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- To present and discuss new research on these issues
- To create collaborations in research and other academic work among students and scholars working on these themes

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Planned meetings
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2011: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Pre-meeting to the IGU regional conference in Santiago, Chile. Local organizers are Joseli Maria Silva, State University of Ponta Grossa and Augusto Cesar Pinheiro da Silva, Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro.

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