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From Vulnerability to Resilience: a Geographical Assessment of Community-Led Flood Adaptation in Rapidly Urbanizing Areas	C24.01-African Studies
Geo-Spatial Conflict	C24.01-African Studies
Africa and Climate Change	C24.01-African Studies
Africa and Natural Resource Use/Management	C24.01-African Studies
African Development Challenges and Trajectories	C24.01-African Studies
Environmental Issues and Challenges in Sub-Saharan Africa	C24.01-African Studies
Regional Integration in Africa and Changing Global Balances	C24.01-African Studies
Migration, Regional Integration and Development	C24.01-African Studies
Food Security and Human Survival in Africa	C24.01-African Studies
Geo-Spatial Conflict	C24.01-African Studies
Agriculture's Contribution to Reaching Net Zero	C24.02-Agricultural Geography and Land Engineering
Swidden Agriculture (Shifting Cultivation) and Tropical Forests: Their Sustainability, Dynamics, and Environmental/Socio-Economic Impacts	C24.02-Agricultural Geography and Land Engineering
The World's Mountains in the Anthropocene	C24.04-Biogeography and Biodiversity
Navigating the Climate Crisis in the Global South	C24.05-Climatology
Impacts of Climate Change and Human Sphere Adaptation	C24.05-Climatology
Climate Variability in a Decade of Climate Change and Extremes in Mediterranean Basin	C24.05-Climatology
Urban Climate	C24.05-Climatology
Climate Justice: Territories, Actors and Processes	C24.05-Climatology
Extreme Weather and Climate Events: Causes, Consequences, and Impacts	C24.05-Climatology



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Smart Cities and Climate-Sensitive Infrastructure	C24.05-Climatology
Geographical Perspective on the Protection of Historical and Cultural Heritage	C24.08-Cultural Geography, Society and Heritage
Geographical Perspective on the Protection of Historical and Cultural Heritages	C24.08-Cultural Geography, Society and Heritage
Humor and Geography — Mapping the Laughter	C24.08-Cultural Geography, Society and Heritage
Entangled Scientific Landscapes: Discourses and Reality of the Physical and Human (Cultural) Geographies's Interactions	C24.08-Cultural Geography, Society and Heritage
Grounding the Planetary: Place-Based Knowledge, Creative Collaboration, and Geography's Interdisciplinary Futures	C24.08-Cultural Geography, Society and Heritage
Beyond Representation: Cultural Geographies in the Age of the Anthropocene	C24.08-Cultural Geography, Society and Heritage
Global Science and the Geographies of Knowledge - 1. From the Classroom to the Field: Negotiating Global Norms and Local Practices in Geography.	C24.08-Cultural Geography, Society and Heritage
Heritage, Museum and Innovation	C24.08-Cultural Geography, Society and Heritage
Artistic, Cultural, and Creative Practices and Initiatives 'On The Edge': Beyond The Core-Periphery Divide	C24.08-Cultural Geography, Society and Heritage
Geographical Dynamics of Circular Economy	C24.09-Dynamics of Economic Spaces
Digitalization and Employment: Challenges for Inclusion and Diversity in the Industry 4.0 New Spatial Configurations	C24.09-Dynamics of Economic Spaces
Dynamics of Entrepreneurship in Different Contexts	C24.09-Dynamics of Economic Spaces
The Curriculum of Environmental Education as a Single Subject	C24.10-Environmental Evolution
The Situation of Afghan Women Under the Resurgence of the Taliban Patriarchy	C24.11-Gender and Geography: Care, Connection and Change
Gender and Sexuality	C24.11-Gender and Geography: Care, Connection and Change
Decolonial Thinking in Feminist Geographies	C24.11-Gender and Geography: Care, Connection and Change
Mapping Gendered and Embodied Geographies of Migration: Art Based, Creative and Participatory Approaches	C24.11-Gender and Geography: Care, Connection and Change



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Geographic Education in a Plural World: Advancing Diversity and Inclusion	C24.12-Geographical Education
Geotechnical Landscapes and Ecotourism: Science, Sustainability, and Stakeholders	C24.13-Geographical Information Science
Climate Change and Sustainability Issues: an Exposure–Sensitivity–Adaptive Capacity Approach for Achieving Sdgs	C24.14-Geography and Sustainability (Geography for Future Earth: Coupled Human-Earth Systems for Sustainability)
Landscape Sustainability Science and the Sustainable Development Goals	C24.14-Geography and Sustainability (Geography for Future Earth: Coupled Human-Earth Systems for Sustainability)
Georelationality: Conceptual and Practical Framework to Cope With More-Than-Humans in Regional and Urban Planning	C24.14-Geography and Sustainability (Geography for Future Earth: Coupled Human-Earth Systems for Sustainability)
GeoAI for Sustainable Development Goals	C24.14-Geography and Sustainability (Geography for Future Earth: Coupled Human-Earth Systems for Sustainability)
Integrated Geography for Sustainable Development	C24.14-Geography and Sustainability (Geography for Future Earth: Coupled Human-Earth Systems for Sustainability)
Human-Earth System Feedbacks Under a Changing Climate	C24.14-Geography and Sustainability (Geography for Future Earth: Coupled Human-Earth Systems for Sustainability)
Viable Sustainability	C24.14-Geography and Sustainability (Geography for Future Earth: Coupled Human-Earth Systems for Sustainability)
Operationalizing GeoAI for Sustainability	C24.14-Geography and Sustainability (Geography for Future Earth: Coupled Human-Earth Systems for Sustainability)
AI for Urban Governance; Opportunities and Challenges	C24.15-Geography of Governance
Urban Planning and Ai. Opportunities and Challenges	C24.15-Geography of Governance
Local and Urban Governance: Trends, Challenges, and Innovations	C24.15-Geography of Governance
Digital Planning and Territories	C24.16-Geography of Digital Society and Connected World
Digital Societies, Peace-Building, and the Production of Territorial (In)Justice	C24.16-Geography of Digital Society and Connected World
Geospatial Technologies and Addressing Urban and Rural Sustainability Issues	C24.16-Geography of Digital Society and Connected World
Airports as Hubs of the Digital Society: Interactions Between Space, Technology and Mobility	C24.16-Geography of Digital Society and Connected World
Digital Night Studies	C24.16-Geography of Digital Society and Connected World



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Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Planning: What Challenges for the Making of Urban Environments?	C24.16-Geography of Information, Innovation and Technology
Climate Change, Social Vulnerability and Adaptation in Tourist Destinations at the Margins	C24.17-Geography of Tourism, Leisure, and Global Change
Inclusive Tourism and Leisure: Global Design, Local Realities	C24.17-Geography of Tourism, Leisure, and Global Change
Tourism Geography in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: Rethinking Human–Environment Interactions in a Digital Era	C24.17-Geography of Tourism, Leisure, and Global Change
Rethinking Tourism as a Site of Protest, Resistance and Political Action	C24.17-Geography of Tourism, Leisure, and Global Change
Geographies of Heritage Tourism	C24.17-Geography of Tourism, Leisure, and Global Change
Community Empowerment, Justice, and the Local in Tourism	C24.17-Geography of Tourism, Leisure, and Global Change
Resilience and Sustainability in Tourism Geographies	C24.17-Geography of Tourism, Leisure, and Global Change
Immobility, Stuckness, and Work	C24.17-Geography of Tourism, Leisure, and Global Change
Tourism and Community Resilience: Symbiosis and Conflicts in the Anthropocene	C24.17-Geography of Tourism, Leisure, and Global Change
Tourism in Peripheries Revisited	C24.17-Geography of Tourism, Leisure, and Global Change
Borders and Tourism: Borders as Spaces of Connection and Cooperation	C24.17-Geography of Tourism, Leisure, and Global Change
Tourism Geographies: From Global Dynamics to Local Transformations.	C24.17-Geography of Tourism, Leisure, and Global Change
Landuse and Its Changes During Times: Driving Factors, Modelling, Impacts	C24.17-Geography of Tourism, Leisure, and Global Change
Rural Tourism Geographies: Toward New Rural Futures	C24.17-Geography of Tourism, Leisure, and Global Change
Tourism Geographies: Personifying Interdisciplinarity	C24.17-Geography of Tourism, Leisure, and Global Change
Island Tourism Futures: Rethinking Resilience and Regenerative Practice	C24.17-Geography of Tourism, Leisure, and Global Change
Degrowth in Tourism: Rethinking Mobilities Amidst a Changing Climate	C24.17-Geography of Tourism, Leisure, and Global Change



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Cryotourism Geographies in the Polycrisis	C24.17-Geography of Tourism, Leisure, and Global Change
Emerging Geographies of Tourism in the Asia-Pacific Amidst Crisis, Conflict and Stasis	C24.17-Geography of Tourism, Leisure, and Global Change
Green Transitions in Tourism: Sustainability, Climate Adaptation, and Renewable Energy Futures	C24.17-Geography of Tourism, Leisure, and Global Change
Rethinking Access to the City	C24.17-Geography of Tourism, Leisure, and Global Change
Island Contestations: Reclaiming Utopia From Touristification	C24.17-Geography of Tourism, Leisure, and Global Change
Fluid Sovereignities: Geopolitics, Climate Change, and the Future of Island and Maritime Spaces	C24.17-Geography of Tourism, Leisure, and Global Change
Geomorphology and Society	C24.19-Geomorphology and Society: Past, Present and Future (Jointly with International Association of Geomorphologists)
Navigating Globility: Human Mobility, Immobility, and Community Wellbeing	C24.20-Global Change and Human Mobility
Human Mobility and Local Development: Interdependencies and Perspectives	C24.20-Global Change and Human Mobility
Human Mobility in Geographical Crossroads: Narratives, Governance, and Migrant Agency	C24.20-Global Change and Human Mobility
International Student Mobility as a Life Course Strategy	C24.20-Global Change and Human Mobility
Mobility Under Crisis: Adaptive Capacities and Resilience of Transport Systems	C24.20-Global Change and Human Mobility
Global Perspectives on Climate Risk and Vulnerability: Bridging Science, Policy, and Practice	C24.21-Global Understanding
Cryospheric Hazards in a Changing Climate: Global Perspectives on Risk, Monitoring, and Adaptation	C24.22-Hazards and Risks
Resilience Dividends for Disaster Risk Reduction and Sustainable Development With Special Reference to Developing World	C24.22-Hazards and Risks
Compound Weather-Related Hazards in a Changing World: Geographical Spatio-Temporal Analysis	C24.22-Hazards and Risks
Climate and Disaster Related (Im)Mobilities: Complexities, Challenges, and Policy Pathways	C24.23-Health and Environment
Healthscapes in Transition: Spatial Contexts of Health and Wellbeing	C24.23-Health and Environment



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Development Trajectories of African and Asian Cities	C24.23-Health and Environment
Trafficking in Different Targets: Geographies of Illicit Mobility	C24.23-Health and Environment
Revisiting Person-Environment Fit for Active and Healthy Aging: International Experience	C24.23-Health and Environment
Urban Ecology and Public Health: Redesigning Resilient Cities for Social Well-being	C24.23-Health and Environment
Migrations and Their Challenges in an Interconnected World: Concepts, Methodologies, and Social Actors	C24.23-Health and Environment
Climate Change, Public Health, and Food Security	C24.23-Health and Environment
Histories Of/Ideas in Geography for Peace	C24.24-History of Geography
Platform Economy and Future of Gig Workers' Rights: Discussing the Development and 'Decent Work'	C24.25-Informality, Social Change and Development
Urban Socio-Spatial Restructuring and Governance In The Era of Globalization	C24.25-Informality, Social Change and Development
Global Differences and Challenges in Geography Teaching and Education Through National and International Geography Olympiads	C24.26-International Geography Olympiad
Island Contestations: Reclaiming Utopia From Touristification	C24.27-Islands
Fluid Sovereignties: Geopolitics, Climate Change, and the Future of Island and Maritime Spaces	C24.27-Islands
Advance Karst Science and Sustainable Karst Managment	C24.28-Karst
Land Degradation and Sustainable Development Goals: Are We on Track?	C24.29-Land Degradation and Desertification
Land Degradation. Current Knowledge, Scientific Challenges and Solutions	C24.29-Land Degradation and Desertification
Agricultural Land Governance and Resource Use Efficiency Under Climate Change	C24.29-Land Degradation and Desertification Key topic: Climate Change
Pathways to Sustainable Land Use and Land Management in the Climate Change Context - Integrated Data, Tools and Strategies	C24.30 Land Use and Land Cover Change
Hydrothermal and Structural Dynamics of Soils in a Changing World	C24.30-Land Use and Land Cover Change



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Innovative Methods for Extracting and Utilising Historical Lulc Data	C24.30-Land Use and Land Cover Change
Land Use/Land Cover Changes and Land Degradation in the Anthropocene	C24.30-Land Use and Land Cover Change
Land Use/Land Cover Change Driving Forces and Impacts	C24.30-Land Use and Land Cover Change
Changing Role of Borders in Local and Regional Development	C24.33 Local and Regional Development
Border Regions and Communities: Reconceptualization in the Face of New Global Challenges and Crises	C24.33-Local and Regional Development
Rural-Urban Relationships and Development Challenges: Local and Regional Patterns of Territorial Change	C24.33-Local and Regional Development
Eco-tourism and Land Use Dynamics: Sustainable Landscapes in Transition	C24.33-Local and Regional Development
Facing Marginality: Actors, Strategies, Policies and Social Responses	C24.34-Marginalization, Localization, and Regional and Local Responses
Tourism and Income Inequalities: Emerging Evidence and New Research Frontiers	C24.34-Marginalization, Localization, and Regional and Local Responses
A New Era of Globalization? Proposals to Reindustrialize the European Union, Protectionism in the Us, and Crisis in Global Supply Chains.	C24.34-Marginalization, Localization, and Regional and Local Responses
Spatial, Societal, and Marginalisation Dimensions of Climate Change: Integrating Environmental Science, Policy, and Inclusive Community Resilience	C24.34-Marginalization, Localization, and Regional and Local Responses
Globalisation, Localisation and the Reconfiguration of Marginalised Spaces	C24.34-Marginalization, Localization, and Regional and Local Responses
Left Behind Places and Marginality in a Changing World	C24.34-Marginalization, Localization, and Regional and Local Responses
Mountain Futures: Cryosphere Dynamics, Hydrology, Hazard and Resilience in a Changing Climate	C24.37-Mountain Studies
Coupling Science and Traditional Knowledge for Sustainable and Regenerative Livelihoods in Mountains	C24.37-Mountain Studies
Mountain Vulnerabilities: Best Practices in Resilience, Restoration and Sustainable Solutions	C24.37-Mountain Studies
International Symposium of Mountain Studies	C24.37-Mountain Studies
The Soft Power of Sport: Building Bridges for Peace. Practical Pathways for Using Sport as a Tool of Soft Power	C24.38-Political Geography



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Reframing Multipolarity Between Systemic and Spatial Geopolitics	C24.38-Political Geography
Feminist Political Geography – Rethinking Power, Place, and Resistance	C24.38-Political Geography
Global Disasters and Public Health: Strengthening Systems for Climate Resilience	C24.39-Population Geography
Climate Change and Transcontinental Exchange: Drivers of Civilizational Dynamics Across the Silk Road	C24.41-Silk Road Civilizations and Environments Commission
Geographical Names in the Tension Field Between Communicative Function and Political Appropriation	C24.43-Joint ICA/IGU Commission on Toponymy
Harnessing Multi-Source Spatial Big Data & Geoai: Advancing Mobility, Health, and Sustainability in Urban Futures	C24.44-Transport Geography
Towards Regional Integration: Ports and Corridors of Cross-Border Transport	C24.44-Transport Geography
Advancing the 15-Minute City and Transport Geography Research Through Perspectives of Scale	C24.44-Transport Geography
Modelling Mobility Behaviours: Diverse Methods, Shared Challenges, New Insights	C24.44-Transport Geography
Revisiting the Future of Mobility: Are We Really Experiencing Social and Technological Transformation?	C24.44-Transport Geography
Transport Shaping Space at Local, National and Global Levels	C24.44-Transport Geography
Towards a Green and Safe Arctic Shipping Corridor	C24.44-Transport Geography
Transport Geography in Africa: Infrastructure, Mobility, and Social Transformation	C24.44-Transport Geography
Geographies of High-Speed Rail	C24.44-Transport Geography
Transport Governance Across Contexts: Insights from Africa and Beyond	C24.44-Transport Geography
Resilience and Adaptability of Transport and Mobility Systems in the Face of External Shocks	C24.44-Transport Geography
Geographies of Studentification: Investigating Spatial Transformation, Social Justice and Future Possibilities	C24.45-Urban Commission: (Re-)Thinking cities and the urban: from the global to the local
Title: Urban Geoai: Harnessing Multimodal AI for Smarter, Equitable Cities	C24.45-Urban Commission: (Re-)Thinking cities and the urban: from the global to the local



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Reimagining Urban Futures: Youth, Ai, and the Making of Cityscapes	C24.45-Urban Commission: (Re-)Thinking cities and the urban: from the global to the local
Climate Change	C24.45-Urban Commission: (Re-)Thinking cities and the urban: from the global to the local
Transformation of the Urban Environment Through Geospatial Ai: Rehabilitation, Prediction and Urban Comfort	C24.45-Urban Commission: (Re-)Thinking cities and the urban: from the global to the local
Just Transitions in Urban and Peri-Urban Food Systems: Pathways Toward Equity and Sustainability	C24.45-Urban Commission: (Re-)Thinking cities and the urban: from the global to the local
Democratising Urban Governance for Just Transitions	C24.45-Urban Commission: (Re-)Thinking cities and the urban: from the global to the local
Urban Blue and Green Spaces for a Better Life: Well-Being, Climate Adaptation, and Social Inclusion	C24.45-Urban Commission: (Re-)Thinking cities and the urban: from the global to the local
Climate Change Impacts on Regional and Urban Transportation	C24.45-Urban Commission: (Re-)Thinking cities and the urban: from the global to the local
Cities and Urban Systems: Drivers Of, Or Driven By Transformational Change?	C24.45-Urban Commission: (Re-)Thinking cities and the urban: from the global to the local
Globalisation vs Localisation	C24.45-Urban Commission: (Re-)Thinking cities and the urban: from the global to the local
Innovative Approaches to Spatial and Urban Planning in Times of Transformation: Between Tradition and Modernity	C24.45-Urban Commission: (Re-)Thinking cities and the urban: from the global to the local
Urban Systems and Urban and Regional Dynamics in Latin America	C24.45-Urban Commission: (Re-)Thinking cities and the urban: from the global to the local
Promoting Urban Green Space for an Inclusive and Sustainable Cities	C24.45-Urban Commission: (Re-)Thinking cities and the urban: from the global to the local
Navigating Urbanization in Developing Countries: Challenges and Opportunities	C24.45-Urban Commission: (Re-)Thinking cities and the urban: from the global to the local
Global Housing Crisis and Local Responses: Cities at the Global-Local Crossroads	C24.45-Urban Commission: (Re-)Thinking cities and the urban: from the global to the local
Urban Growth and Landuse Change Studies	C24.45-Urban Commission: (Re-)Thinking cities and the urban: from the global to the local
Bridging Models and Markets: Economic Impacts of Climate and Water Dynamics	C24.45-Urban Commission: (Re-)Thinking cities and the urban: from the global to the local
Hydrological Extremes: Changes and Challenges of Coping	C24.46-Water Sustainability



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Water as a Nexus Resource	C24.46-Water Sustainability
Mountain River Basins at a Crossroads: Between Hydrotechnical Use, Environmental Degradation, Resilience and Restoration Imperatives	C24.46-Water Sustainability
IGU-YECG and AGA-YGWG Young and Early Career Geographers Best Paper Award 2026	C24.47-Young and Early-Career Geographers Commission
Geographies of Sustainability in Uncertain Times: Young Geographers' Perspectives on AI Ethics and Shifting Research (Funding) Agendas	C24.47-Young and Early-Career Geographers Commission
Accelerating transformations towards sustainable development goals: climate change and sustainable management of land systems	C24.47-Young and Early-Career Geographers Commission