



Vienna seen from the Belvedere, 1759-1760 by Bernardo Bellotto (Canaletto)
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GeoNames19 Symposium

“Place Names and Migration”

Vienna [Wien], 6-8 November 2019

Call for Papers

Vienna, 6th of January 2019

Dear colleagues,

In September 1967, the United Nations convened its first conference on the standardization of geographical names in Geneva. National name standardisation, which was to form the basis for international name standardisation, played a major role in the negotiations. Subsequently Josef Breu, who had been proposed by the Austrian Academy of Sciences and took part as Austria's representative made efforts to establish a national name standardisation board in Austria. It was agreed that it would be best to make use of the existing framework of the Austrian Cartographic Commission in the Austrian Geographical Society. In 1969, with the approval of the Geographical Society, the so-called *Abteilung für Kartographische Ortsnamenkunde (AKO)* – in 1994 renamed to *Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Kartographische Ortsnamenkunde in der Österreichischen Geographischen Gesellschaft und in Verbindung mit der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften* – was established.

To celebrate the 50 year anniversary of the foundation of AKO we are happy to invite you to the symposium

“Place Names and Migration”

Migration is a global and all-time phenomenon. Ever since humankind exists, people were migrating – individually or in groups. Concerning place names people can migrate to rather scarcely named areas but also to areas that have a densely and established namescape. Especially in the latter case it is interesting to look on how people – often with a different linguistic and cultural background – deal with the situation. Recent research shows that place names are clearly connected to personal and group identity. But research on how exactly migrants use, adapt and maybe change place names is a desideratum.

Related to place names, this prompts a number of delicate questions: How do migrants deal with place names? Do they accept the place names they find? Do they adapt them to their own language by translation, morphological or phonetic adaptation? Do they create new names of their own for already named places? And how do long-term residents of the place react to these attitudes?

Some of these questions get addressed already in traditional fields of onomastics. Additionally recent fields of study like “critical onomastics” and “colonial onomastics” give a new view on the same questions. The symposium intends to highlight various historical situations as well as recent migration events in all parts of the world.

Subthemes (with no claim to be exhaustive):

- Place-name use in historical situations of migration
- Place-name use in recent situations of migration
- Reactions of long-term residents to the place-name use by migrants
- Attempts (by migrants or the resident community) of integrating migrant place names into the official namescape
- Place-name use of migrants by feature categories
- Place-name use by kinds of migration
- Transfer of place names from the former home to the new place
- Use of exonyms of the local community by migrants

Organisational matters

Symposium language: English

Venue: Bundesamt für Eich- und Vermessungswesen (Federal Office of Metrology and Surveying), Schiffamtsgasse 1-3, 1020 Vienna

No participation fee is requested.

A second circular after the registration deadline as of 31st March 2019 will inform you about the preliminary program and provide you with some travel information. Please mind that accommodation in Vienna is your own responsibility and early reservation is recommendable.

Preliminary schedule

Wednesday, 6th November 2019, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.: Meeting of the Permanent Committee on Geographical Names (StAGN), in German, guests welcome

2 p.m. – 6 p.m.: Welcome addresses; speeches in commemoration of 50 years Austrian Board on Geographical Names (AKO), first part of the symposium “Place Names and Migration”

Thursday, 7th November 2019, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.: second part of the symposium

7 p.m.: Social dinner (invited by Peter Jordan at the occasion of his 70th birthday)

Friday, 8th November 2019, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.: third part of the symposium and excursion

Registration

Please, register for participation and paper presentation by using the form attached and return this it by email **no later than 31st March 2019**.

Deadlines

31st March 2019: Registration for the symposium, announcing paper title

30th September 2019: Abstract submission (if you wish to present a paper)

Looking forward to seeing you in Vienna and with kind regards

Gerhard Rampl

(Chair, Austrian Board on Geographical Names)

on behalf of the organizers:

Austrian Board on Geographical Names (AKO)

UNGEGN Dutch and German Speaking Division (DGSD)

Joint ICA/IGU Commission on Toponymy

Federal Office of Metrology and Surveying

Austrian Geographical Society

Registration form

Please, return to gerhard.rampl@uibk.ac.at

Name

Affiliation

Country

E-mail

I will participate in the symposium in Vienna and will take part in the following events:

- StAGN Meeting, 6th November 2019
- Symposium, 1st part, 6th November 2019
- Symposium, 2nd part, 7th November 2019
- Social dinner, evening 7th November 2019
- Symposium, 3rd part, 8th November 2019

I wish to **present a paper** at this symposium

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