

International Spring School on Visualization 2023

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The Spring School was held online between May 3rd and 5th by the Department of Geoinformatics at Palacký University in Olomouc. During these 3 days, experts presented lectures around geopolitics, geography and visualization in media, and their interplay with various armed conflicts and events. These lectures focused on how information dissemination, public participation, and technology have influenced our understanding of global events.

The titles of the lectures are listed below. The attended lectures are elaborated.

Geopolitics and Big Tech: Legitimizing Collaborations

The lecture discussed the intricate relationship between technology giants and governments and how it contributes to shaping global politics. During the lecture there was an emphasis on the growing influence big tech companies have on international affairs, raising questions about their authority and accountability.

American Czechs in World War II: The Benefits and Limits of User Participation and GIS

The Wars, Maps, and Media Coverage from the Perspective of International Law
This lecture explored the intersection of international law, cartography, and media coverage in conflict zones. It emphasized the importance of accurate maps and ethical reporting in shaping international responses to conflicts.

The War in Ukraine from a Historical Perspective: Invasions, Media Coverage, and European Security in the War Aftermath

This lecture provided a historical context for the war in Ukraine, analyzing past invasions and examining the media coverage of the recent events. It also discussed the possible consequences of the conflict on European security and the challenges imposed by post-war reconstruction.

Energy Security and Geopolitics in Contemporary Europe

Energy security was the focal point of this lecture, emphasizing how geopolitics and the distribution of energy resources are linked. It addressed the role of energy policies, alliances, and conflicts in shaping Europe's geopolitical landscape.

Maps of Languages and Their Dialects in Current Geopolitics

These lectures collectively highlight the importance of media coverage, technology, and historical context in understanding geopolitics. They emphasize the need for responsible visualization and reporting, the role of technology in analysis and interpretation, and the broader impact of geopolitics on the world.