

**21st IPSA World Congress  
Call for Paper for RC 15 Panels**

The Research Committee on Political and Cultural Geography (RC 15) invites you to submit paper proposal for the following panels:

**Panel 1: Geopolitics of Climate Change**

Co-organizers: Sanjay Chaturvedi (Punjab University) and Timothy Doyle (Keele University)

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**Panel 2: Global Energy Resources: Where Geography & Politics Converge**

Co-conveners: Aharon Klieman (Tel Aviv University, RC 41) and Dennis Rumley (Edith Cowan University, RC 15)

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**Panel 3: Urban Politics, Global Discontent and Resistance**

Co-organizers: Joe Painter (Durham University) and Jerónimo Montero (Durham University)

Description: Urban politics of resistance is a significant manifestation of global discontent. The strategies of urban political actors are regularly evaluated and re-worked to achieve effective political action. This panel will focus on the urban politics of resistance in relation to working conditions; use of public space; housing; public transport and other public services; urban infrastructures and other issues. The questions to be addressed include: How do global actors influence urban politics in north and south? To what extent does the national state remain the main political actor in shaping urban life? What is the impact of localism and devolution on urban

citizens? What is the role of urban social movements in urban politics? What is the contribution of academic research to urban resistance?

**Panel 4: Latin American Geopolitics**

Co-organizers: Heriberto Cairo (Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain) and Jaime Preciado (Universidad de Guadalajara, Mexico)

Description: Latin America has been in the past a region where the Haushoferian organicist geopolitics flourished: Augusto Pinochet in Chile, Golbery de Couto e Silva in Brazil or Osiris Villegas in Argentina were good examples. Nowadays, geopolitics is becoming again a subject of research in the region under new theoretical premises. This panel will evaluate the role of geopolitics, as a representation of space, in Latin America. Case studies from various countries would be welcome. The questions to be addressed include: How European geopolitical traditions were and are incorporated in Latin American geopolitical discourses? Are there specific Latin American traditions? Which are the geopolitical codes of Latin American states? What kind of roles do ideas about sovereignty (on natural resources or the land) play in the external relations of the Latin American states? Which was the relation between geopolitical thinking and the regimes of “national security”?

If you are interested in participating in one of the following panels, please contact Takashi Yamazaki at [yamataka@lit.osaka-cu.ac.jp](mailto:yamataka@lit.osaka-cu.ac.jp) or Sanjay Chaturvedi at [csgiorg@gmail.com](mailto:csgiorg@gmail.com)

Please send your paper proposal via the paper proposal form on the congress website ([www.santiago2009.org](http://www.santiago2009.org)) before December 1, 2008.

The International Political Science Association will hold its 21st World Congress in Santiago, Chile, from July 12 to 16, 2009. For more information on the congress, please contact the IPSA World Congress Coordinator at [isabel.brinck@ipsa.org](mailto:isabel.brinck@ipsa.org).

**21<sup>ème</sup> Congrès mondial de l'AISP**  
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Vous devez faire parvenir votre proposition via le formulaire de proposition individuelle disponible sur le site du congrès ([www.santiago2009.org](http://www.santiago2009.org)) avant le 1 decembre 2008.

Le 21ème congrès mondial de l'Association internationale de science politique se tiendra à Santiago, au Chili, du 12 au 16 juillet 2009. Pour plus d'information à propos du congrès, veuillez contacter la Coordonnatrice au Congrès mondial de l'AIISP à [isabel.brinck@ipsa.org](mailto:isabel.brinck@ipsa.org).