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# Geocinema: a new experience for Geography

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1- What is Geocinema ?

2- Geocinema and secondary education

3- Geocinema and higher education

# 1- What is Geocinema ?

- A festival organized by lecturers of the department of Geography of the University of Bordeaux (France).
- A topic: Live in the city (2006), The bridge (2007), The wine (2008)...
- Movies projections debated by geographers and social science academics
- Other events: conferences, Geography café, exhibition

# 1- What is Geocinema ?

- A way to explore the link between Geography and fiction movies
- A way to promote geography towards civil society and general public
- A way to make different geographers meet and listen to each other : secondary school teachers, academics and researchers.
- A way to make academics and scientist interested in space meet.

## 2- Geocinema and secondary education

- 1- Proposing of pedagogical tools
- 2- Training day for school teachers of History and Geography
- 3- Perspectives

## 2.1- Proposing of pedagogical tools

Choice of the **movies** regards to history and geography curriculum of middle and high school

Production of **pedagogic file** in order to help teachers to prepare the screening of the movies : before and after

## 2.2- Training day for school teachers

Organized by Geography Department and National Association of History and Geography Teachers (APHG)

### Morning

Film projection and debate with academic geographers

### Afternoon

Lecture on a geographical topic

Presentation of didactic tools that can be used to work on film basis

## 2.3- Perspectives

Bring secondary teachers to integrate Geocinema and the topic of the year in their lessons and in their year-long project in Geography

Create a new pedagogical tool:  
a movie +  
academics  
commentaries +  
pedagogic file

# 3-Geocinema and higher education

- 1- A different way to practice higher education
- 2- Events proposed
- 3- Exercises proposed
- 4- Perspectives

## 3.1- A different way to practice higher education

- Allows students to listen to other geographers and social science academics
- Allows student to hear about Geography **outside the University** (different places)
- Allows students to practice Geography in another way than field work and lectures
- Allows students to be part of the event

## 3.2- Events proposed

A special conference made by a geographer through different movies shortcuts

Co-organized with the Association of Geography Students of Bordeaux (AEGB)

Conference of writers or academics presenting recent publication in relation with the topic of the year

Geography Café on the topic  
Debate between an academic, a professional, students and general public

Documentaries  
projection (2)

Exhibition

# 3.3- Exercices proposed

Master 1 or 2

Production of  
pedagogic file

Introduction to  
pupils before and  
after the projection

Project on the topic of  
the year: research or  
professional work

## 3.4- Perspectives

Develop the use of fiction movie as a pedagogical tool for higher education

How societies build their relation to space ?

How images shape our vision of space and change our own ways of thinking, being and living ?

## 3.4- Perspectives

Develop the theoretical thinking on the relationship between geography and cinema

Geography is interested in space but overall on discourses about space

Cinema is one kind of discourse that can make Geography understand better the relationship between space and societies