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**Local Government in a Changing World:  
Between hierarchies and networks, between global neoliberalism and  
welfare state interventionism**

*A workshop of the IGU Commission on Geography of Governance  
and*

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***Aim***

Local government transformation concerns territorial configurations, inter-governmental relations, finance, democratic participation, governance culture, and development strategies, the latter involving inter-municipal collaborations, and inter-sectoral partnerships. The fundamental challenges of local self-government have essentially remained unchanged for decades, perhaps centuries, but rapidly changing economic, political and technological contexts, the latest being the current global economic crisis, have continuously transformed policy agendas of the local state.

The workshop aims to bring together scholars engaged in the study of local government and local governance: geographers, including those engaged in the activities of the IGU commission on Geography of Governance, members of Research Committee #5 on comparative studies on local government and politics of the International Political Science Association, and scholars from other disciplines. We aim at a particular focus on cross-national perspectives, on assessments of the impact of economic and ideological transformations of the early 21<sup>st</sup> century on reform discourses, and on the implications of the above for prevailing theories of governance at the local and metropolitan/regional levels. The workshop also serves as a pre-conference to the main International Geographical Union (IGU) Regional Conference to be held in Tel Aviv on July 12-16 2010.

## *Workshop Program*

*Wednesday, July 7 2010 – Mount Scopus, Jerusalem*

Free Evening. Co-organizers will be at the Maiersdorf Faculty Club and the Regency Jerusalem Hotel to meet the workshop participants.

*Thursday, July 8 2010 – Mount Scopus, Jerusalem*

Sessions on July 8-9 will take place at the Maiersdorf Faculty Club, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Mount Scopus

8:45-9:00 Greetings

9:00-11:00 Session I

**Hellmut Wollmann**, Humboldt-Universität, Berlin, Germany / Two “logics” and “types” of local level actor cooperation: The cases of France and Germany

**Jason Winfree**, and **Mark S. Rosentraub**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA / Regions and the public funding of professional sports facilities: The surprising levels of intergovernmental cooperation and the progressive shifting of tax burdens

**Lukasz Mikula**, Institute of Socio-Economic Geography and Spatial Management, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland / Cooperation of local governments in Poznań metropolitan area: political and socio-economic dimension

11:30-13:00 Session II

**Marta Lackowska**, Darmstadt University of Technology, Darmstadt, Germany / Polish cities rescaled?

**Ilona Pálné Kovács**, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Pecs, Hungary / Rescaling of local governance in Hungary

**Yankel Fijalkow**, National School of architecture, Paris Val de Seine, LOUEST/CNRS, Paris, France / Expectation of the changes connected to the project of Grand Paris: Political strategies and urban narratives of an upper middle class municipality

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-16:00 Session III

**Itai Beeri**, University of Haifa, Israel and **Fany Yuval**, Ben Gurion University / From the bottom up in local government: Are local social capital and the residents’ satisfaction and trust linked with the effectiveness of local democracy and municipal reforms?

**Matt Evans**, Penn State University, USA / Electoral politics in local government in Israel

**Karen Harlow-Rosentraub**, David Swindell and L. Wilson / Civic engagement and community problem solving: older volunteers as natural resources in comparative US and EU Populations

**Nahum Ben Elia**, NB – Policy Analysis, Strategic Planning & Management / Fluid neoliberalism: the corporatization of local water and sewage services in Israel

16:30-18:00 Session IV

**Jefferey Sellers**, University of Southern California, USA and Eran Razin, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel / Neoliberalism or welfare state interventionism? Governance and Metropolitan Inequality

**Tomáš Kostecký** and Yvona Kostecká, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic / Elementary education in Prague metropolitan area: new trends and their consequences for local government

20:00- Workshop dinner at *La Boca Restaurant*, 46 Emek Refaim St. (German Colony), Jerusalem, Tel. 0579442798

*Friday, July 9 2010 – Mount Scopus, Jerusalem*

9:00-11:00 Session V

**Hajdú Zoltán**, Centre for Regional Studies of Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Pécs, Hungary / Hungarian Public Administration, 1990-2010: new governments, new radical reform plans

**Jan Bucek**, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia / Decentralization, local finances and economic crisis: the case of Slovakia

**Ágnes Pál**, Szeged Faculty of Teacher's Training College, Szeged, Hungary and **Nagy Gábor**, Budapest, Hungary / The effect of the borders on the spatiality of the commerce in Szeged and the structural changes in Hungarian retail

**Stefan Obkircher**, University of Innsbruck, Austria / Cross-border cooperation at the EU-border Austria-Switzerland – A case study for governance processes.

11:30-13:00 Session VI

**Hubert Heinelt**, Darmstadt University of Technology, Darmstadt, Germany / Councilors as members of a representative within the ‘three worlds of democratic action’

**Larissa Plüss**, University of Zurich, Switzerland / Urban network governance and role perceptions of the Swiss city councilors

**Shlomo Hasson**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel / Democratic transformation and the city

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Session VII

**Tomasz Kaczmarek**, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań, Poland / Problems of metropolitan government in Poland – between ‘top-down’ and ‘bottom-up’ approach

**Zoltán Dénes**, Hungary / Fraternal settlements in the Carpathian Basin as example: Bihardioszeg Romania – Gyomaendrod Hungary.

**Annamaria Kurilla** and Norbert Pap, University of Pécs, Hungary / The international possibilities of local governments – the role of international factors in the development of middle-sized towns in the Carpathian Basin.

*Saturday, July 10 2010 – Jerusalem – Dead Sea*

8:30 Departure from the Mount Scopus Hotels: Mount of Olives viewpoint and Old City of Jerusalem. Informal lunch (at own expense).

Around 14:00 Transfer by bus to the Hod Hamidbar Hotel on the Dead Sea Shore (about 80 minutes drive), have a swim (Plan on bringing a bathing suit).

19:30 Dinner

20:30 Session VIII

**Sharon Perlman Krefetz**, Department of Government and International Relations, Clark University, MA, USA / The U.S. housing crisis: challenges and opportunities for local governments

**Eran Razin**, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel and **Anna Hazan**, Jerusalem, Israel / Municipal-private partnerships: from local development to budgetary bypass

*Sunday, July 11 2010 – Beer Sheva*

8:15 Transfer by bus from the Dead Sea Hotel to Beer Sheva.

9:30-11:30 Beer Sheva city tour led by Fred Lazin.

11:30-12:30 The Beer Sheva Municipality

**Rubik Danilovich**, Mayor of the City of Beer Sheva

**Avishag Avtovi**, Director General of the City of Beer Sheva.

12:45-14:15 Ben Gurion University of the Negev  
Greetings and Lunch

15:00 Departure by train or other means to Tel Aviv, Ben Gurion airport or elsewhere (at own expense).