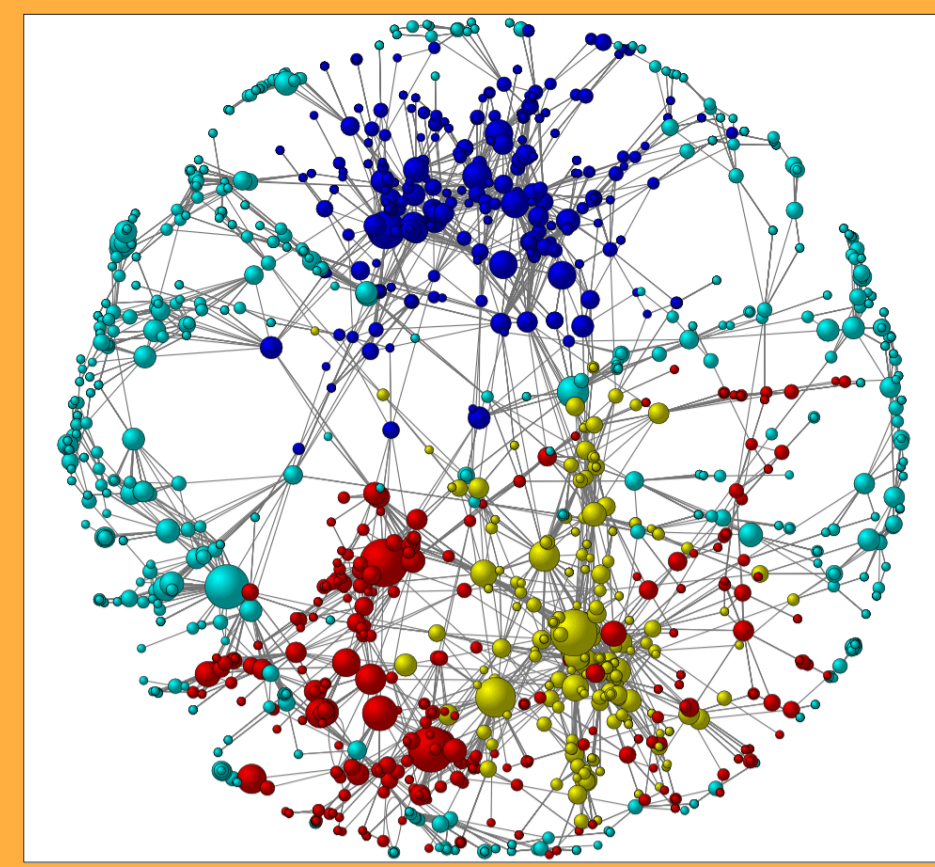


SPACE-LORE AND PLACE-LORE WORKING GROUP



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Our history

1953 – atlas and cartography group established
within CIAP in Namur

1965 – WG breaks with SIEF and become in-
dependent as die Ständige Internationale At-
laskommission (SIA)

1990 – SIA transformed into International Euro-
pean Ethnographic Working Group

2013 – Space-lore and Place-lore working group
instituted at SIEF's General Assembly

Our mission

Ever since ethnology emerged as a discipline it has devoted great attention to the spatial manifestation, spread, similarities and differences of cultural phenomena. It strove to trace the history of their origin and how they spread. Theories were born on the basis of this approach: e.g. the theory of Kulturkreis, the Finnish geographical-historical school. Ethnography turned its attention principally to the spatial manifestation of rural, village, peasant culture interpreted as traditional. Cultural areas, zones and cultural trends were described. From the first third of the 20th century work began in many countries on ethnographical atlases and was concluded largely by the end of the 20th century. A common feature they all share is a reference to geographical determinism.

From the mid-20th century attention turned, besides the village, also to cities and the complex, modern and postmodern society. Industrialisation that had reshaped the world also transformed the earlier structure of space and society through strong internal and international migration. All this is the influence of the growing globalisation. Borders really became virtual as a consequence. It brought the appearance of very similar, uniform non-places (airports, shopping centres, etc.). People and their communities shape these spaces, that in turn influence them and their culture. The concepts of space, place, locality, landscape have become diverse. Political and natural, social, symbolical, religious, ethnic, linguistic and other borders criss-cross our lives, continuously shaping the space and place of our lives, contact-zones, the landscape and in cases producing a distinctive regionalism and regional consciousness.

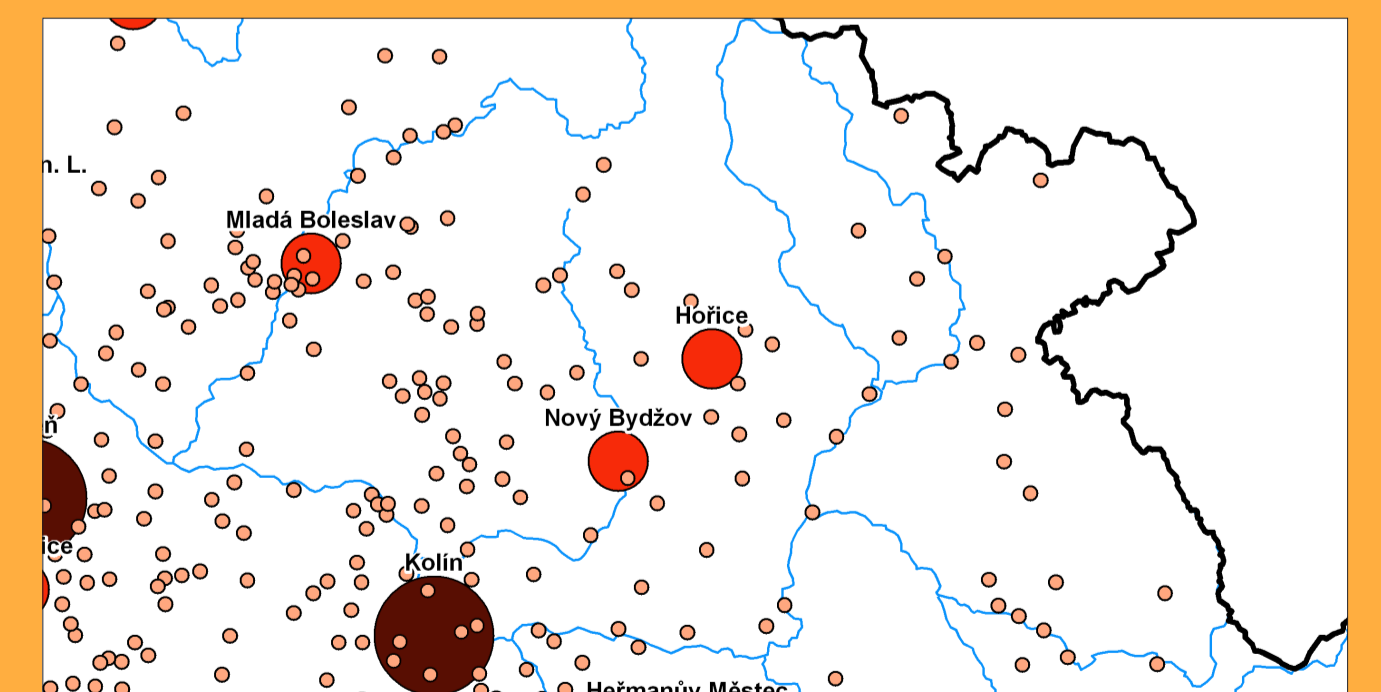
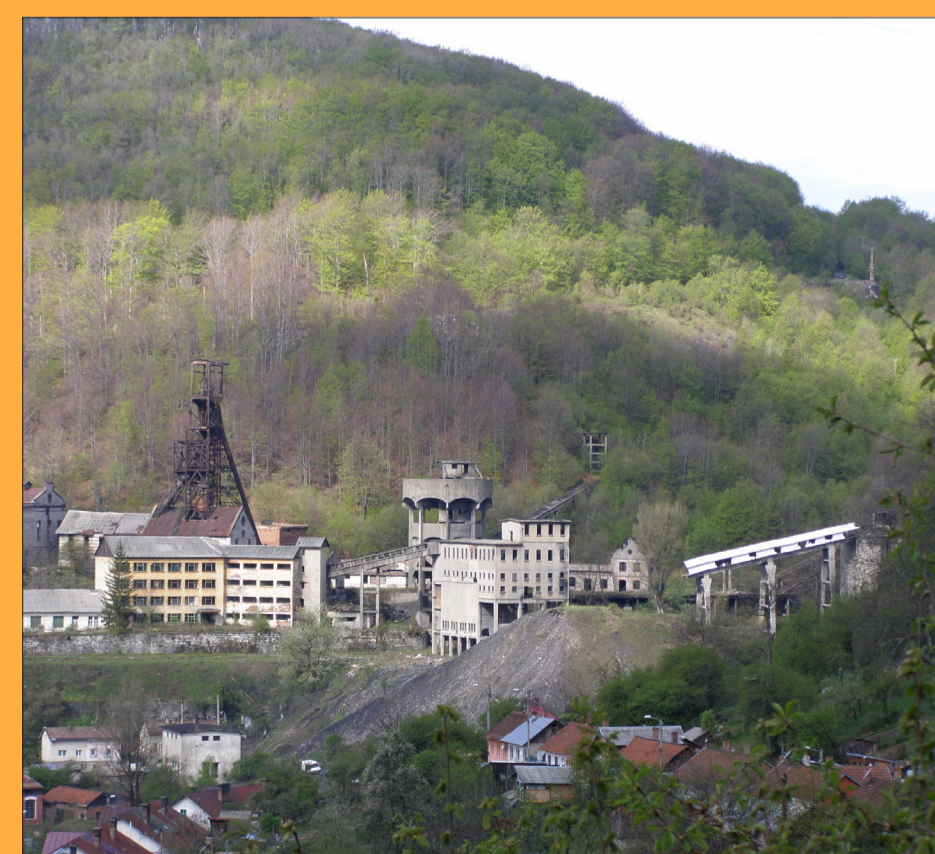
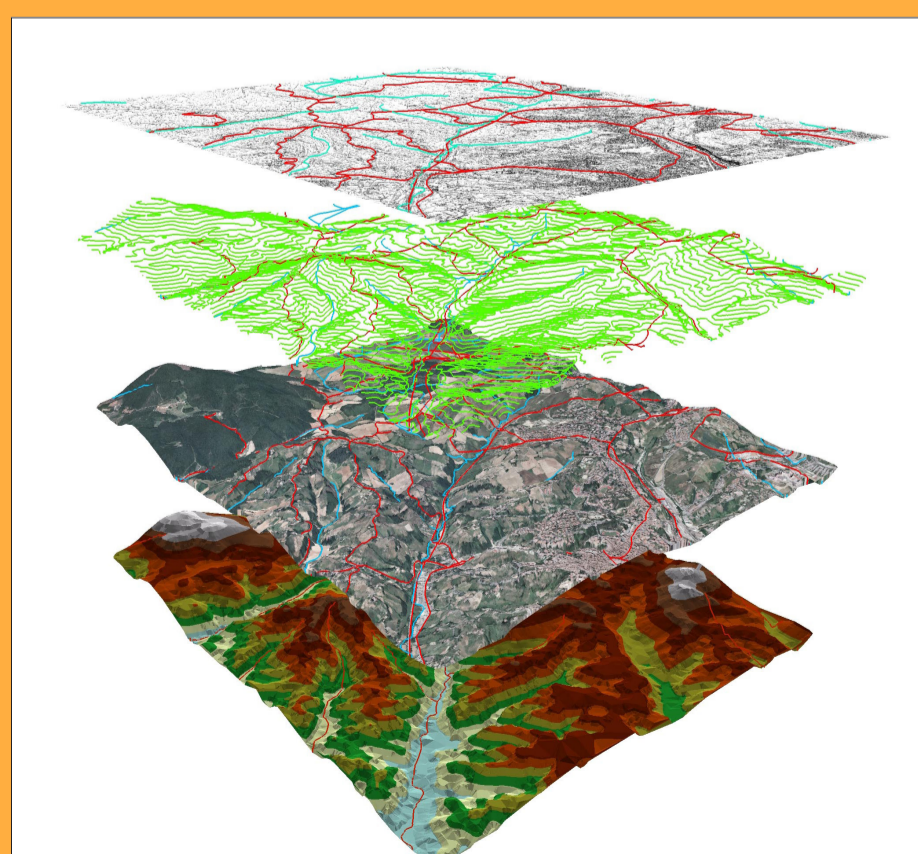
Our working group wishes to examine these themes, mainly in ethnographical and anthropological case studies, with a global and local outlook or comparative approach. We also wish to draw on the experiences of the International Ethnographic Working Group regarded as our forerunner. We welcome all those researchers who wish to deal with spatial experience from a historical, ethnographical and anthropological or other disciplinary angle, or from the viewpoint of different disciplines (European ethnology, geography, sociology, cultural studies, urban studies, anthropology, anthropology of religion, heritage studies, etc.).

Our recent activities

- membership growth: 13 new members adopted in 2015–2016
- dozens of articles and books published by the members of WG
- 2 panels successfully prepared for SIEF congress in Göttingen:
Sacred space and place and their symbolic adoption (starts on 27 March, 2017 at 8:30 in KWZ 1.731)
Ethnographic cartography revisited (starts on 29 March, 2017 at 8:30 in KWZ 0.607)

Our plans

- 2017** – publishing contributions from WG panels in Göttingen as an edited volume and/or special journal issue
- 2017** – WG workshop Monuments and Memorial Sites in Changing Social-Political Contexts, Szeged, November 21–24
- 2018** – WG conference, Prague, autumn 2018, title and topic TBA



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