dr. Noor Hussain Chandio (Assistant Professor, Department of Geography, Shah Abdul Latif University, Khairpur-Sindh) was conferred a postdoctoral research certificate. Dr. Chandio completed his Postdoc research work under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Safdar Ali Shirazi. He worked on the Implications of Urbanization on Agricultural Lands (A Case Study of Khairpur District-Sindh).

This was followed by yet another event; the 1st PakTurk International Symposium was virtually and jointly organized by the Department of Geography, University of the Punjab and Department of Geography, Karabuk University, Turkey between June 3-4, 2022. The symposium was themed around "Historical Linkages between Pakistan and Turkey Past, Present and Future Prospects". A large number of participants attended the symposium where more than 50 oral presentations were presented by the researchers from both Turkey and Pakistan.



(Provided by Prof. Safdar Ali Shirazi, PGA, geoshirazi@hotmail.com)

4. News from Nepal Geographical Society (NGS)

The 50th Annual Generally Assembly (AGM) of Nepal Geographical Society (NGS) was held on 25 June, 2022 in Kathmandu Nepal. Along with other business, the AGM elected new executive team to work for the next two years. The complete list of executive committees is as follows:

SN	Name	Position
1	Dr. Bipin Kumar Acharya	President
2	Mr. Mukunda Gautam	Vice-President
3	Dr. Basanta Paudel	General Secretary
4	Mr. Tibendra Raj Banskota	Join-Secretary
5	Mrs. Moina Goire	Treasurer
6	Mr. Basanta Neupane	Member
7	Mr. Khagendra Raj Poudel	Member
8	Dr. Raju Rai	Member
9	Mr. Tej Prasad Sigdel	Member



Some glimpse after 50th AGM of NGS

NGS is planning to organize series of webinar on monthly basis on different crosscutting contemporary issues from geographic perspective. University faculties, PhD students and professional geographers working in different sector are expected to join the events. To strengthen international ties/networking, international conference will be organized by NGS in near future. The conference will be best platform for professional geographers to share their research findings and development in geography discipline.

(Provided by Dr. Basanta Paudel, Secretary General of NGS, basantapaudel11@gmail.com)

5. Report from Philippine Geographical Society (PGS)

- **Lahat Dapat: Toolkit for Inclusive DRR**

Together with Salikhain Kolektib and funded by Elrha's Humanitarian Innovation Fund (HIF), the Philippine Geographical Society (PGS) is currently implementing "Lahat Dapat: Toolkit for Inclusive DRRM". The project collaboration entails creative, community-based, and participatory activities geared towards making local disaster risk

reduction and management more inclusive. Among the project components are the following methods which are being implemented in three localities in the Philippines:

- A card-game for inclusive DRRM
- A participatory photography activity for community members
- A geonarratives and
- Visual mapping activity

- **Project Mapathon**

The implementation of Project Mapathon was concluded in March 2022. Project Mapathon is a component of Project Konek which is a collaboration between the PGS and Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation (PDRF). The project conducted mapping activities in 12 barangays in Quezon City, with the aim of providing capacity building in the partner barangays and aid in the creation of their local maps that will be used in their disaster risk reduction and management activities. The barangays were provided with a compiled risk atlas of their locality derived from the series of mapping activities.

- **2022 PGS Lecture Series (PGS LS) and Geography Webinar Series**

The PGS LS is a monthly virtual knowledge-sharing talk and conversation among geography practitioners, alumni, and allies in the field showcasing research and practice focused on the Philippines. In coordination with the UP Department of Geography, the following lectures and webinars have been conducted in 2022:

LECTURE	DATE
Pahayag at Saliw ng Paninindigan Tungkol sa Pag-Aaral ng Kalamidad: Presentasyon ng Pagsasalin sa Wikang Filipino ng Disaster Studies Manifesto and Accord	January 21, 2022
Placemaking in Pinagbayanan	February 28, 2022
Japan as an imagined landscape and reality: A Geographer's checklist for beginners	March 12, 2022
Charting Subaltern Foodscapes: Situating Hunger in an Estuarial Community	March 18, 2022
Visualizing Geospatial Data in Interactive Maps and Apps	April 22, 2022
Mountain Tourism: The Case of Mount Ararat	March 28, 2022
Living in a Material (COVID-19) World	May 6, 2022
Measuring Vulnerability and Resilience	May 28, 2022
Cities With nature: The Important Role of Subnational Governments in the Protection and Conservation of Urban Biodiversity	June 30, 2022

(Provided by Dr. Emmanuel Garcia, President of PGS, ebgarcia1@up.edu.ph)

6. News from Korean Geographical Society (KGS)

- The Korean Geographical Society held the 2022 annual conference from June 24 to 25 at Kyung Hee University. The conference had been done in enthusiastic engagement.
- The 15th KCJ Joint Conference on Geography has been canceled and postponed to next year. The KCJ stands for Korea, Chinese, and Japan, and the conference is held once every two years in each country. To have an offline meeting, the organizing country, South Korea has decided to postpone the conference to next year. Geographers in three countries are expected to meet next year in Seoul, South Korea. The detailed schedule will be informed around next March in 2023.
- Professor Sung-Hoon Jung has been appointed as the new president of KGS. The period of appointment is from Jan 1, 2023, to Dec 31, 2024. Below shows his email address and affiliation: Professor Sung-Hoon Jung, email: shjung@kangwon.ac.kr, Department of Geography Education, College of Education, Kangwon National University.
- New professional development program led by the international division of KGS: The committee at the KGS International division launched the informal online meeting (via Zoom) for MZ generation. It is a compound word that is composed of two generations (Millennials and Generation Z). Technically speaking, it is a meeting for a group that seeks to serve as a bridge between young- and experienced geographers. The Zoom meeting is titled, "*Professional Development: Online Networking for Young (MZ Generation) Geographers*", and is organized to mainly provide networking opportunities for young geographers. The first meeting was held on April 30, and the agenda for the meeting was about pursuing successful career paths. The second meeting was held on July 2. On that day, strategies regarding attending and presenting at international conferences and seeking and handling international research collaboration were discussed. About 20 to 30 early career researchers and graduate students have been attending the meetings so far. Three more meetings are being scheduled this year. While these Zoom meetings have been conducted in Korean so far, this networking meeting is also being scheduled to be conducted in English to reach early career researchers from more diverse backgrounds. Information regarding this series of meetings is available on the LinkedIn page of the KGS (<https://www.linkedin.com/company/kgeography/>).

(Provided by Prof. Byungyun Yang, KGS, yby94@dgu.ac.kr)

7. News from Geographical Society of China (GSC)

2022 International Science and Technology Innovation Conference on Green Development Held Online

Sponsored by the China's Association for Science and Technology (CAST), the 2022 International Science and Technology Innovation Conference on Green Development was held online on July 6th, 2022.

As one of the five sections of the Conference, co-organized by the Geographical Society of China (GSC), Institute of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, Chinese Academy of Sciences (IGSNRR, CAS), Government of Wuzhong City, Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region of China, University of Ningxia, Session 5 – Meeting on Green Agriculture - Geographical Indications Environment and Sustainability was held online on June 30th, 2022.

The session was chaired by Prof. Guoyou Zhang, Vice President & Secretary General of the GSC. Firstly, he introduced the invited guests and keynote speakers. The opening ceremony began with two welcome speeches, respectively by Prof. FU Bojie, Chairman of Supervisor Board of GSC, Academician of Chinese Academy of Sciences, and Mr. MA Tongsong, Deputy Mayor of the Wuzhong City, Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region of China. Then, a video was played to demonstrate the beautiful and ecological industry of Wuzhong City. The video was followed by three keynote presentations on the topic of International Science and Technology Innovation on GI Environment & Sustainability, which were: “GIES and IP: Methodology of Science and Technology for Geographical Indications Environment & Sustainability with the Intellectual Property” made by Prof. LIU Chuang, Professor of IGSNRR, CAS, “Regional Implementation in Asia and Pacific of FAO OCOP Program” made by Dr. Xuan Li, Senior Policy Officer and OCOP Regional Lead FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, and “Agri-ecological Condition of Pomegranate Cultivation and Sustainable Production of Pomegranate Juice in the Regions of Azerbaijan” made by Dr. Mirnuh Ismayilov, President of Azerbaijan Geographical Society and Dr. Emil Jabrayilov, Executive Committee member of Azerbaijan Geographical Society.

At last, two cases and practices were shared with the participants. One was “Green Development based on the geo-bio diversity of Panshi City in Jilin Province of China”, presented by Mr. YU Jiqu, Secretary of the CPC Panshi City Committee and Member of the Standing Committee of the CPC Jilin Province of China, the other was “Traceability Technology and Standardization of Yanchi Tan Sheep Arid Grassland Case on Ecosystem Protection and Sustainable Development”, introduced by Dr. WU Genhong, Marketing Manager of Yanchi Tan Sheep Group of Ningxia.

In conclusion, Prof. LIAO Xiaohan, Director of GSC Working Committee on Geographical Big Data made a brief summary of the meeting.



Group Picture of the Meeting on Green Agriculture - Geographical Indications Environment and Sustainability (online), June 30th, 2022

(Provided by Ms. Xuanzi Zhang, GSC, igc2016@igsnr.ac.cn)

8. News from Geographical Society of Uzbekistan (GSU)

International scientific-practical conference on the topic "Hydrometeorological research in the context of climate change: current problems and their solutions" was organized by National University of Uzbekistan and Geographic Society of Uzbekistan on June 3, 2022

The purpose of the conference was to discuss the results of researches in the fields of hydrology, meteorology, climatology and natural and economic-social geography in the Republic of Uzbekistan and foreign countries, current problems and their solutions, achievements and main directions, exchange of experience, attracting talented young scientists to promising scientific directions is to highlight the integration of science and innovation in the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The issues discussed at the conference are the implementation of scientific and technical programs on the priority directions of the university's scientific activities of departments, faculties; in further strengthening of scientific cooperation between republican and foreign higher educational institutions, scientific-research institutions; will be important in actively involving researchers in the development of relevant fields of hydrometeorology and in helping to strengthen scientific relations with leading experts abroad.

The international scientific-practical conference on the topic "Hydrometeorological research in the conditions of climate change: current problems and their solutions" held at the National University of Uzbekistan was devoted to one of the global problems of the world, in particular climate change. At the end of the conference, scientific proposals and recommendations were developed for further development of international cooperation in researches aimed at solving the current problems of climate change, adaptation to climate change observed on a global scale.



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9. News from Vietnam Association of Geographers (VAG)

- Organized by Thai Nguyen University (TNU), Vietnam Association Geographers (VAG), Asian Geographical Association (AGA), the 5th Asian Conference on Geography will be held at Thai Nguyen University from September 5-9, 2022. The conference will be held both offline and online. The conference is still calling for papers and abstracts. Due to numerous requests, the submission deadline has been extended to July 30th, 2022. For the more information please see the conference website: acg2021.tnu.edu.vn
- The Vietnam Association Geographers will hold the 13th National Geographic Conference at the end of November 2022 in Hanoi.
 - **Theme of the conference:** Geography of Vietnam focuses on rational use and recovery of natural resources and circular economy development.

➤ **The main topics of the Conference:**

Theoretical issues on national and regional geographical studies and modern issues in geographical research;

Geographical conditions and natural disasters at regions and administrative units;

Management, exploitation and rational use of natural resources;

resource recovery; ecosystem services, ecotourism and sustainable development;

Theoretical issues of circular economy associated with geographical science;

Innovation in geography;

Geography training

For more information, please see the link: <https://sites.google.com/view/hnkhdlq13>

(Provided by Professor Lai Vinh Cam, VAG, lvcamminh04@yahoo.com)

10. News – The AGA President Dahe Qin and AGA Vice President Yuji Murayama awarded IGU Lauréat d’Honneur 2022

AGA President Prof. Dahe Qin and AGA Vice President Prof. Yuji Murayama have been awarded IGU Lauréat d’Honneur 2022. The IGU Lauréat d’honneur was established to recognize individuals who have achieved particular distinction or who have rendered outstanding service in the work of the IGU or in international geography. In the year 2022, this award will be presented to four eminent scientists of the world. The award ceremony will be held at the closing ceremony of the IGU Centennial Congress, to be held in Paris in July 22nd, 2022.

See more details at the link below:

<https://igu-online.org/igu-awards-announced/>





Congratulations to Prof. Qin and Prof. Murayama on winning this prestigious award!

(Provided by Xuanzi Zhang, Secretary & Treasurer of the AGA, acg2018@igsnr.ac.cn)

11. Forthcoming Events

- **The 5th Asian Conference on Geography** is scheduled to be held from September 5-9, 2022 in Thai Nguyen, Vietnam. Website: <http://acg2021.tnu.edu.vn/>
- **The Council Meeting of the AGA 2022 and the Business Meeting of the AGA Executive Committee 2022** will be held during the 5th Asian Conference on Geography in Vietnam.
- **The IGU Centennial Congress** will be held from July 18-22, 2022 in Paris, France. Website: <https://www.ugiparis2022.org/>
- **The IAG Regional Conference on Geomorphology** will be postponed again due to the pandemic and the final decision will be made after the 10th International Conference on Geomorphology, to be held in September in Coimbra, Portugal. The website will be upgraded and new important dates will be announced soon. Website: <https://rcg2020.um.ac.ir/index.php/en/>
- **The 15th Korea-China-Japan Joint Conference on Geography (KCJJCG)** which was scheduled from Oct 14 to 17, 2022 in Seoul, Korea, will be postponed to 2023, to be held at offline format. The new dates of the conference will be announced in March 2023. Website: <https://2022kcj.org/>