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(GLOBILITY)

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The number of Globility Commission members

The total number of members of the Commission is 189 (as of 5 December 2019) and the number of countries involved is 53. The increase in the number of members since 2012 has been 46.5 % (from 129 to 189 members). The number of countries has increased 10.4% at the same time (from 48 to 53 countries).

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2. Meetings

2.a. The Globility Commission meetings organized during 2018-2019 with summary information on their locations, dates, and number of participants.

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1 The Globility meetings organized during 2018 were referred in the report 2017-2018.
2.b. A brief summary of the topics addressed at each meeting and the findings or conclusions resulting from the discussions.

2.b.1. The Globility Commission organized three own sessions and two joint sessions in the Québec IGU Regional Conference (2018).

The first session was entitled ‘Impact of Population Dynamics on Regional Disparities in Migration’. It had the aim to anticipate a comprehensive interpretation of the factors determining and resulting from processes of human mobility, and of the regional disparities involved. The contributions linked human mobility theories and empirical cases of study with the geographical global changes in an interconnected global world where many people leave their homeland in order to seek for opportunities, to improve their quality of life or to escape from extreme poverty and armed conflicts. Five contributions were presented in this first session; speakers originated from Latvia, Czech Republic, Spain, South Africa, and Portugal. The second session was an open session with contributions on different issues of human mobility by scholars coming from Italy, Japan, Canada, and Switzerland. Finally, in the third open session, three presentations grouped by the geographical provenance of their contributors - Italy, Spain, and Portugal – took place.

Groups of attendants to the Globility sessions in the Québec Meeting

The two joint sessions were co-organized with the commissions on Geography of Tourism, Leisure, and Global Change and on Population Geography. The first one - entitled “Revisiting the nexus of tourism and migration” - had the aim of highlighting the blurred boundaries between tourists, retired migrants, returnees, second-home owners and labour migrants in tourist areas. The second one - “Population Mobility in a context of Climate Change” - focused on the links between the issues of migration, development, climate change, and natural hazards.
2.b.2. In the context of the International Conference ‘World Social Sciences Forum’ held in September 2018 in Fukuoka, Japan, Prof. Yoshitaka Ishikawa (Teikyo University, Japan, past Scientific Secretary of the Globility Commission and current member of its Steering Committee) promoted an invited session by the National Committee of Japan, which is Japan’s affiliate for the International Geographical Union. That session, affiliated with the IGU commission on Global Change and Human Mobility (Globility), was held in the Fukuoka International Congress Center; four papers were presented by scholars from the University of Sydney (Australia), Academia Sinica (Taiwan), University of Shizouka (Japan) and Aichi Gakuin University (Japan) on the issue of migration and social inclusion, in line with the title of the call for papers “Current situation of social inclusion for immigrants”. Twenty participants, including the president of IGU, attended that successfully session.

Presenters of the invited session on Globility by the National Committee of Japan

![Presenters](image)

2.b.3. The Globility Commission organized one own session in the 7th EUGEO Congress (in conjunction with the 51st Conference of Irish Geographers) celebrated in Galway, Ireland (2019).

This session was entitled “International Mobilities: the role of age and regions” and invited to think about changing trends in international mobilities from both theoretical and empirical perspectives. Issues on the complexity of the spatial movements of migrants between regions due to the unbalanced economic development as well as topics on the impact of the migrants’ lifecycles allowed exploring different processes of international migrations and their consequences on the human capital outcomes.
Globility session in the 7th EUGEO Congress and some of attendants and presenters

2.c. Planned meetings of the Commission to be held in 2020 and topics to be addressed

For the upcoming 2020 International Geographical Union Congress (Istanbul, Turkey, August 15-21, 2020), the Globility Commission will propose six own sessions and one joint session with the commission on Tourism, Leisure and Global Change. The first one of the Global Change and Human Mobility Commission is entitled ‘Environmental risks, resilience and human mobility’; the second, ‘Human mobility and identities into play. Belonging and transnationalism’; the third, ‘Human mobility and regional disparities: patterns of migration from a comparative perspective’; the fourth, ‘Human mobility at a time of digital culture and technology’; the fifth, ‘The human mobility career: circular, onwards and return migrations; and the sixth, ‘The role of human mobility dealing with violence and conflicts’. The joint session is about ‘International tourism and residential mobilities: global and local perspectives’.

3. Networking, communication and dissemination

3.a. Networking. As it has already been mentioned, Globility has kept contacts with other IGU Commissions to promote joint sessions in the IGU congresses or regional conferences, as happened with the IGU Commissions on ‘Population Geography’, ‘Urban Geography’, ‘Political Geography’, ‘Latin American Studies’, ‘Marginalization’ and ‘Geography of Tourism, Leisure and Global Change’.

3.b. Communication and dissemination. The most important obstacle to Globility Commission is to promote the organization of meetings out of the context of IGU events, because in recent years, universities around the world have experienced significant financial constraints and especially in less developed countries; these have made difficult for a large
number of researchers to take part in the planned meetings, despite their interest in the Commission activities, expressed to the Globility meeting organizers by email.

In the same direction, in April 2019, the Chair of Globility and two more members of the Commission signed a Publishing Agreement with Springer Nature as Editors of a book entitled ‘International Residential Mobilities - From lifestyle migrations to tourism gentrification’ under the series on Geographies of Tourism and Global Change. The book proposed will contain about four hundred pages distributed in 19 chapters, with contributions from eighteen different countries approaching a broad perspective on this issue from both theoretical and empirical focus.

4. Publications

4.1. Articles and volumes published

A list of the articles and volumes published by some of the Globility members on issues of global change and human mobility in the period December 2018 - November 2019 is the following:


4.2. New accurate URL of the commission’s website.

http://www.globility.org/

The Globility website is run by an IT independent supporter, webmaster, under the supervision of the Chairperson of the Globility Commission, Prof. Josefina Domínguez-Mujica, and under the management of the Scientific Secretary, Dr. Barbara Staniscia. The website has a new domain since 2014 and, together with the regular e-mails, it represents the major tool for the exchange of information among the members of the Globility Commission.

5. Continuation. Statement of the mission of the Commission/Task Force

The Commission appeals to scholars interested in the issue of change and mobility across the world. Owing to its ability to link locations and societies, human mobility is receiving an increasing academic attention among scholars. The ‘Globility’ Commission (Global Change and Human Mobility) promotes a new reading and recognition of human mobility in the context of globalization, to deepen in the exchange of knowledge with regard its different forms such as migration and tourism, namely, the diverse practises in which human mobility is displayed through different countries and societies. The geographical perspective allows researchers to find this common nexus as an important issue in the process of interrelation between global phenomena and local manifestations.