

IGU THEMATIC CONFERENCE

ON

**BRIDGING PERSPECTIVES: EXPLORING LOCAL AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT,
LAND USE CHANGE, HEALTH, AND BIODIVERSITY FOR A STRONGER
CONNECTION BETWEEN AND WITHIN GLOBAL NORTH AND SOUTH**

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THE CONFERENCE RATIONALE:

The conference aims to address the challenges and opportunities within the realms of local and regional development, land use change, disaster risk management, health, and biodiversity by focusing on the complex relationships and connections between the Global North and South. It seeks to provide a platform to address some of the key global issues and acknowledge the shared

challenges faced by diverse regions worldwide. Hence, it provides an opportunity for experts, researchers, policymakers, and practitioners from diverse regions to exchange ideas, share experiences, and collaborate on solutions. Ultimately, focusing on the connections between the Global North and South, the conference is aimed to foster a global dialogue that transcends geographical boundaries, serving as a catalyst to support decision-making and policy formulation towards the development of sustainable strategies that prioritize environmental conservation, land use/cover change, public health improvement, and inclusive local and regional development on a global scale.

MAIN THEMES:

- Local and Regional Patterns of the Rural-Urban Relationships
- Cross-border Cooperation, Peripheral Areas and Neighbourhood Policies
- Land Use/Cover Change, Driving Forces, Impacts and Consequences
- Socio-economic Disparities, Local and Regional Development
- Environmental Changes: Vulnerabilities, Impacts and Inequalities
- Innovation in teaching, AI emerging technologies and health geography education
- Health, Wellbeing and Sustainable Development in Urban and Rural Areas
- Impacts of Land Use/Cover Changes on Biodiversity Loss
- Biodiversity Conservation and Management

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

October 13 - Arrival of participants

October 14 – Opening Ceremony and Plenary Sessions (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú Institute for Nature, Earth and Energy (INTE-PUCP))

October 15 - Paper presentations

October 16 – Field excursion (Lima & Pachacamac Inca Temple)

October 17 – Departure of participants

CONFERENCE VENUE

Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Lima

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

Submission of Abstracts: May 1, 2025 (please fill in and submit the application form [here](#)).

Notification of Abstracts Acceptance: June 1, 2025

Registration deadline: July 15, 2025 (including payment)

Conference Dates: October 13 – 17, 2025

REGISTRATION FEE

Academic: 250 US \$

Students & retired: 10 US \$

The registration fee will include the welcome reception, coffee breaks and lunch on October 15.