GGV (Global Georgism Viewer) Release Notes and FAQ: 2025

Where in the World have Henry George's Ideas Been Used?

Release Notes:

Version 1.0 of the GGV (Global Georgist Viewer) was first released in 2025 by the Henry George School of Social Science. The tool allows users to visually interrogate the instances of use of Georgist principles around the world. This simple tool enables users to quickly understand the scope and breadth of current, future, and past applications of the ideas of Henry George around the world. To keep the GGV as accurate as possible, we occasionally update and refresh the underlying data. Users may also suggest additional cases to be added to the tool as accommodated by planned GGV data refresh cycles.

Data supporting the GGV has been researched by the staff of the Henry George School of Social Science. Sources include historical records, news accounts, Georgist surveys, and related references. Wherever possible live Internet links are included in the data presented to the user so that they may investigate further if they wish.

<u>FAQ</u>

Introduction

The GGV (Global Georgist Viewer) is an application provided by the Henry George School of Social Science to improve understanding of the usage of Georgist ideas around the world. This application offers an intuitive, map-based user interface allowing users to quickly look up instances of use and application of Georgist concepts and principles including LVT and related ideas. The GGV provides a knowledge base of current, historical, and planned Georgist concept instances around the world. This FAQ provides details around the background of this application and guidance around its usage.

Q: What problem does the GGV solve?

- Students, teachers, researchers, and the public often ask the question:

    - *"Where have Henry George's ideas been used*?".

- Previously, the answer to this question was provided in an ad hoc and anecdotal manner.

- The GGV application provides a helpful, centralized, and adaptable knowledge base with an intuitive map-based interface to both organize and present this information.

Q: How does the GGV solve this issue?

1. A web based interactive tool with a clickable map interface has been developed.

2. Users can use the application to explore each country where Georgist ideas have been applied. This includes a variety of Georgist ideas from LVT to Land Value Capture to other economic incentives or policies.

3. Data is managed by HGSSS staff and does not require software updates to change.

Q: What are the essential capabilities of the GGV

1. The application presents an intuitive graphical map for users to navigate the data with.
2. From the initial map a drilldown of the details of Georgist usage in each country or sub jurisdiction is provided.

3. Typical use cases for this application include researchers, students and members of the public interested to inquire about where Georgist ideas have been applied in the past, currently, or are planned.
4. The underlying data elements and key characteristics including location, description, and reference websites for each Georgist example can be edited by support staff and new ones can be added.
5. The data scope is flexible, adjustable and expandable for future feature development.

Q: How do I get started with the GGV?

The start page of the GGV looks similar to Figure 1. Upon loading the tool, a map of the world will be displayed. On the map are a set of flags, or pins, which are selectable. Simply hover over one of the pins and click once with the left mouse button.
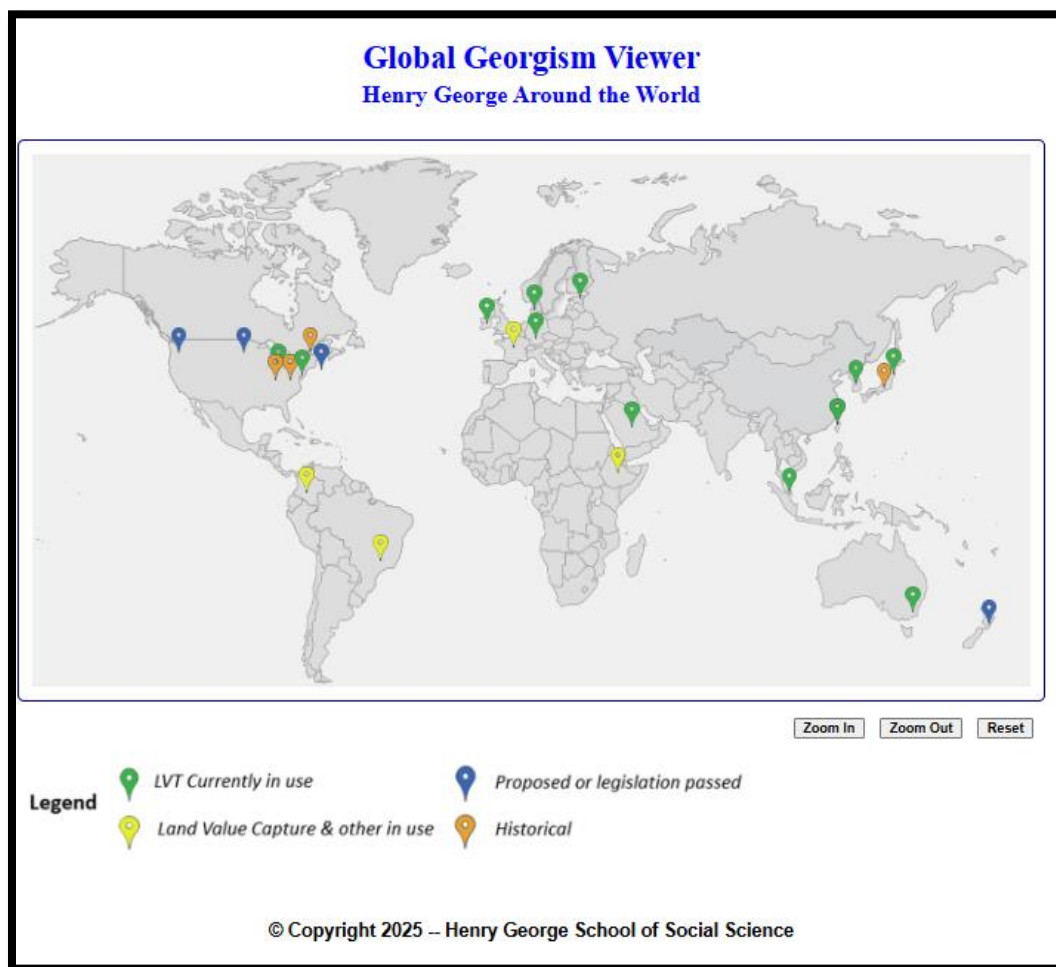

Figure 1 – The entry page of the GGV without any data points selected.

Whenever you click on a flag or a pin the details of the Georgist instance will appear in a panel or pane on the right side of the map. For each click of a pin the detail page will change to the selected location which is typically a city, county, state, or country.

Q: What does a typical Georgist example look like?

In Figure 2 we see an example of the GGV where one of the data points has been selected and the detail page displayed. In this case the Georgist example of Denmark is shown on the right-hand side detail panel.
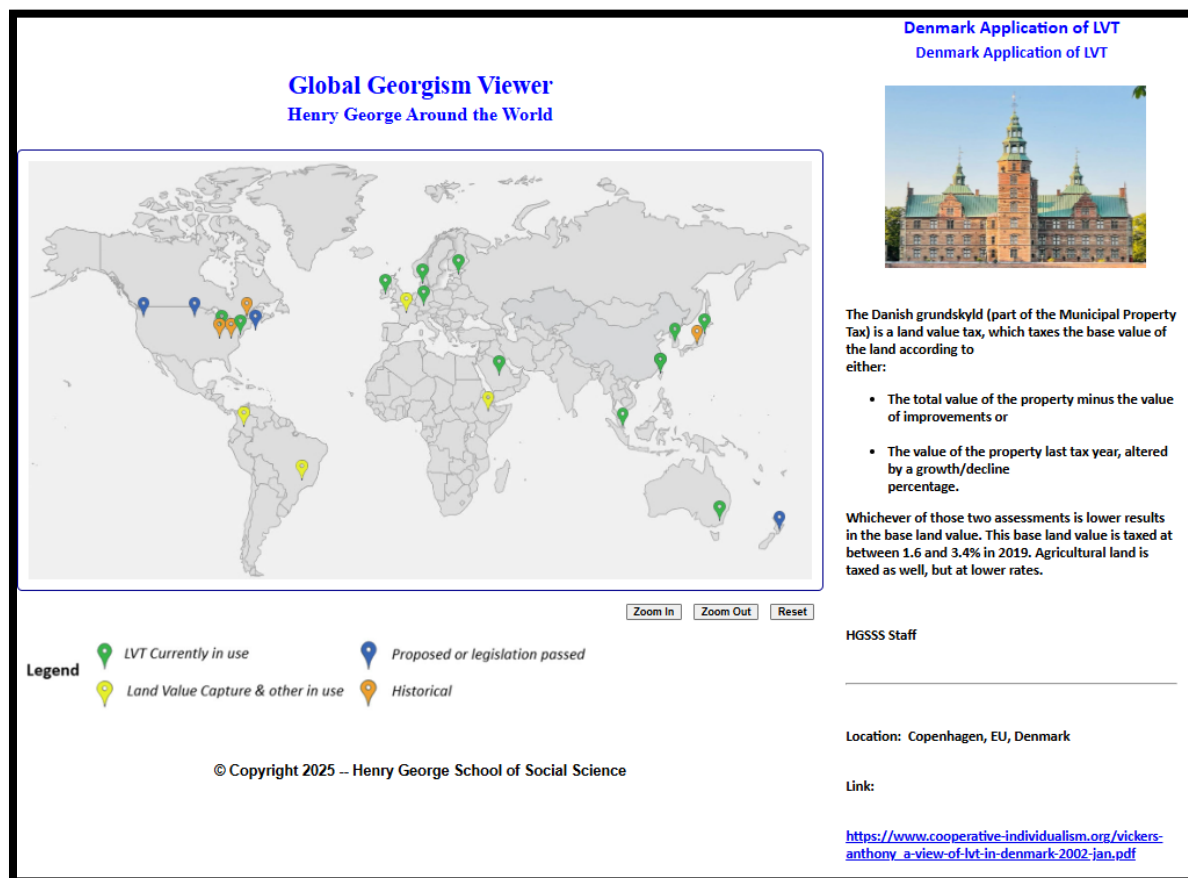

Figure 2 – The GGV displaying details of the Georgist land value tax as applied by the Danish government.

We see a title, an image of Denmark, a description of the tax strategy which is used and is based on the Georgist LVT concept. Additionally, the author (HGSSS Staff) is displayed and the location of Copenhagen, Denmark withing the region EU.

Finally, a live weblink (or URL) is provided which can be selected to bring the user to supporting evidence, data, or explanation of this instance.

Q: What do the colors of the flags on the map mean?

The flags or pins displayed on the map are entered by the HGSSS staff. For each flag a color is assigned. There are four colors used on the map to help categorize the entries based on the state of usage of the Georgist principle (see Figure 3).

The states are 1) "green" for LVT currently in use; 2) "yellow" for Land Value Capture or other related incentive plan in use; 3) "blue" for proposed application or legislation passed and adoption pending; and 4) "orange" for historical use observed and recorded.

Please see the Legend circled in red in Figure 3 for the specific labels of these categories as found in the detail pages of each entry.
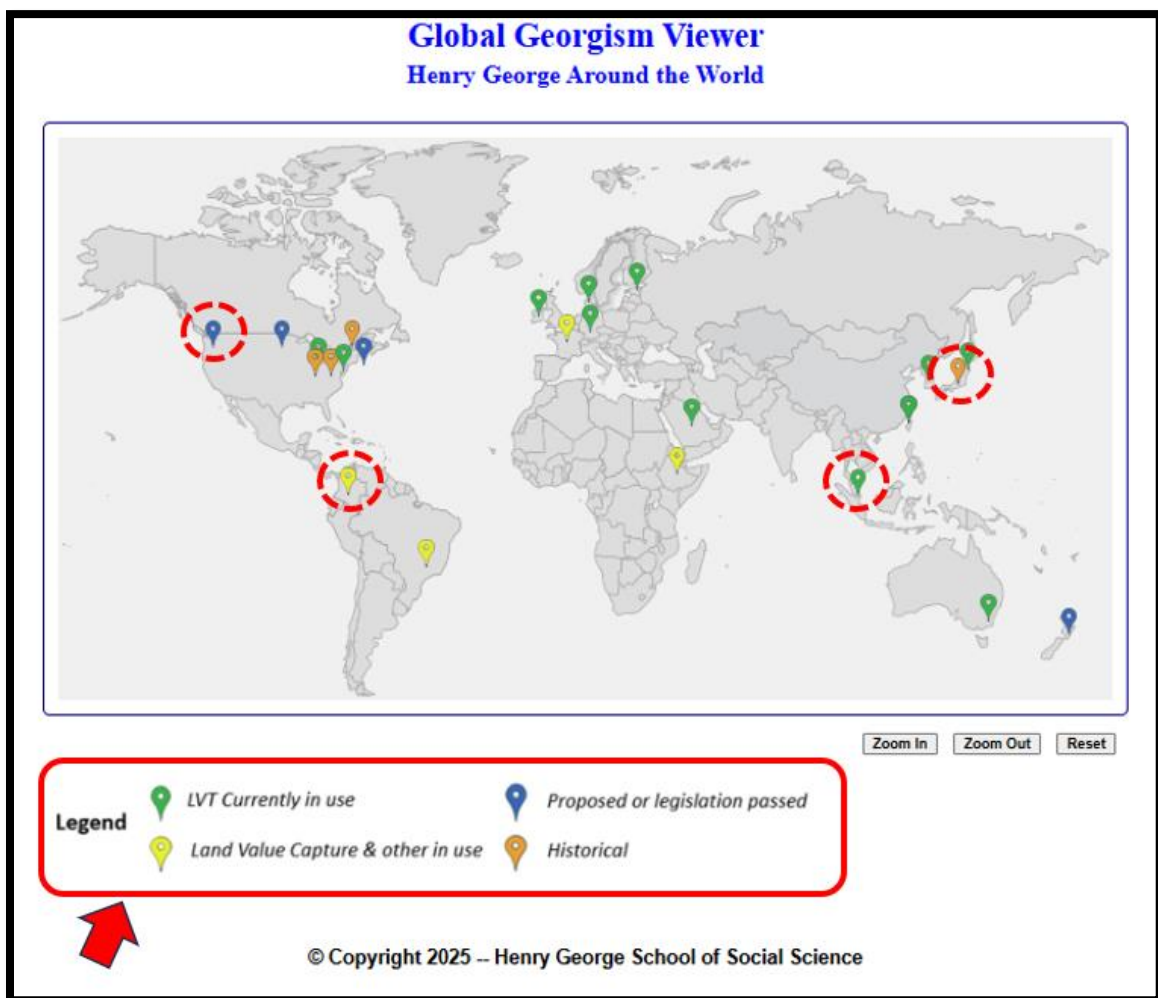

Figure 3 – The GGV map interface with flag colors highlighted and samples circled.

Q: How can the data be updated?

The underlying GGV data on Georgist concept usage is editable and maintainable by HGSSS staff and researchers directly. No software change is required to implement straightforward data updates such as adding new instances of Georgist ideas in use or updating or deleting existing ones. This support and data maintenance can be carried out as regular support and maintenance cycles permit.

User suggestions to improve or broaden the knowledge base can be accepted via email (info@hgsss.org).

Such suggestions should provide as much information as possible including location, nature of Georgist concept use, status (current, past, planned), and any reference websites. HGSSS staff members will review such suggestions for potential inclusion in the knowledge base.