



Third International Symposium on Platial Information Science

Places across cultures

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People “live” and constitute places every day through recurrent practices and experience. Both agency and experience are rooted in cultural embeddings that vary across different world regions. The complexity this entails requires researchers to investigate the concept of place through a variety of cultural lenses. The formal representation of place in GIScience is no exception and can only be successfully addressed if we consider geographical, psychological, linguistical, sociological, cognitive, and other perspectives taking account of cultural specificities.

How can we represent not only place but also its cultural aspects? How can we be more inclusive when conceptualising place to also include marginalised communities? Is it even possible to find structures of place that extend beyond cultural anchoring? These and other related questions will be addressed at PLATIAL'20 and have led us to this year's motto “Places across cultures”. We hope to bring together place-based researchers from different disciplines to discuss the current state of theoretical and applied platial research.

We welcome submissions of papers on the following topics:

- Which approaches of place representation exist in various disciplines?
- How can existing theoretical approaches of platial representation from different disciplines be integrated towards a unified notion of place?
- How can we move forward the integration of platial information with GIS?
- What are suitable strategies for addressing the subjectivity inherent to platial information?
- What roles should uncertainty and fuzziness play in platial theories?
- In which ways can places be visualised, in particular at multiple scales?
- How can we demonstrate the practical usefulness of place-based information by means of examples and in comparison to spatial information?
- (Further topics are welcome if they fit the overall theme of this symposium.)

Important dates

3 July 2020 Submission deadline for both short papers and mini workshops
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How to contribute

We are seeking high-quality contributions on the topics proposed. For this, we offer two different formats: compact mini workshops accompanied by citable, joint recap papers; and short papers that will be orally presented in the regular track of the symposium.

Mini workshops. PLATIAL'20 offers the innovative format of mini workshops. Being concise and to the point, these will allow peers to discuss specialised cutting-edge topics in a laid-back, intimate atmosphere. The idea is to have **2-hours sessions** dedicated to specific platial topics. These sessions will be prepared, organised, and conducted by the workshop convenors who proposed the respective sessions. All attendees will be offered space, equipment, and relevant supplies to foster fruitful, creative, and goal-oriented discussions. For each mini workshop, the results achieved will ideally then lead to a joint paper of all attendees that will be given a suitable deadline for submission after the event. These contributions will undergo the same rigorous peer review by members of the programme committee as regular short papers. If you are interested in proposing a mini workshop on your topic of choice, please submit an informal one-page proposal in PDF format to platial20@platialscience.net by 3 July. You may want to get in touch with the organisers prior to submission in case of any questions about topics you want to propose. We especially encourage early-career researchers to take this opportunity to discuss their ongoing research.

Short papers. Regular short papers submitted to PLATIAL'20 should not exceed **7–9 pages**, including abstract, figures, and references. Your papers should be prepared in adherence to the guidelines found in the Overleaf template (<http://bit.ly/platial20>). Submission of your paper (i.e., the PDF) should be done via EasyChair: <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=platial20>. We will only approach you upon paper acceptance to ask for submission of all finalized files (including the compiled PDF, LaTeX source files, figures). All submissions will be reviewed double-blind by at least two members of the programme committee. Therefore, please prepare your documents in anonymized form (see instructions given in the template). Please get in touch with us should you, for any reason, not be able to use LaTeX for preparing your manuscript.

Long-term citability. We value your contributions! Therefore, your work should be visible and sustainably citable long-term after the symposium. All short paper contributions will be published online with individual DOIs as **ZENODO Symposium Proceedings**, an outlet funded by the European Commission to support publication of high-quality proceedings.

How to register?

Please find information on the registration procedure as well as further information about the event online: <http://platial20.platialscience.net>.

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Keynotes

The Role of Sociotopographic Place in Conceptual Representations of Space

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A second keynote will be announced soon.

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