

neoliberalism acts and looks just like zombies: it does not react to communication and is very tenacious, wants the brain (mind) of the living and its appearance is disheveled. He also analyzed the emergent, Latin American notion of “post-neoliberalism” and the possible politics related to it.

As usual, a book and journal exhibition with the presence of the most influential publishing companies enriched the two events, too. The exhibitors offered their latest textbooks and journals which also helped to get familiar with the latest research trends and results.

The two meetings were both extremely inspiring and thematically rich. The joint organization gave an exceptional opportunity for networking and gathering new impulses. The next EUGEO Congress will be held in Rome in 2013 while the RGS-IBG Annual Meeting will be in Edinburgh in early July of 2012.

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Report on the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Economic and Social Geography Section of the Hungarian Geographical Society

The Economic and Social Geography Section of the Hungarian Geographical Society (HGS) celebrated the 100th anniversary of its foundation on 12 January 2012. The oldest section of the 140-year-old Association (HGA) was founded on 11 January 1912 under the name ‘economic geography section’. 27 persons participated the inaugural meeting including the élite of the Hungarian geography such as Lajos LÓCZY and count Pál TELEKI. Hundred years later as a result of the efforts of HGA, the section and the Department of Social and Economic Geography of ELTE University, a program of high standard was organized to celebrate the anniversary. About 80 persons from different parts of the country came together on Lágymányos Campus of ELTE.

The commemoration was opened by József SZABÓ, the president of HGS and was followed by Mária SZABÓ, the head of Institute for Earth Sciences and Geography of Eötvös Loránd University who greeted the audience. The program continued with scientific presentations consisted of two parts (according to the purpose of the organizers). First, presentations on the history and the establishment of the section were held, then the representatives of the contemporary Hungarian geography presented shortly the past, the present and the significance of the main disciplines of the Hungarian human geography.

The first part started with Patrik TÁTRAI’s presentation on the history of the section from its foundation up to the present. After that Zoltán DÖVÉNYI delineated the details (e.g. participants, background information) of the inaugural meeting.

The second part began with Róbert GYÓRI’s presentation (read by Márton CZIRFUSZ as the author could not participate) on the history and the main schools of the Hungarian economic geography. The following presenter was József TÓTH who tried to systematize and group the various research fields of population geography mainly through presenting scientific books and publications.

The rich history of the Hungarian urban geography was overviewed by Pál BELUSZKY. Later István BERÉNYI outlined the history of the Hungarian and the German social



The audience of the commemoration event

geography emphasising the common points of the two systems. Besides the “traditional” disciplines of the human geography, new trends were also presented by academician Rezső MÉSZÁROS who summarized the human geographical approaches of new technologies. The last guest was Zoltán HAJDÚ who reviewed some issues of the Hungarian political geography.

The task of the presenters to overview their special fields was quite difficult: all of them emphasised their difficulties in summarising the history, the great variety and the scientific results of each discipline, which resulted in different approaches of the task. All in all the audience had the opportunity to listen to exciting presentations covering most of the research fields of the Hungarian human geography.

After the scientific part of the program, Gábor MICHALKÓ, the chairman and the secretary general of HGS gave the floor to academician Károly KOCSIS, the president of the section, who closed the presentations and initiated that the name of the section should be changed to Human Geography Section. His proposal was accepted. The event was closed with a simple and modest reception where the participants celebrated the anniversary with some champagne and a “birthday cake”.

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