



ESRS 2022 Satellite Events: far apart but still close together **“Just Rural Transitions: Opportunities and Challenges”**

Call for contributions for the ESRS2022 Satellite event @ Greece
15-17 June 2022

“Inequalities, mobilities and justice in rural areas”

An event jointly organized by Harokopio University in Athens (HUA) and the European Society for Rural Sociology (ESRS) in the context of the European H2020 Project IMAJINE.

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Scope of the event

The theme of this scientific event is related to the major challenges that exist for people living, employed and/or active in rural areas across Europe and more widely. Social scientists who are involved with studying inequalities, mobilities and/or socio-spatial in/justices that impact on rural areas are welcome to present their research, empirical findings and policy thinking. A large range of subjects are considered relevant, such as socio-economic inequalities, spatial inequalities, gender and racial divisions, international and internal migrations, forced migration, refugees, counterurbanisation, amenity and lifestyle migration, socio-spatial mobility, racism, discrimination, subjectivities, and so on.

When discussing the transitions and transformation of rural areas we need to be careful not to neglect the rural-urban exchanges and transformations, together with the local-global interactions. The issue of scale is also relevant to our discussion in various ways such as looking at the multi-scalar socioeconomic processes, the re-scaling of issues, challenges and claims and the up-scaling of knowledges and explanations. In this sense, researching peoples' well-being in rural areas may also include understanding the well-being of both locals and non-locals (e.g. migrants, refugees, internal movers, lifestyle movers, etc.) based on their subjectivities and lived experiences in these areas. Studies that consider the position and interpretations of different social groups for rural areas and their transition in their pathways to meet various challenges (e.g. the economic recession, the COVID-19 pandemic, technological changes, the climate change, etc.) are within the scope of this thematic event. Methodological and/or policy-oriented contributions on approaching the various aspects of the event theme are strongly encouraged. Papers can be based on new research or can revisit previously analyzed data but through the lens of the theme(s) of the event.

The structure of the event

Through a mix of classic presentation sessions and round table discussions (which will be announced following the notification of abstract acceptance), the goal of this 3-day ESRS satellite event is twofold:



first, to encourage discussion and debates around changes in inequalities, mobilities and justice in rural areas; and second to increase networking on the issues of inequalities mobilities and justice among social scientists of different disciplines across Europe and more widely. The event will take place as an in-person meeting, provided that COVID-19 Greek State regulations will allow it.

The 3-day ESRS satellite event is estimated to host 30-50 participants who will present their work and interact with each other in the following format: half-day (15 June), full working day (16 June) and half-day (17 June). All presentations and interactions will be held in a conveniently arranged large room (due to COVID-19 restrictions) in CIHEAM campus in Chania, Crete. All rooms and meeting areas are air conditioned.

The presentation room, the coffee breaks and the day lunches will be offered by the organiser, whereas accommodation will be covered by the participants themselves according to their preferences. See more information [here](#).

CIHEAM campus is located 3 km south-east from the centre of the city of Chania, 13 km from Chania International Airport (CHQ) and 1 km from Souda port. For more information you may visit the following [website](#).

Submission guidelines

Please email your abstracts, which should include names and affiliation and contact details of presenter(s), up to 400 words by Monday **14 March 2022** to fratsea@hua.gr. Notification of acceptance will be made by Friday 8th April 2022. For questions about the satellite event theme and for abstract submission, please contact: Loukia-Maria Fratsea (fratsea@hua.gr).

Information on accommodation options will be sent following the acceptance of presentations. There will be very reasonable to low-cost accommodation options for participants within the CIHEAM campus, which is conveniently situated adjacent to the city of Chania.

This ESRS 2022 Satellite is organised by [Harokopio University in Athens](#) (HUA) in the [CIHEAM campus](#), Chania on **15th June to 17th June 2022**. There is no registration fee for presenting in the event.

Membership to ESRS is compulsory for all since this satellite event is included in the ESRS biannual scientific activities. Each person is encouraged to proceed with the necessary arrangements for obtaining his/her ESRS membership. For renewal or new members, more information and instructions are available on Wiley's [website](#). Benefits of the ESRS membership include connections to a network of rural social science scholars, access to activities organized by ESRS (e.g. ESRS study groups and PhD schools), and a discount to register to the next in-person ESRS conference in 2023.

The project IMAJINE “Integrative Mechanisms for Addressing Spatial Justice and Territorial Inequalities in Europe (2017-2022)” aims to formulate new integrative policy mechanisms to enable European, national and regional government agencies to more effectively address territorial inequalities within the European Union. For more information, please visit the project [website](#).

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