

Geography Workshop Austria 2022

„The Grand Challenges“ in Geography

3rd and 4th of March 2022

at the Department of Geography and Regional Research
University of Vienna

Call for Papers

The Department of Geography and Regional Research is hosting the fifth Geography Workshop Austria of the scientific Geography association (Geographieverband). This bi-annual event is intended as a format for young researchers and is therefore aimed in particular at geographers in the qualification phase (PhD candidate's and PostDoc's), but also invites all *senior researchers* and *research-oriented students* to participate and contribute. The focus is on the discourse of grand challenges within current geographical research topics, which will also be addressed by several keynote lectures of newly appointed professors from the Geography Departments of Austrian universities. Dissertation and post-doctoral projects will be introduced via flash talks and presented in a poster session. In complementary workshops, questions of research practice and funding options will be discussed focusing on the requirements of young scientists in Geography.

We are particularly pleased that Univ.-Prof. Dr. **Christof GATTRINGER**, President of the FWF and Univ.-Prof. Dr. **Heinz FASSMANN**, previous Federal Minister of Education, Science and Research will participate in a moderated panel discussion on research opportunities in Austria.

The workshop is planned in presence. Based on the pandemic development, it might be changed to an online-meeting.

The submission of abstracts (preferably in English; incl. title, author name(s) and short summary, all max. 1 page) is open until 16th January 2022. Please submit via **geowerkstatt2022@univie.ac.at**.

The registration deadline and the availability of the final programme is 31st January 2022. Most recent details are provided here:

<https://geographieverband.at/5-geographie-werkstatt/>

Some key elements

- Newly appointed professors will present a keynote lecture.
- PhD- / PostDoc-contributions, preferably in English, will be presented as a poster including a flash-talk. The general communication will be in German.
- ALL poster contributions will be assigned to 4 framing topics and will be introduced in 2–3-minute flash talks directly at the poster. In the first time slot A.1, the group moves from poster to poster and the corresponding author briefly introduces the content of his/ her own poster. In time block A.2, each person remains at his or her own poster - and one can visit the poster that interested one the most and have a more in-depth discussion.

The exact four framing topics of the "Grand Challenges" will be defined based on the content of the submitted abstracts.

- The event is converted into ECTS and confirmed accordingly. PhD's (and MSc students if applicable) can submit these credits in their individual study programmes.
- A coupling with VISESS (Vienna International School of Earth and Space Science) has been initiated.
- Four prizes for the best flash talks and posters will be awarded. Each participant of all four thematic groups will briefly evaluate each presentation on a provided form. Within each group, this process is moderated by a member of the Geographieverband steering committee. These four steering committee members will then decide the best contribution from the four groups. The prizes are 250€ for the best contribution, and the remaining three will be granted with 150€ each. All four contributions will be briefly presented in the plenum.
- Financial support to travel and accommodation expenses for speakers is offered.
- The participation is free of charge.
- All contributions will be published in an open-access conference proceedings.

Programme overview – draft

Note: There might be minor changes in the final program due to the submitted abstracts.

Thursday, 3rd of March 2022

from 11:00am	Registration
12:30pm	Opening of the Geography Workshop Austria 2022
01:00pm	Keynote block 1: Two presentations (20min lecture – 10min discussion)
02:00pm	Short introduction to the framework topics and poster presentations



- 02:15pm *Coffee break*
- 03:15pm Poster Session 1 – four "tours" including max. 3-minute flash talks
- 04:45pm Poster Session 2 – in-depth conversation in front of the posters
- from 06:00pm Evening programme (social event) incl. dinner*

Friday, 4th of March 2022

- 09:00am Keynote block 2: Two presentations (20min lecture – 10min discussion)
- 10:00am *Coffee break*
- 10:30am Panel discussion: **Geographical research - framework conditions and research funding**
Moderation: Univ. Prof. Dr. Michaela TRIPPL
Panel: FWF President – Ao. Univ. Prof. Dr. Christof GATTRINGER
prev. BMBWF Minister – Univ. Prof. Dr. Heinz FASSMANN
Discussion with the plenum
- 12:00pm *Lunch break*
- 01:00pm Workshop: **A scientific research proposal – the way to success**
Moderation: Univ.-Prof. Dr. Alois HUMER
- 01:45pm Options for implementation: **The next scientific research proposal**
Support for individual research projects in small groups
- 02:30pm Award ceremony for the posters - including a short presentation of the four contributions by each author
- 03:00pm Official closing of the geography workshop - short coffee break
- 03:15pm *Short Coffee break*
- 03:30pm General Assembly of the Geography Association with strategy meeting**

Program based on the Geographieverband
- 06:00pm *At the latest - end of the General Assembly and strategy meeting*