

## REFLECTIONS III: IMPACTS

### **THE FIRST DECADE OF THE HPGRG UNDERGRADUATE DISSERTATION PRIZE**

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This paper offers reflections on the first decade (more specifically, 2008-2019) of the HPGRG Undergraduate Dissertation Prize Panel. The works submitted exhibit focal and epistemological diversity, spanning both history and philosophy of geography, and human/environmental/physical geography. Yet through this diversity perhaps a common thread can be identified, in a concern with the question: what is geography? How might that question have been answered in the past? What are our answers now? And what possibilities exist for the future? I also consider the challenge of making a comparative (competitive) assessment of the quality of work across the history and philosophy of geography, and what that might reveal about the values at work in contemporary academic geography.

#### **40 Years of HPGRG – Looking back and looking forward**

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