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Greetings from the newly appointed chair

It is with great pleasure that I, along with Cristóbal Mendoza, the Scientific Secretary, commence my role as Chairperson of the program of the International Geographical Union (IGU) Commission on Global Change and Human Mobility (Globility) for the forthcoming term (2024-2028).

The Commission's achievements are indisputable, as evidenced by the significant number of current members (206) representing 53 countries and the abundance of conferences, workshops, and publications promoted by Globility since its establishment in 2000.

Guided by its members' collective expertise and dedication, the Commission is poised to undertake its responsibilities from 2024 to 2028. We reaffirm our unwavering commitment to achieving our objectives in this new phase, instilling confidence and security in our collective mission.

We want to extend our profound gratitude to former chairperson Professor Josefina Domínguez-Mujica and scientific secretary Professor Barbara Staniscia for their invaluable contributions from 2012 to 2024.

We are confident that with the support of all researchers interested in these issues, we can consolidate this scientific knowledge in the coming years.

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Globility Commission members

As of January 9, 2025, the Commission has a total of 206 members from 53 countries. Since 2012, membership has grown by 59.7%, increasing from 129 to 206 members. Over the same period, the number of participating countries has risen by 5.5%, from 48 to 53.

Country	Number	Country	Number
Argentina	1	Mongolia	2
Australia	5	Mozambique	1
Austria	2	Namibia	1
Belgium	6	Nepal	1
Brazil	4	Netherlands	3
Bulgaria	2	New Zealand	2
Canada	4	Nigeria	2
China	7	Norway	1
Croatia	4	Poland	5
Czech Republic	3	Portugal	5
Fiji	1	Romania	5
Finland	1	Russia	3
France	4	South Africa	8
Germany	8	South Korea	2
Ghana	2	Spain	16
Greece	1	Sudan	1
Hungary	12	Switzerland	3
India	6	Taiwan	3
Iran	1	Thailand	1
Israel	5	Tonga	1
Italy	13	Tunisia	2
Japan	21	Turkey	2
Latvia	3	Uganda	1
Lithuania	1	United Kingdom	9
Luxembourg	1	USA	5
Malaysia	1	Vietnam	1
Mexico	1		
TOTAL 206			

2. International Conferences

The Globility Commission has actively participated in two international conferences in 2024.

- a) The **2024 IGU Thematic Conference**, titled “Connecting Geographies from the Global South,” took place at the Latin American Institute of Social Sciences (FLACSO) in Quito, Ecuador, from May 18th to May 19th. The conference aimed to foster intellectual exchange and encourage academic debate among scholars from emerging geographical epistemic communities in Latin America, Africa, and Asia, focusing on geographical issues in these regions. Its primary goal was to promote the production of knowledge and geographic thought originating from the Global South. As part of this initiative, the Globility Commission organized a session on “Individual and Household Strategies in Human (Im)mobility: Who Stays and Who Migrates?” under the topic: Geography of (Im)mobilities in a Globalized World.
- b) The **35th International Geographical Congress – Dublin 2024** upheld the tradition of past quadrennial congresses by acknowledging that our world faces shared natural and societal challenges that require global collaboration, understanding, and exchange. The congress theme, ‘*Celebrating a World of Difference*,’ emphasizes fostering intercultural awareness and understanding, valuing intellectual diversity as a strength, extending geographic research and ideas beyond the congress, and addressing the intricate connections between people, places, and the natural environment. In a world that is increasingly contested, fragmented, and fraught with challenges, recognizing diversity as a strength and affirming our shared humanity is crucial.

The Global Change and Human Mobility Commission contributed **19 sessions** to the 35th International Geographical Congress, including 10 self-initiated sessions (*) and 9 sessions organized outside the commission's membership (**). Below is a detailed list of the sessions, their chairpersons, and the presentation formats for our Commission (C20).

Sunday, 25 August, 2024

Migrant transnationalism and development: The role of economic and social remittances

Chairperson: **Birgit Glorius***

Oral Presentation

Monday, 26 August, 2024

Unveiling the socioeconomic and spatial impacts of international students' mobility

Chairperson: **Elina Apsite Berina***

Oral Presentation

Exploring gender perspectives in migration studies: Unveiling intersectional dynamics

Chairperson: **Josefina Domínguez-Mujica***

Oral Presentation

Forced to move? Reappraising intra-urban mobility in light of gentrification-induced displacement

Chairperson: **Dolores Sánchez-Aguilera*** (in collaboration with the IGU Urban Geography Commission).

Oral Presentation

Tuesday, 27 August, 2024

Geographical perspectives on climate and environmental mobilities (1)

Chairperson: **Harald Sterly****

Oral Presentation

Geographical perspectives on climate and environmental mobilities (2)

Chairperson: **Harald Sterly****

Oral Presentation

Human-environmental interactions in the ancient Silk Road regions (1)

Chairperson: **Fahu Chen****

Oral Presentation

Villages in the age of migration and metamorphoses: Mobilities and human diversification vs. homogenisation?

Chairperson: **Josepha Milazzo & Ricard Morén-Alegret****

Oral Presentation

Human-environmental interactions in the ancient Silk Road regions (2)

Chairperson: **Fahu Chen****

Oral Presentation

Wednesday, 28 August, 2024

Interactions between the Silk Road and the Eurasian steppe since the Neolithic era (1)

Chairperson: **Guanghui Dong****

Oral Presentation

Interactions between the Silk Road and the Eurasian steppe since the Neolithic era (2)

Chairperson: **Guanghui Dong****

Oral Presentation

Temporality and translocality of living – practices and places of belonging

Chairperson: **Caroline Kramer****

Oral Presentation

Interactions between the Silk Road and the Eurasian steppe since the Neolithic era (3)

Chairperson: **Guanghui Dong****

Oral Presentation

Thursday, 29 August, 2024

Post-pandemic tourism mobilities: Displaying emerging and resurging trends (1)

Chairperson: **Gábor Michalkó***

Oral Presentation

Embracing new lifestyles in a digital world: Remote work and nomadism

Chairperson: **Fabiola Mancinelli***

Oral Presentation

Post-pandemic tourism mobilities: Displaying emerging and resurging trends (2)

Chairperson: **Gábor Michalkó***

Oral Presentation

Unraveling (im)mobilities geography: Navigating the complexities of moving and staying (1)

Chairperson: **Barbara Staniscia***

Oral Presentation

The transformative power of mobilities: Revitalizing left-behind places

Chairperson: **Jennifer McGarrigle & Cristóbal Mendoza***

Oral Presentation

Unraveling (im)mobilities geography: Navigating the complexities of moving and staying (2)

Chairperson: **Barbara Staniscia***

Oral Presentation

3. Scheduled Conferences for 2025

Members of the Globility Commission have organized four sessions for the **10th EUGEO Congress**, hosted by the Association of Geographical Societies in Europe and the Austrian Academy of Sciences. The congress, themed “Geographies of a Changing Europe,” will be held in Vienna, Austria, from September 8 to 11, 2025.

The four sessions organized by the Globility Commission are as follows:

- a) *New Phenomena of Tourism Mobility in a Changing Europe* (Gábor Michalkó and Anna Irimias)
- b) *Leaving or Staying? (Im)mobilities in a Changing Europe* (Barbara Staniscia and Josefina Domínguez-Mujica)
- c) *To be or not to be ... mobile. (Im)Mobility in left behind areas* (Daniel Göler and Jennifer McGarrigle)
- d) *Navigating Demographic and Migration Challenges: Data-Informed Solutions for a Changing World* (Zaiga Krisjane, Elīna Apsīte-Beriņa, Maris Bērziņš)

4. Networking, communication, and dissemination

As previously mentioned, Globility has maintained connections with other IGU Commissions to encourage joint sessions at IGU congresses or regional conferences. This collaboration was exemplified at the 35th International Geographical Congress, where a session was co-organized with the Commission on Urban Geography.

The Commission has updated the Commission website.

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5. Publications

Some publications of the Globility Commission members are listed below:

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6. Mission Statement of the Commission and Planned Actions for 2025

6.1. Committee:

The Globility Commission underwent renewal in 2024, with a new chairperson and scientific secretary elected during the IGU Dublin Congress. The Globility Steering Committee is set to be renewed in 2025.

6.2. Objectives:

Founding objectives of the Commission:

To examine and interpret those forms of human mobility that may be related to the processes of global change, to new forms of investment, local development, and social and cultural behaviour, all of them within the framework of the following processes:

- The internationalization of economic activities has given rise to new forms of short-term labour mobility; distinctive ways of mobility in the way they combine economic, social, and cultural functions and the globalisation of information and knowledge.
- Emerging trends in leisure, recreation, free time, and tourism have become pivotal in shaping strategies for the development and transformation of urban and rural regions.
- Shifts in the knowledge, utilisation, and valuation of global resources, along with the restructuring of industrial activities, are redefining patterns of labour mobility.
- Changes in the organization and flexibility of labour practices, as well as adjustments in institutional pension structures, are driving the internationalization of consumption, including retail and retirement
- Increasing forced migrations (refugees) are anticipated due to the persistent inequalities across regions.

A new objective of the Commission, following the founding one, has been added after the COVID health crisis:

To develop new perspectives and ideas on the evolution of emerging forms of mobility in the post-pandemic era, key reflections will be shaped by the context of advancing global digital capitalism, growing disparities in regional income and living standards due to persistent armed conflicts, and the far-reaching impacts of climate change. These factors will serve as a framework for exploring the role of human mobility in a world undergoing constant global transformation.

7. Annex. Photos of IGU meeting (Dublin, August 2024)







