

# Space-lore and Place-lore working group



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## Our history

- 1953** – Atlas and cartography group established within CIAP in Namur
- 1965** – WG breaks with SIEF and become independent as die Ständige Internationale Atlaskommission (SIA)
- 1990** – SIA transformed into International European Ethnocartography Working Group
- 2013** – Space-lore and Place-lore working group instituted at SIEF's General Assembly

## Our mission

Ever since ethnography emerged as a discipline it has devoted great attention to the spatial manifestation, spread, similarities and differences of cultural phenomena. Contemporary ethnology, folklore, adjacent fields and related disciplines work with a rich theoretical and methodological repertoire that allows us to approach the themes of space and place in plastic and diverse ways.

Our working group wishes to examine themes such as rural and urban spaces, landscapes, historical and contemporary

spaces, various types of borders, borderlands and contact zones, non-places and spaces shaped by migration, globalisation or development in the (post-)Anthropocene world. We also wish to draw on the experiences of the International Ethnocartography Working Group regarded as our forerunner.

We welcome all researchers working on spatial aspects and experience from any relevant disciplinary angle.

## Our latest activities

### 2021

#### SIEF Congress in Helsinki, 19-24 June 2021 – WG panels:

- (Staying with) post-anthropocenic landscape in and beyond ethnology: breaking the status quo (convenors: Petr Gibas {Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences} and Karolína Pauknerová {Charles University})
- How to communicate the locality? (convenors: Barbora Vacková {Masaryk University} and Monika Metykova {University of Sussex})

**International conference: Rural and Small-town Communities: Local heritage and Identities in an Urbanizing World**, 29-30 November 2021. Conference of the WG Space-Lore and Place-Lore in partnership with Department of Ethnology,

Södertörn University; Institute of Ethnology & Cultural Anthropology, University of Warsaw; and Institute of Ethnology, Czech Academy of Sciences. (<https://rural2020.home.blog/>) (source: SIEF newsletter, autumn 2021)



### 2022

#### International Workshop: Second Homes in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Changing Images and Practices, 6-7 October 2022.

Conference of the WG Space-Lore and Place-Lore in partnership with University of Szeged, Faculty of Arts, Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology Szeged, Solymossy Sándor Association and Hungarian Ethnographic Society. (<https://www.siefhome.org/wg/iea/events>)

University of Szeged  
(source: SIEF newsletter, spring 2022)



Illustrative pictures from the papers in the workshop: Memorial site of Mohács (Hungary)



Vineyard landscape with wine cellars near lake Balaton (Hungary)



WWI War landscape in Italy (source: archive of László Mód)



### 2023

#### SIEF Congress in Brno, 7-10 June 2023 – WG panels:

- Living in the smart home: redesigning power dynamics through domestic space digitalization (convenors: Nina Fárová {Institute of Sociology, Czech Academy of Sciences}, Blanka Nyklova {Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences}, Sandra Frydrysiak {University of Lodz} and Julia Grulich {University of Göttingen}, Friday 9 June, 15:00-16:45)
- Landscapes in transition: tracing the past - facing uncertainties of the future (convenors: Karolína Pauknerová {Charles University} and Katharina Schuchardt {Institute for Saxon History and Cultural Anthropology}), Thursday 8 June, 17:00-18:45, Friday 9 June, 9:00-10:45, Friday 9 June, 15:00-16:45)
- More-than-human care in & of (un)certain homes (convenors: Petr Gibas {Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences}, Julien Wacquez {CEPRES} and Chloé Mondémé {CNRS - Ecole Normale Supérieure Lyon}, Thursday 8 June, 9:00-10:45, Thursday 8 June, 11:15-13:00)
- Small and uncertain: remembering and forgetting uncertain times in a small town (convenors: Barbora Vacková {Masaryk University}, Lenka Waschková Čísařová {Masaryk University} and Monika Metykova {University of Sussex}, Thursday 8 June, 17:00-18:45)

## Our plans

### 2024

Publishing contributions from WG panels from SIEF 2023 congress in Brno as a special journal issue.

Prepare and organize a WG conference on a theme of “Abandoned landscapes” which will cover topics such as spaces and places abandoned due to changing climatic conditions, economics and politics, abandoned memorial places, migrant landscapes, abandoned technological landscapes etc.