



Geografia bez granic Geography without borders



Dear Distinguished Guests, Dear Colleagues,

It is our pleasure to invite you to the **Congress of Polish Geography**, the largest conference of Polish geographers, which will be held in **Lublin from 10 to 14 September 2025**.

The Congress will take place under the theme "Geography Without Borders", fostering reflection and discussion on the richness and diversity of geographical research, both in terms of subject matter and theoretical and methodological approaches. It will also serve as a valuable opportunity for the integration of the entire geographical community, as well as representatives of related disciplines.

As part of the Congress, the **65th Assembly of the Polish Geographical Society** will also be held, further underscoring its significance as the foremost event in Polish geography.

We warmly encourage you to take an active part in the Congress, particularly by presenting your research findings in one of the many thematic sessions or within the poster session. We also hope you will join us for the field sessions, which will provide an enriching complement to the event's programme.

We look forward to welcoming you to Lublin!

Prof. dr hab. Radosław Dobrowolski, *Rector of Maria Curie-Skłodowska University*Prof. dr hab. Zbigniew Zwoliński, *Chair of the Committee of Geographical Sciences, Polish Academy of Sciences*

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Conference Objectives

- · Assessment of the achievements of Polish geographical research to date
- Discussion on the identity of geography and its contemporary challenges and issues
- Defining directions for development in the fields of research, education, knowledge dissemination, and the commercialisation of research results
- Strengthening collaboration and integrating the geographical community, including academics from all Polish geographical institutions, geography teachers, students, doctoral candidates, and practitioners

Organisers

- Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin
- Committee of Geographical Sciences, Polish Academy of Sciences
- Polish Geographical Society
- · Conference of Heads of Geographical Institutes

Co-organisers

- Faculty of Earth Sciences and Spatial Management
- Institute of Social and Economic Geography and Spatial Management
- Institute of Earth and Environmental Sciences
- Polish Geographical Society Lublin Branch

Venue and Date

Lublin, 10–14 September 2025











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Conference Venues

Forum of Young Geography (Wednesday, 10.09.2025)

Faculty of Earth Sciences and Spatial Management, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Lublin, al. Kraśnicka 2d







Day 1 of the Conference (Thursday, 11.09.2025) Centre for the Meeting of Cultures, Lublin, pl. Teatralny 1





Day 2 of the Conference (Friday, 12.09.2025) Western Campus UMCS, Lublin, ul. Głęboka 43 and 45





Field sessions (Saturday-Sunday, 13-14.09.2025)



















Framework Programme

10 September 2025 (Wednesday), Faculty of Earth Sciences and Spatial Management, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University

Young Geography Forum		
9.00-10.00	Participant registration	
10.00-11.00	Plenary session	
	Opening of the Forum and welcome address, Plenary lecture	
11.00-11.15	Coffee break	
11.15-13.15	Oral sessions (kaleidoscopic format)	
13.15-13.45	Poster session	
13.45-14.45	Lunch	
14.45-17.15	Workshop sessions	
17.15-17.30	Award ceremony and Forum summary	
Congress of Polish Geography 2025 & Young Geography Forum		
19.00-22.00	Ice breaker party	



11 September 2025 r. (Thursday), Centre for the Meeting of Cultures, Lublin

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Congress of Polish Geography 2025				
8.00-9.00	Participant registration, refreshments			
9.00-9.30	Official opening ceremony			
9.30-10.30	Plenary Session I			
10.30-11.00	Technical break – promotional clips			
11.00-11.45	Discussion Panel I: Why Geography? A New Perspective on an Old Scientific Discipline			
11.45-12.30	Discussion Panel II: The Applicability of Geography			
12.30-13.00	Coffee break			
13.00-13.45	Discussion Panel III: The Future of School and Academic Geography			
13.45-14.30	Discussion Panel IV: The Future of Geography Through the Eyes of Young Scholars			
14.30-15.30	Lunch			
15.30-16.30	Jubilee Session: 80 Years of Lublin Geography			
16.30-18.00	Polish Geography Gala: Awards, Medals, and Distinctions Ceremony, Speeches b Awardees			
18.00-19.30	Formal dinner			
GeoArt Lublin Festival				
20.00-20.30	Diaporama			
20.30-21.30	Symphonic concert			

12 September 2025 (Friday), UMCS Western Campus, Chatka Żaka

Congress of Polish Geography 2025			
8.00-9.00	Participant registration, refreshments	Western Campus	
9.00-10.00	Plenary session		
10.00-11.30	Thematic sessions		
11.30-12.00	Coffee break		
11.30-12.00	Tadeusz J. Chmielewski. 50 YEARS WITH PHOTOGRAPHY		
12.00-13.30	Thematic sessions		
13.30-15.00	Thematic sessions		
15.00-16.00	Lunch		
16.00-17.30	Thematic sessions		
17.30-18.00	Congress closing session		
	Meeting of the Committee on Geographical Sciences of the		
	Polish Academy of Sciences		
	Meeting of the Main Council of the Polish Geographical Society		
19.00-21.00	Networking banquet	Chatka Żaka	

13-14 September 2025 (Saturday-Sunday), Field Sessions







Call for Abstracts - Oral and Poster Presentations

We invite submissions of **oral presentations and posters** within the proposed thematic blocks and sessions:

Block 1: Geography and Society

- Geography in the study of socio-ecological systems (SES) as an integrative multidisciplinary science
- Local communities as agents of spatial change

Block 2: Economic Geography

· Economic Geography: Transformations in the Agricultural, Industrial, and Service Sectors

Block 3: Sustainable Regional Development

- Resilience of cities and regions in the face of contemporary challenges
- Just energy transition in Poland
- Digital transformation and regional development
- Transport infrastructure in Poland development and challenges
- Protected areas and socio-economic development

Block 4: Historical and Political Geography

- Historical and political geography in an unstable world past and present
- Geography and geopolitics contributions of geographers to the Polish school of geopolitics
- Borders in the identification of historical phenomena

Block 5: Borders and Cross-border Cooperation

- · Borders and borderlands in times of uncertainty
- Border variability and new forms of transborder cooperation

Block 6: Regional Cooperation

- Polish-Ukrainian regional cooperation in reconstruction and integration
- The future of EU cohesion policy after 2027
- · Concept of a new territorial reform in Poland
- Functional urban areas cooperation, management, planning
- Urban boundaries and suburbanisation processes

Block 7: Tourism and Geotourism

- Geotourism in practice opportunities and challenges
- A geographical perspective on tourism
- Monitoring and analysis of tourist flows in the Anthropocene

Block 8: Medical Geography

· Medical geography in the face of contemporary civilisational challenges

Block 9: Military Geography

• Directions and Determinants of the Development of Military Geography

Block 10: GIS and Geoinformation

- Geoinformation in geography methods and applications
- GIS in geomorphology methods, analysis, visualisation
- Digital geomorphological mapping
- Remote sensing of the Earth's surface

XLVII National Cartographic Conference

- Maps, cartographic sources, and GIS tools in interdisciplinary research
- Maps and GIS in geographical education
- Geoinformation and artificial intelligence in cartography

Block 11: Climate and Water

- Quaternary: climate, environment, and human interactions
- Consequences of climate change
- Climate: past, present, and future
- Water: scarcity, excess, and quality
- Fires their impact on the environment and society











Block 12: Polar Region Studies

- Permafrost and its role in the geographical environment
- Climate and environmental changes in polar regions
- Ice boundaries and the future of polar areas

Block 13: Geodiversity and Landscape

- Geodiversity, geosites, and geoparks
- Geosystem services of geodiversity
- From landscape perception to management
- The impact of landscape changes in Poland on national and regional development

Block 14: Geoarchaeology

• Geoarchaeology – achievements and challenges in the 21st century

Block 15: Geology, Geomorphology, and Soil Science

- Geomorphological processes in the Anthropocene
- · Soil as an environmental archive
- Lublin amber resources, research, and perspectives

Block 16: Research Methods

- Public statistics and modern research methods
- Geography and statistics an interdisciplinary approach to spatial analysis

Block 17: Interdisciplinary Geographical Topics

- The Anthropocene New Challenges for Geography
- Current Research Trends in Geography Education At the Borders or Without Boundaries?
- The Applied Role of Geography Collaboration with Socio-Economic Partners
- Artificial Intelligence in Geography
- Space and Movement: Interdisciplinary Challenges in Contemporary Geographical Research
- At the Borders of Geography Geodetic Foundations of Geographical Knowledge
- Fires their impact on the environment and society

Block 18: Others

This block is open to participants wishing to submit a presentation or poster on geographical and related disciplines that do not fit within the thematic scope of the above-listed sessions.

Block 19: Poster Session

VIII National Scientific Conference on Light Pollution

UNESCO Biosphere Reserves Programme Forum

Please submit your abstracts via the online form available at: https://www.kgp2025.umcs.pl

Submission deadline: 31 May 2025. The **Scientific Committee** will decide on the acceptance of submitted topics.

Young Geography Forum

The Young Geography Forum (10.09.2025) is an initiative aimed at integrating young researchers from various academic institutions while providing a platform for exchanging scientific experiences and presenting innovative research in geography and related disciplines. The Forum seeks to promote interdisciplinary research approaches, foster collaboration among early-career scientists, and inspire them to take on new research challenges.

The event is primarily intended for **early-career researchers** (up to seven years after obtaining a PhD), **doctoral candidates**, and **students**.

Participants can register in one of two categories:

- Active participation, which includes presenting a paper in a kaleidoscopic session, a poster, or both,
- Passive participation, which involves attending the Forum without delivering a presentation.

The deadline for submitting participation applications is **31 May 2025. Please submit your application via the online form.**











Free Workshops for Primary and Secondary School Teachers

On 12 September (Friday), free workshops will be held for primary and secondary school teachers, covering the following topics:

- Artificial Intelligence in Geography Education
- Application of GIS Tools in Geography Lessons
- Climate Databases
- Methodological Inspirations in Geography Teaching

These workshops aim to provide educators with modern teaching tools, innovative methods, and practical applications to enhance geography education. For more details and registration, please visit: https://www.kgp2025.umcs.pl.

GeoArt Lublin Festival



The GeoArt Lublin Festival is a unique artistic event that brings together music, visual arts, photography, film, and dance, creating a captivating narrative about our planet. Inspired by geographical processes, natural phenomena, and the beauty of landscapes, artists invite participants to immerse themselves in a multidimensional experience, showcasing both the majesty of the Earth and the environmental challenges of the modern world.

The festival accompanies the Congress of Polish Geography 2025.

Key attractions of the GeoArt Lublin Festival:

- Diaporama an Audiovisual Spectacle. A mesmerising audiovisual performance featuring extraordinary photographs by Marek Kucharczyk and Wojciech Zgłobicki, showcasing the geological and geographical wonders of our planet—from delicate crystal structures and ancient life traces to monumental desert and mountain formations. The experience will be enhanced by an electronic soundtrack composed by Rafał Rozmus, bringing out the dynamics and emotional depth of the images. This fusion of visuals and sound will offer the audience a fresh perspective on inanimate nature as an endless source of beauty and inspiration
- Symphonic Concert the Tomasz Momot Orchestra, featuring guitarist Marek Raduli, will present an extraordinary symphony inspired by the sounds of nature and the energy of our planet. Combining traditional instruments with modern technologies, the musicians will craft a musical journey through the harmony of the globe. The concert will be accompanied by visual projections illustrating key stages of Earth's evolution—from the birth of the oceans and volcanic eruptions to modern landscapes. This synchronisation of music and imagery will provide an immersive, multisensory experience.
- Poster Biennale the central theme of this unique exhibition is the dialogue between art and science. The Poster Biennale will serve as a platform for reflection on geographical phenomena and their significance in today's world.
- Nature Film Screening the audience will have the opportunity to watch carefully curated films that
 reveal both the aesthetic beauty of geographical phenomena and the pressing challenges of our
 time, such as climate change, urbanisation, and environmental degradation. These screenings will
 encourage a deeper understanding of the planet's complexity.
- Dance Performance Earth, Water, Air, Fire The four elements Earth, Water, Air, and Fire with a fifth force binding them together: Dance. Interwoven with the power of nature, movement becomes a driving force, a living energy. The zMYsł Student Dance Theatre, celebrating a decade of artistic expression at UMCS Chatka Żaka, will present a captivating performance that embodies the connection between human movement and the natural elements.
- Geomapping in the heart of Lublin, building facades will come to life through a spectacular projection mapping show created by Paweł Łuciuk. These immersive projections, inspired by











landscapes and geographical processes, will integrate art into the urban space, transforming the city itself into a part of the festival experience.

- Nature Photography Exhibition a showcase of works by young photographers, selected through a competition, capturing the geographical diversity of the world. The exhibition will highlight both the monumental grandeur of nature and the subtle details that often escape everyday perception.
- Stanisław Bałdyga's Graphic Art Exhibition the central theme of this exhibition will be the many faces of the Earth. Stanisław Bałdyga, one of Poland's most acclaimed linocut artists, has gained recognition for his technically and artistically masterful compositions, featured in numerous national and international exhibitions. His work has been presented at over 50 solo exhibitions and nearly 300 group shows worldwide.

The GeoArt Lublin Festival is a celebration of Earth's beauty in a multidimensional form – from majestic mountains to delicate crystal structures, from symphonic sounds to rhythmic dance. It is a space where art becomes a bridge between awareness and emotion, wonder and reflection.

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Field Sessions

As part of the Congress, we invite you to participate in the following **one-day or two-day field sessions**:

One-day sessions – 13 September 2025 (Saturday):

1. Lublin at the Crossroads of Cultures

Lublin: Castle Hill – National Museum, Old Town, Jewish Quarter, Lublin Archcathedral, Orthodox Cathedral, Cemetery of Three Denominations

Price: 150 zł (includes transport, entrance tickets, guide, lunch)

2. Natural Heritage of Lublin / English-language session

Lublin: City Centre and Old Town, Castle Tower, Holy Trinity Chapel, Lublin Underground Route (walking tour, ~5 km)

Price: 150 zł (includes transport, entrance tickets, guide, lunch)

3. Economic Lublin

Lublin: Plage & Laśkiewicz Metal Works, Moritz Agricultural Machinery Factory, Wolski Agricultural Machinery Factory, Sugar Refinery / "Stock" Distillery, Kijoków Brewery, Vetter Brewery, Lublin Metropolitan Railway Station

Price: 150 zł (includes transport, entrance tickets, guide, lunch)

4. Natural and Cultural Heritage of the Proposed Lesser Poland Gorge of the Vistula Geopark Lesser Poland Gorge of the Vistula: Bochotnica Quarry, Korzeniowy Dół Ravine, Doły Podmularskie Ravine, Kazimierz Dolny, Kaliszany Quarry, Skarpa Dobrska, and geotourism & enotourism aspects (visit to a vineyard)

Price: 250 zł (includes transport, entrance tickets, packed meal, vineyard visit)

5. Natural and Cultural Determinants of Loess Landscape Development in Western Lublin Region

Nałęczów Plateau: Parchatka, Kazimierz Dolny – Korzeniowy Dół Gully, Celejów (paper mill, Zimny Dół gully), Wąwolnica (Castle Hill), Mareczki – Lipinki Gully

Price: 150 zł (obejmuje: transport, bilety wstępu, obiad)

6. Natural and Cultural Treasures of the Lublin Region – Lublin Amber and the Zamoyski Residence in Kozłówka

Lubartów Heights: *Amber mine in Niedźwiada, Zamoyski Museum in Kozłówka* Price: 150 zł (includes transport, entrance tickets, lunch)

7. Polesia – Nature and People

Lublin Polesie Region: Bogdanka Coal Mine (no underground tour), Bubnów Marsh, Urszulin (headquarter of Polesie National Park), Włodawa

Price: 250 PLN (includes transport, entrance fees, lunch)

8. Geodiversity of Eastern Roztocze







Eastern Roztocze: Siedliska – Petrified Trees Museum, Dziewięcierz Bunker (part of the Molotov Line), Brusno Stare – multi-denominational cemetery, Nowe Brusno, Huta Różaniecka

Termin: od 13.09.25, godz. 7.30 do 13.09.25, ok. godz. 20.00 Price: 250 zł (includes transport, entrance ticket, packed meal)

Two-day sessions – 13-14 September 2025 (Saturday-Sunday):

9. Natural and Cultural Uniqueness of Roztocze Landscapes

Szczebrzeszyn and Tomaszów Roztocze: Zamość, Szczebrzeszyn, Szczebrzeszyn Landscape Park, Kawęczyn, Turzyniec, Zwierzyniec, Roztocze National Park, Echo Ponds, Czartowe Pole, quarry and observation tower in Józefów

Price: 450 zł (includes transport, accommodation, full board, entrance tickets)

10. Natural and Cultural Environment of the Podlasie Gorge of the Bug River

Podlasie Gorge of the Bug River: Neple – Kamienna Baba Terminal Moraine, "Podlasie Switzerland" Nature Reserve, Pratulin – Sanctuary of the Blessed Podlasie Martyrs, Janów Podlaski – Janów Podlaski Stud Farm, Mielnik – chalk outcrop, "Bug Gorge near Mielnik", Castle Hill, Grabarka – Holy Mountain of Grabarka

Price: 450 zł (includes transport, accommodation, full board, entrance tickets)

11. Socio-economic Changes and Environmental Protection in the Northern Part of the Sandomierz Basin

Northern Sandomierz Basin: Łysaków – disused quarry, old lime kilns, Lasy Janowskie Landscape Park – Imielty Ług Nature Reserve, Łążek Garncarski – pottery traditions, Stalowa Wola – Museum of the Central Industrial District, Tarnobrzeg – Polish Sulfur Industry Museum, reclamation of former sulfur mining sites

Price: 450 zł (includes transport, accommodation, full board, entrance tickets)

Please submit your registration via the online form. Deadline: 31 May 2025.

IMPORTANT: If the number of registrations is too low, the organisers reserve the right to cancel selected field sessions and offer alternative options to participants.

Post-Congress Publications

A key scientific outcome of the **Congress of Polish Geographers** will be the publication of articles containing written versions of the papers presented at the event. Selected works will have the opportunity to be published in **renowned scientific journals**, such as:

- "Bulletin of Geography. Socio-economic Series" (100 MNiSW points)
- "Geographia Polonica" (100 MNiSW points)
- "Quaestiones Geographicae" (100 MNiSW points)
- "Czasopismo Geograficzne" (70 MNiSW points)
- "Landform Analysis" (70 MNiSW points)
- "Polish Cartographical Review" (70 MNiSW points)
- "Przegląd Geograficzny" (70 MNiSW points)
- "Rozwój Regionalny i Polityka Regionalna" (70 MNiSW points)
- "Annales Universitatis Mariae Curie-Sklodowska", sectio B Geographia, Geologia, Mineralogia et Petrographia (40 MniSW points)
- "Prace Komisji Krajobrazu Kulturowego" (40 MniSW points)

he **Organising Committee** is actively working to secure additional **publication opportunities** for Congress participants. Detailed information regarding publication conditions will be provided in the **Third Circular**.

Conference Fee

Registration by 31 May 2025:

- Regular fee– 600 zł (150 EUR)
- Students, PhD candidates, and retirees 300 PLN (75 EUR)
- Participation on the first day only (Centre for the Meeting of Cultures) 300 PLN (75 EUR)

Additional fee: Icebreaker party on 10 September 2025 –100 PLN (25 EUR)











Registration after 31 May 2025:

- Regular fee 800 PLN (200 EUR)
- Students, PhD candidates, and retirees 400 PLN (100 EUR)
- articipation on the first day only (Centre for the Meeting of Cultures) 400 PLN (100 EUR)

Additional fee: Icebreaker party on 10 September 2025 – 100 PLN (25 EUR)

Bank account details for payments (Maria Curie-Skłodowska University):

- PLN: 68 1140 1094 0000 2905 1600 1130
- EUR: 83 1140 1094 0000 2905 1600 1054

Payment reference: "First Name Last Name - KGP2025".

Accommodation

We encourage participants of the **Congress of Polish Geography 2025** to take advantage of **special accommodation offers** provided by the following hotels:

Hotel Holiday Inn Express

ul. Spadochroniarzy 9, 20-043 Lublin

https://www.hiexlublin.pl/pl/

This is the recommended hotel for congress participants. For reservations made by 30 April 2025, the following discounted rates apply:

Prices will increase after 30 April 2025. When making a reservation, please provide the code "Kongres Geografii Polskiej" to receive the special rate.

Hotel Mercure

Aleje Racławickie 12, 20-037 Lublin

https://all.accor.com/hotel/3404/index.pl.shtml

Negotiated discounted rates available until 31 May 2025. After this date, participants will receive a 15% discount off the daily rate.

Hotel Campanile

ul. Lubomelska 14, 20-067 Lublin

https://www.campanile.com/pl/nasze-hotele/polska/hotele-lublin/

Reservations must be made using the form available on the Congress website (www.kgp2025.umcs.pl). Discounted rates apply until 15 August 2025.

IBB Hotels (Grand Hotel)

ul. Krakowskie Przedmieście 56, 20-002 Lublin

https://ibbhotellublin.com/

10% discount off the daily rate using the code "Kongres Geografii Polskiej"

Hotel Victoria

ul. Prezydenta Gabriela Narutowicza 58/60, 20-016 Lublin

https://victorialublin.pl/

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Special rate for Congress participants: 50 PLN per night.

Participants are responsible for making their own accommodation reservations.











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Important dates

Registration and abstract submission (online form) – 31 May 2025 r.

Confirmation of acceptance of the presentation – 30 June 2025 r.

Conference fee - 30 June 2025 r.

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We look forward to seeing you in Lublin!









