



*GeoCLEF Breakout Notes*

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# *Suggestions*

- ✧ Standardize on some resources (such as the Gazetteer) for comparability
  - ✧ Possibilities include World Gazetteer, a custom gazetteer including multilingual resources from many national mapping agencies
- ✧ News Collections may not be best for this task
  - ✧ We should at least diversify the collection
    - ✧ Web data?
    - ✧ Speech Track (Shoah) data (includes manually assigned geographic names)



# *Task Challenge*

- ✧ More complex geographic queries
  - ✧ Bounding box queries, nearby places, etc
- ✧ Use some of the QA topics with geographic elements (E.g., where is Bonn?, what country is Mt Everest in?)
- ✧ Queries with lists of answers (E.g., name 9 countries that export peanuts)
- ✧ Additional Languages (Portuguese, others?)
- ✧ Separate or distinguish metaphorical use to place names to indicate political or administrative entities (E.g., "Washington said...", "Cathedrals of finance...")



## *For Analysis*

- ✧ Identify whether Geo ranking or Topical (term-based) ranking was used, or some combination
- ✧ Possibly require both “geo-only” and “topic only” runs as baselines