

# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY



## Why this conference?

The study of political space generated two academic disciplines: political geography and geopolitics. If geopolitics is now popular, political geography remains a relatively self-contained discipline, especially in the French-speaking countries. Political geography is most developed in the English-speaking world (the journal *Political Geography* is a benchmark for this field).

It appeared necessary to organize a theoretical conference dealing with political space as, in France most of colloquiums in these field are dominated by a regional or empirical approach.

## Objectives

Trying to elaborate a common definition of Political Geography and Geopolitics, or to redefine the boundaries of these fields, seems hard to achieve and even useless. The organization committee wishes to go beyond these labels and aims at:

- giving an updated overview of the concepts, themes and scales mobilizing geographers and all academics dealing with political space. These concepts and themes are not necessarily new, but most of them have been profoundly transformed in the course of the twentieth century.
- underlining the hiatus between the relatively marginal position of the academic field within society and the increasing demand for information and analytical skills regarding the political aspects of space.
- bringing together scientists (geographers or not) concerned with the research themes of political geography and geopolitics and promoting professional connections between academics.

## Information

### When ?

Wednesday 2 April (from 9.30 am)  
Thursday 3 April  
Friday 4 April (end at 5.30 pm)

### Where ?

**University of Reims, Campus Croix Rouge  
Bâtiment Recherche (Research Building)**  
57, rue Pierre Taittinger, Reims

- Bus H (every 5 min) from Theatre (10 min walking from the central station) - (Stop Fac de Droit et Lettres )
- Bus K (every 20 min) from Stations (Stop Guyard)

### Who?

#### The organizing committee :

Stéphane Rosière, Céline Vacchiani-Marcuzzo, Pernelle Grandjean, Frédéric Piantoni, Claude Duménil

#### The International scientific Committee :

Michel Bussi (Université de Rouen), Kevin Cox (Ohio State University), Carl T. Dahlman (Miami University, Ohio), Ina Elias de Castro (Université fédérale de Rio de Janeiro), Frédéric Giraut (Université de Genève), Anton Gosar (University of Primorska, Slovenia), Vladimir Kolossov (Académie des Sciences de Russie et vice-président de l'UGI), Stéphane Rosière (Université de Reims), Gerard Toal (Virginia Tech University), Céline Vacchiani-Marcuzzo (Université de Reims), Christian Vandermotten (Université Libre de Bruxelles)

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## Wednesday 2 April

9h30 :

### 10 h : Plenary sessions (Amphithéâtre)

- 10h : Sponsors
- 10h30-11h : **S. Rosière**, URCA (France)  
*Concepts and scales : political and ideological tools*

*11h-11h30 : Coffee break*

- 11h30-12h15 : **A. Gosar**, Primorska University (Slovenia)  
*Political Geography on the Global Scale*
- 12h15-13h: **K. Cox**, Ohio State University (USA)  
*The Territorialization of Politics and What Happened in Western Europe*

**13h-14h : Lunch**

### 14h-17h30 : Parallel workshops

*(15h30-16h : Coffee break)*

- **Workshop 1** : Epistemology 1 (room)  
Chair : C. Vandermotten, ULB (Belgium)
- **Workshop 2** : Cities (room)  
Chair : C. Vacchiani-Marcuzzo, URCA (France)
- **Workshop 3** : Territory (regional scale), (room)  
Chair : Y. Richard, University Paris 1 (France)
- **Workshop 4** : Nation Building  
Chair : J. Bitoun, University of Pernambuco (Brazil)

**19 h : MAISON DE CHAMPAGNE POMMERY**  
**(VISITE DES CAVES + DINER)**

## Thursday 3 April

### 9h30-13h : Parallel workshops

*(11h-11h30 : Coffee break)*

- **Workshop 1** : Democracy 1  
Chair : K. Cox, Ohio State University (USA)
- **Workshop 2** : Territory (global scale)  
Chair : F. Giraut, University of Geneva (Switzerland)
- **Workshop 3** : Epistemology 2  
Chair : F. Durand-Dastès, University Paris 7 (France)
- **Workshop 4** : Conflicts and security  
Chair : V. Kolossov, Russian Academy of Sciences (Russia)

**13h-14h : Lunch**

### 14h-17h30 : Parallel workshops

*(15h30-16h : Coffee break)*

- **Workshop 1** : Democracy 2  
Chair : M. Bussi, University of Rouen (France)
- **Workshop 2** : Territory (local scale)  
Chair : I. Elias de Castro, Federal University of Rio (Brazil)
- **Workshop 3** : State  
Chair : J. Fall, University of Geneva (Switzerland)
- **Workshop 4** : Mobility and Flows  
Chair : A-L Amilhat-Szary, Univ. Grenoble 1 (France)

**19h : COCKTAIL À LA MAIRIE DE REIMS**

## Friday 4 April

### 9h30-17h : Parallel workshops

*(11h-11h30 : Coffee break)*

- **Workshop 1** : Boundaries  
Chair : S. Rosière, URCA (France)
- **Workshop 2** : Power  
Chair : C. Dahlman, Miami University (USA)
- **Workshop 3** : Agency strategies  
Chair : F. Piantoni, URCA (France)

**13h-14h : Lunch**

### 14h-17h30: Plenary sessions (Amphithéâtre)

- 14h-14h45 : **G. Toal**, Virginia Tech University (USA)  
*Beyond the Global War on Terror*
- 14h45-15h30 : **M. Bussi**, University of Rouen (France)  
*La coopération territoriale : un enjeu renouvelé pour la géographie politique*

*15h30-16h : Coffee break*

- 16h-16h45 : **F. Giraut**, University of Geneva (Switzerland)  
*De l'art du découpage territorial: pour une théorisation des principes contradictoires d'homogénéité et de complémentarité*
- 16h45-17h30 : **J. Levy**, EPFL (Switzerland)  
*Politique et/ou géopolitique dans un Monde qui se mondialise: ne pas se tromper de lunettes*