

certainly a social point of view, or a pattern of political memories, can help to establish some notions on the origin of the political fragmentation on the surface of the planet; but more frequently, he argues, this origin resides in a combination of the three. In this sense, Gottmann thinks that every regionalism has some 'iconography' as its base."

The iconographic expressions of the political societies – the political "territory" – at least in the case of the Latin American

countries, clarify the value of the notions of Jean Gottmann. The advances in terms of investigation and reflection find their proper explanation in the theoretical thinking of the geographer that we are evoking. They demonstrate the logic and validity of his thinking, and render his schemes and proposals a theoretical explanation worth considering for the present and the future, in spite of the fact that more than half a century has elapsed since these notions were first presented.

Jean Gottmann, President of the WSE 1971-1973



Jean Gottmann, President of the World Society for Ekistics, chairing a meeting of the WSE Executive Council and other members on the future program of action of the Society in the amphitheater of the Athens Center of Ekistics, September 1973.



Jean Gottmann (second from the right) following C.A. Doxiadis' presentation at the same meeting.