



The Fourth Scientific Conference for the Geographical Association of Tanzania

“THE DYNAMICS OF SPACE IN TRANSFORMING SOCIETY: OPTIONS AND CHALLENGES”

The Geographical Association of Tanzania (GAT) in collaboration with the **Mwalimu Nyerere Memorial Academy (MNMA)** cordially invites different institutions, individual professionals, researchers and postgraduate students to the **Fourth International Scientific Conference of the Geographical Association of Tanzania** that will take place at MNMA in Dar es Salaam - Tanzania, from **26th to 28th September, 2019**. MNMA is located at Kigamboni, adjacent to the Dar es Salaam Harbour.

The Geographical Association of Tanzania has chosen the theme of space dynamics in transforming society because space is a complex concept in geography. It can be grasped through experience. Generally, the world has been divided into geographical entities, which undergo temporal processes of development. The main focus is to observe, analyse and propose different temporal trajectories of development undertaken by different societies over that space. The dynamics of space are first attributed by the definition of the space itself, which is not natural but, a human construct. Thus, we may define space as absolute when it is a thing in itself, relative when there is relationship between objects over time hence, special temporality, and relational when the objects are said to exist if it represents relationship with other objects. Moreover, the three conceptualizations of space can be treated in three basic ways i.e. the experienced, conceptualized and lived space. Therefore, the main questions as geographers are: what is space? Who defines it? How is it organized? How does the definition of space affect the way the community acts? What is the causal relationship of space? It should be noted that the main struggle is geared to transforming the society. Furthermore, in a globalized context, what are the options and challenges? The absolute space like natural

resources, movements of people, goods and services are defined relative to space hence, some phenomena of space gets advantages due to their relationships with other space defined relational spaces. Nonetheless, the relationship of what exists in abstract and in the real world, and the uneven development in a geographical space need to be critically understood.

Given this background, abstracts and full papers are invited from authors within and beyond Africa. In order to understand the theme on space dynamics, the following sub-themes have been developed and therefore be discussed:

- ❖ Tourism and natural resource governance
- ❖ Culture, health, mobility and population dynamics
- ❖ Climate change and disaster dynamics ad peace building
- ❖ Food, Agriculture, industrialization and economic transformation
- ❖ Education and professional development in Geographical studies
- ❖ Environmental management and policy implementation
- ❖ Social protection programmes and poverty reduction

The abstracts and full papers should not exceed 250 and 8000 words, respectively. Submission should be in word format, 12 point Times New Roman font size, APA referencing style.

The abstract should have the following information for the author(s): full name, email and affiliation. The abstracts and full papers should be submitted as attachment file and named by the surname of the author to tzgeoconferences@gmail.com
Cc tanzaniangeographers@gmail.com and parity@gmail.com

Registration Fee & Bank Details:

Conference registration fee will be:

For Tanzanian delegates: TSH. 100,000/=

For International delegates: USD. 100

The fee should be deposited into CRDB Bank Account with details shown below:

Account Name: **Geographical Association of Tanzania- 0150401510100**

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For inquires please consult the Organizing Committee or write to the emails above.

Participants are expected to cover their own cost for transport and accommodation in Dar es Salaam. The Organizing Committee will provide meals and materials during the conference.

Important Dates and Deadlines

1. Submission of abstracts: 30th April, 2019
2. Submission of full papers: 30th June, 2019
3. Review Process: July-August, 2019
4. Conference Date: 26th – 28th September, 2019

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All are welcome