

**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  
IPSA Research Committee #5 – Comparative Studies on Local Government and Politics*

*Location: The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel*

*Dates: 8-9 July 2010*

*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 Jerusalem 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.

Presentations on any aspect of local government, local governance and their relationship with urban development are welcome. 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 will serve as a preconference to the main International Geographical Union (IGU) Regional Conference to be held in Tel Aviv on July 12-16 2010, but non-geographers who specialize in local government and urban politics are most welcome as well.

*Practicalities*

The workshop will be held in the Maiersdorf Faculty Club, Conference Center and Guest House at the Mount Scopus campus of the Hebrew University. Accommodations will be available at the Maiersdorf Faculty Club and in another Jerusalem hotel.

There will be no registration fees. Participants will have to finance the cost of flights and accommodations (based on our success in raising funds for the workshop some support may become available for the latter).

We may organize field trips in Jerusalem and beyond on July 10-11 (the main IGU congress in Tel Aviv starts July 12).

We kindly ask prospective participants to fill the form below on their intent to participate and send it to Eran Razin by email or fax by November 1, 2009.

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**Preliminary Registration Form**  
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Name and title:

Affiliation and mail address:

Email address:

I intend to present a paper at the workshop: Yes      No

Provisional title of paper:

I intend to participate at the workshop without presenting a paper: Yes      No

I intend to participate in the main IGU meeting in Tel Aviv: Yes      No

Looking forward to see you in Jerusalem next summer.