

# Political Geography Specialty Group



## 2022 PGSG PRECONFERENCE SCHEDULE

**Virtual**

(New York City)

Friday, February 18,  
2022

### Schedule overview

All times are Eastern Standard Time (UTC-05:00)

**9:15 – 9:30** Opening Comments/Welcome

**9:30 – 10:45** Sessions I, II

10:45 – 11:00 Short break

**11:00 – 12:15** Sessions III, IV

12:15 – 1:00 Long break

**1:00 – 2:15** Plenary

2:15 – 2:30 Short break

**2:30 – 3:45** Sessions V, VI

3:45 – 4:00 Break

**4:00 – 5:15** Sessions VII, VIII, IX

5:15 – 6:30 PGSG Virtual Social (drop in)

### ADDITIONAL EVENTS:

PGSG Business Meeting: Saturday, 2/26, 12:50pm (Virtual 64)

## Registration & Contacts

### REGISTRATION

- You will need an **AAG login** to participate in the preconference.
  - Instructions can be found at the top of the AAG homepage under ‘NEW LOGIN STEP’ (<https://www2.aag.org/>)
    - **AAG Members:** Use your AAG account email address and password. If you have not updated your password since the AAG upgraded its membership database, you may be prompted to do so.
    - **Non-Members:** Register as an ‘AAG Explorer.’ Click ‘sign up’ under ‘NEW LOGIN STEP’ at the above website. Select the AAG Explorer option after entering your email and creating your password.
  - Questions? Email [membership@aag.org](mailto:membership@aag.org) or call 202-234-1450.
- Registration for the preconference is free this year. Thank you to the AAG for making this possible.
- **Detailed instructions for joining the event will be posted at <http://www.politicalgeography.org/pre-conference/>**

### CONTACTS

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## SESSION THEMES AT A GLANCE

**NOTE:** Speakers should limit their presentations to a maximum of 13 minutes. Each speaker's presentation will be followed by 4 minutes/presentation for questions from the audience.

	<b>Paper Sessions</b>		<b>Networking Sessions</b>
<b>9:15</b> - <b>9:30</b>	<b>Opening Comments/Welcome</b>		
<b>9:30</b> - <b>10:45</b>	<b>I =Economics, Marginalization, &amp; Urban Spaces</b>	n/a	<b>II = Meet-the-Editor (Kevin Grove, <i>Political Geography</i>) &amp; Drop-in 'Coffee Hour'</b>
<b>11:00</b> - <b>12:15</b>	<b>III = Institutions, Borders, &amp; Violence</b>	<b>IV = Extraction &amp; Livelihoods</b>	
<b>12:15</b> - <b>1:00</b>	Long Break		
<b>1:00</b> - <b>2:15</b>	<b>PLENARY</b>		
<b>2:30</b> - <b>3:45</b>	<b>V = Authoritarianism, Illiberalism, &amp; the Alt-Right</b>	<b>VI = Great Power Politics &amp; Militarization</b>	
<b>4:00</b> - <b>5:15</b>	<b>VII = Territorialization &amp; Securitization</b>	<b>VIII = Politics of Sustainability</b>	<b>IX = Meet-the-Editor (Reece Jones, <i>Geopolitics</i>) &amp; Drop-in 'Coffee Hour'</b>
<b>5:15-6:30</b>	Social Hour (drop in)		

\*= presenting author

### **9:30-10:45 Session I: Economics, Marginalization, & Urban Spaces**

*Chair: Afton Clarke-Sather (University of Minnesota Duluth)*

#### **Alternative domains of injustice: Exploring hope(lessness) and psychosocial resilience among residents of an excluded urban community**

Aleem Mahabir\* (University of the West Indies) and Robert Kinlocke (University of the West Indies)

#### **Conceptualizing finance within the new political geography paradigm: The Geofinance Diamond Model**

Silvia Grandi\* (University of Bologna) and Christian Sellar (University of Mississippi)

#### **The [il]liberal city: Alive and dominant, from Singapore to San Francisco**

Jason Luger (Northumbria University)

**9:30-10:45 Session II: Meet-the-Editor (*Political Geography*) & 'Coffee Hour'**

*Chair: Andrew Grant (Boston College)*

Editor: Kevin Grove, *Political Geography* (Florida International University)

This is a space for networking with your colleagues. We will add breakout rooms as needed for small groups to have conversations.

This session will also be a meet-the-editor opportunity with Kevin Grove, editor-in-chief of *Political Geography*. This drop-in opportunity is intended for graduate students and junior scholars. You don't necessarily need to have a 'pitch' for an article (although pitches are welcome); this is simply an opportunity to meet an editor and ask questions.

**11:00-12:15 Session III: Institutions, Borders, & Violence**

*Chair: Caroline Nagel (University of South Carolina)*

**Epidermal politics: Control, contestation and violence at the biometric border**

Anna Casaglia\* (University of Trento) and Georgios Glouftsiou (University of Trento)

**The national politics of global justice: The International Criminal Court in Kenyan media**

Mary Abigail Chapin\* (University of South Carolina) and Meredith DeBoom (University of South Carolina)

**When war and development look the same: The linkages between international aid and new waves of violence in Guatemala's indigenous communities**

Kelsey Alford-Jones (University of California, Berkeley)

**Institutionalizing the exception**

Kenneth D. Madsen (The Ohio State University at Newark)

**11:00-12:15 Session IV: Extraction & Livelihoods**

*Chair: Galen Murton (James Madison University)*

**On patriarchy, patrimony, and patronage: Gendering resource nationalism in Paraguay and Bolivia**

Jamie Gagliano\* (Rutgers University) and Andrea Marston (Rutgers University)

**Making and unmaking a mining city: The historical geography of Zonguldak**

Mehmet Eroğlu (Michigan State University)

**Miniscule geometrics: Mine tailings and the volumetric politics of pollution**

Afton Clarke-Sather (University of Minnesota Duluth)

**12:15-1:00 Long Break**

**1:00-2:15 Plenary: Building Career Momentum: A Q&A Discussion for Early Career Scholars**

Ken Foote, University of Connecticut  
Kara Dempsey, Appalachian State University

**2:30-3:45 Session V: Authoritarianism, Illiberalism, & the Alt-Right**

*Chair: Natalie Koch (Syracuse University)*

**Accessing the inaccessible: A review of contemporary ethnographic research on the far right**

Max Martin (The Ohio State University)

**A space-time of authoritarian disaster management in the Sewol Ferry disaster in South Korea**

So Hyung Lim (University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee)

**The role of media and government in refugee acceptance rates in Sweden**

Taylor Lundquist (The University of Utah)

**Geopolitics of Sousveillance**

John Paul Henry (University of Kansas)

**2:30-3:45 Session VI: Great Power Politics & Militarization**

*Chair: Mary Mostafanezhad, (University of Hawai'i at Mānoa)*

**“The Belt and Road Initiative” and Chinese overseas diplomatic authorities: Discursive representations and the geopolitical outreach in Africa**

Allen Xiao (University of Wisconsin – Madison)

**A crisis of influence: American sphere of influence geopolitics in the Cold War**

Jasper Schneider (Virginia Tech)

**Through the lens of relational territoriality: Militarization and local fishers' everyday livelihoods in Okinawa**

Tatsuki Kohatsu (University of Hawai'i at Mānoa)

**Inventing the Sky Shield**

James Davitch (Virginia Tech)

**4:00-5:15 Session VII: Territorialization & Securitization**

*Chair: Alexander Murphy (University of Oregon)*

**Territorialization on tour: The tourist gaze along the silk road economic belt in Kashgar, China**

Henryk Szadiewski\* (University of Hawai'i at Mānoa), Mary Mostafanezhad (University of Hawai'i at Mānoa), and Galen Murton (James Madison University)

**Borders of global China: Frontiers, corridors, and archipelagos**

Andrew Grant (Boston College)

**Siunik in the changing geopolitical culture and geo-body of Armenia**

Nareg Seferian (Virginia Tech)

**Geographies of precarity and violence in the Kurdish Kolberi underground economy**

Sanan Moradi\* (University of Oregon), Adam C. Morse (University of Oregon), Alexander B. Murphy (University of Oregon), Delaram Pakru, and Shehabad H.

**4:00-5:15 Session VIII: Politics of Sustainability**

*Chair: Colin Flint (Utah State University)*

**Youth climate publics and emerging political geographies of digital influence(rs)**

Mark Ortiz (The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

**‘Uncaring’ environmental subjects: Interrogating the cultural politics of Thailand’s plastic waste discourse**

Olivia Meyer (University of Hawai’i at Mānoa)

**Thirty years on: Planetary climate planning and the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee of the UNFCCC**

Benjamin Weinger (University of California, Los Angeles)

**How to green a petrostate: Spectacle and post-oil geopolitics in the Arabian Peninsula**

Natalie Koch (Syracuse University)

**4:00-5:15pm Session IX: Meet-the-Editor (*Geopolitics*) & ‘Coffee Hour’**

*Chair: Kenneth Madsen (The Ohio State University at Newark)*

Editor: Reece Jones, *Geopolitics* (University of Hawai’i at Mānoa)

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