Geographic Cognitive Science: relating space and place to concepts and abilities
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Abstract
Half a century of studies on human spatial knowledge has given us a body of work showing where large-scale space is accurately, and less accurately, represented in human cognition. Neuroscience appears to be yielding some mechanisms for the accurate bits: animals successfully coping with environmental space. What’s less clear is how the apparent distortions, errors and individual differences – our less accurately ‘spatial’ spatial knowledge – can fit into cognitive (neuro)science.
This talk will comment tentatively on what we now seem to know about large-scale spatial and, importantly, place cognition, and how these may involve processes which haven’t previously been viewed as ‘spatial’ at all.

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