



International Geographical Union (IGU) Globility Commission 2010 Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement and Call for Abstracts

# Human Mobility in the Time of a Global Economic Crisis

July 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Haifa, Israel

## Discussion topics

- Human mobility and its environmental impacts
- Human mobility and real estate markets
- Human mobility and its energy costs

## Preliminary program

### DAY1: Friday, July 9, 2010

Arrival and overnight stay in Haifa (a list of recommended hotels will be provided at a later date).

### DAY 2: Saturday, July 10, 2010

08:00-20:00: Full day trip to holy sites in Northern Israel. The tour will start at the Dan Panorama Hotel in Haifa and continue to Megiddo - the site of Armageddon. Then, we will travel to Sepphoris (Zippori), an ancient site of Jewish religious and spiritual life of the Second temple period, to view Israel's 'Mona Lisa' mosaic. After a brief tour of Sepphoris, we will have lunch in Nazareth, the birthplace of Jesus, and visit the Church of Annunciation, renowned as the largest Christian Church in the Middle East. The next stop is Safed (Tsfat) - the spiritual center of the Kabbala movement since the 1600's and a picturesque town in the Upper Galilee. At about 18:00 we will return to Haifa for a visit of Haifa's Hof H'Carmel beach. Overnight stay in Haifa.

### DAY 3: Sunday, July 11, 2010

09:00-18:00: Full day of sessions at the University of Haifa, including lunch and two coffee breaks.

20:00: Departure for Tel Aviv (for participants of the main IGU conference or to the Ben-Gurion International Airport, at your choice).

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### **Guideline for abstract submission**

Participants are requested to submit abstracts in English for the discussion topics listed above. Abstracts should not exceed **300** words.

Each presenter will get about 15 minutes for presentation and another 5 minutes for discussion. Abstracts should be submitted to Prof. Armando Montarani, the Sapienza University of Rome ([md3046@mclink.it](mailto:md3046@mclink.it)) or to Prof. Yoshitaka Ishikawa, University of Kyoto ([d54676@sakura.kudpc.kyoto-u.ac.jp](mailto:d54676@sakura.kudpc.kyoto-u.ac.jp)). The deadline for abstract submission is **May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010**.

The abstracts accepted for the presentation at the conference will be published in the book of abstracts. We will also consider publishing the best papers presented at the meeting as a separate book volume.

More information on Globility commission and its previous meetings can be found at the commission's official website: <http://www.bun.kyoto-u.ac.jp/geo/globility/>

### **Registration**

Due to the generous support of our sponsors, the Municipality of Haifa, and the University of Haifa, participation in the Haifa 2010 Globility meeting will be free of charge for all Globility members (including one full day field trip, two lunches, and site admissions). Our guests, not associated with the Globility commission and interested in participating in the event, will be requested to pay \$150, to cover the above costs.

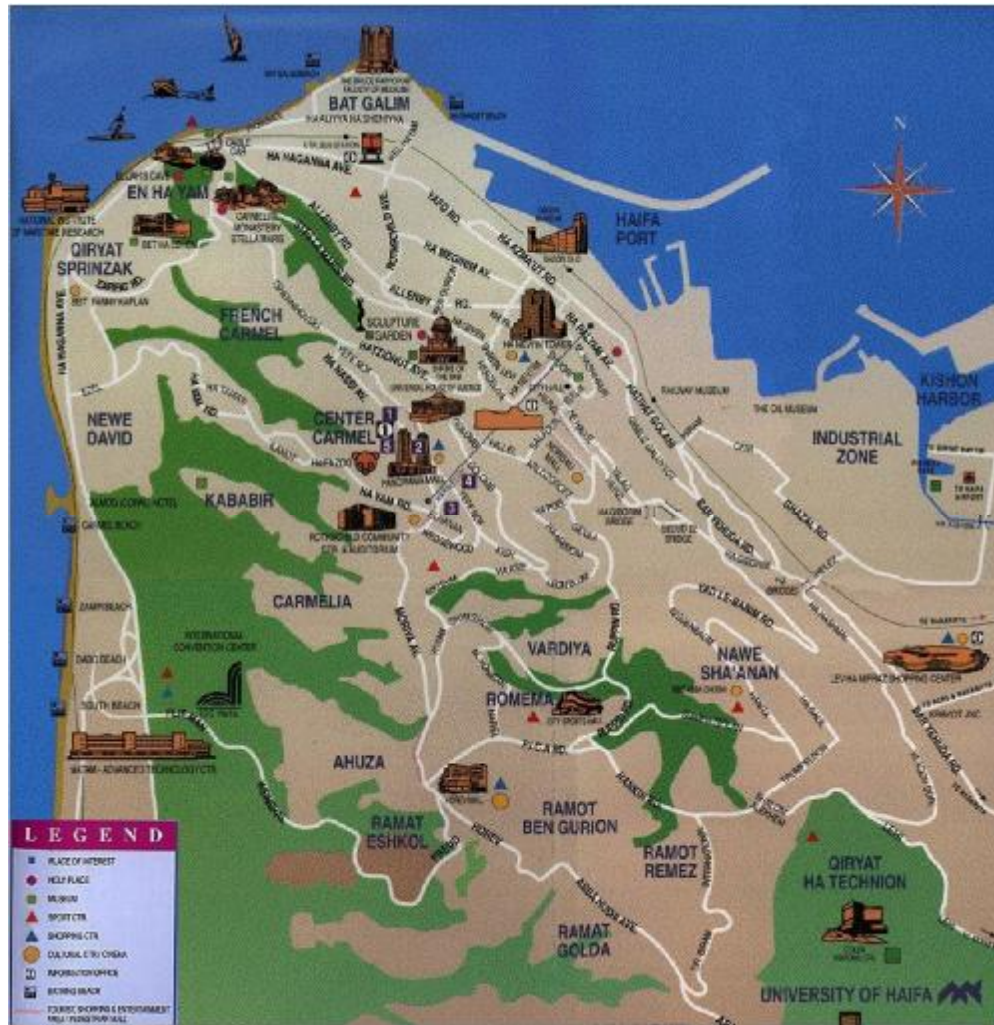
### **Some facts about the conference venue**

#### **The City of Haifa**

Located in Northern Israel, on the Mediterranean shore, the city of Haifa lies on the green hills of the Carmel Mountain, overlooking the blue sea and golden sand of the beach front. The breathtaking landscape of the Haifa Bay area, Bahá'í Gardens, and the Carmel National Park are well known around the world. Being the third major city of Israel and home to some 260,000 residents, the city of Haifa is characterized by high living standards, modern architecture, historical quarters and environmental preservation. The city is filled with abundance of sceneries, colors, voices, scents and flavors.



### Schematic map of the Haifa Bay area



You are invited to download this interactive map of Haifa and its major attractions from the following site: <http://www.tour-haifa.co.il/eng/uploads/maps/HaifaEng.pdf>

### The University of Haifa

The University of Haifa, in which the Globility meeting will take place, is one of six major universities in Israel, which serves a student body that is the most pluralistic in the country. The university has six Faculties - Humanities, Social Sciences and Mathematics, Law, Education, Social Welfare and Health Studies and Science and Science Education.

The Mt. Carmel National Park surrounds the University campus from four sides. The view over Haifa Bay and north to the mountains of the Galilee offers a most pleasant learning environment.

The main tower of the university is designed by the world famous architect Oscar Niemeyer.

The Reuben and Edith Hecht Museum, located in the midst of the university campus is truly outstanding institution, which holds permanent archaeological exhibition donated to the University by the late Dr. Reuben Hecht. The exhibition is displayed in chronological order,

beginning with the Chalcolithic period and ending with the Roman and Byzantine periods. The upper floor of the museum is devoted to thematic displays, such as coins, seals, weights and jewelry. A central exhibition consists of finds from the excavations of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.



### **The Environs of Haifa and Northern Israel**

The Galilee mountainous region, located north of Haifa, is divided into two main parts - the Upper Galilee to the north and the Lower Galilee to the south. The highest peak in the Upper Galilee is Mt. Meron, which rises 1,208 meters above sea level. There are 12 national antiquities parks, including the world famous Sepphoris, Capernaum, Tiberias, Nazareth and Megiddo.



**We are looking forward to seeing you in Haifa in July 2010!**