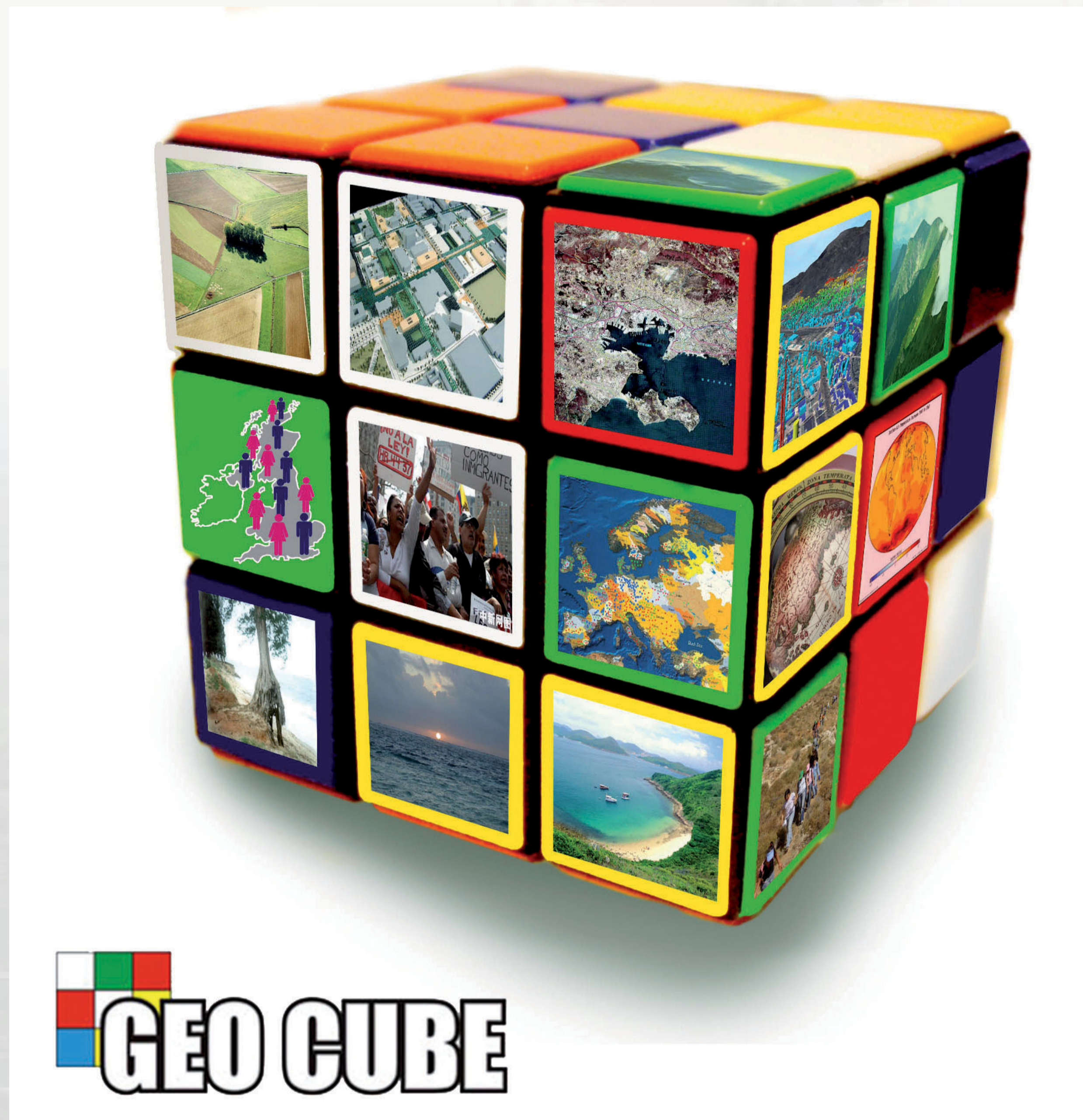
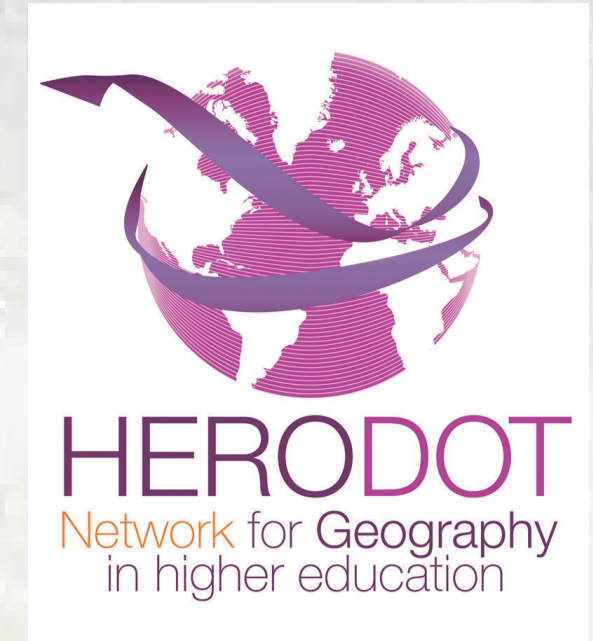


HERODOT



HERODOT: Network for Geography in Higher Education

HERODOT is the Thematic Network for Geography (and related disciplines) in higher education. It bridges Human and Physical Sciences, being concerned with the ways that people interact with their surroundings. HERODOT deals with multi-disciplinary and intercultural phenomena, so the network operates in social, environmental and scientific spheres. Its activities focus on European integration, the Bologna process and international networking in improving the quality of learning and teaching Geography. In May 2007 the network had more than 170 partner organisations.

The relevance and significance of spatial thinking to our society is only just beginning to be recognised. This is why monitoring and understanding the innovation and changes taking place in Geography teaching and learning is central if we are to improve the quality of education in our universities and schools. Geography provides valuable, specific spatial awareness skills for lifelong learning, which are not gained elsewhere.

The HERODOT network is important in the debate about the future of Europe. It provides the voice of Europe globally, in influencing the work of many other international bodies and organisations. It is concerned about ensuring that we create a curriculum that helps future learners have an improved understanding of our planet and its people.

The network aims are to:

- report on developments in Geography across Europe;
- promote excellence in the teaching (and learning) of Geography and training of geography academics and teachers;
- provide a European role in support of major international initiatives such as the UN Decade of Education for Sustainable Development and the International Year of Planet Earth (2008).

Geographical awareness influences us all in Europe. This is why an understanding of the meaning of location and place, as represented by our Geo-Cube is so important. HERODOT will create a Web site which explains the significance of geographical studies to the lives of all citizens in Europe. It is expected that this will improve knowledge and understanding of why geographical studies are so important to us all, as well as providing a clear message to employers about what geographers do and the skills they possess.

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