



ESRS 2022 Satellite Events: far apart but still close together

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“New insights from family farm research through a focus on the farm household-farm operation interface”

An event jointly organized by Bern University of Applied Sciences (BFH) and the European Society for Rural Sociology (ESRS).

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Rural social scientists continue to study why, how, and which farm families stay on the land in the face of unrelenting change and the inherent instability of the agricultural sector due to biophysical, social, political, and economic forces. The interconnections and exchange of resources between the farm household and farm operation interface help to absorb shocks to the farm enterprise and work to facilitate farm reproduction. Yet the interface between the household and operation has mostly been treated as a black box within the farm family literature preventing the development of an in-depth understanding of the bi-directional mechanisms at play. Studies that consider the strengths and challenges of farm households within the Western industrialized countries context are sparse and these studies tend to focus on the farm household seldom making explicit and in-depth connections to the consequences on farm operation structures and development trajectories. To update and broaden the family farm scholarship, we invited theoretical, empirical, and discussion papers that shed a light on the farm household-farm operation interface. Papers could be based on new research or revisiting of data previously analyzed but with a new eye to the linkages between the farm household and the farm operation.

Through a mix of presentation and discussion sessions, the goal of this 2-day ESRS satellite event is two-fold: 1) to initiate the scientific debate on the farm household-farm operation interface and 2) to develop new networks of family farm scholars working across Western industrialized countries. The 2-day ESRS satellite event is followed by a 1-day writing workshop aiming at outlining a scholarly paper proposing a research agenda to expand the family farm scholarship through a focus on the farm household/farm operation linkages.

Agenda

June 22- Day 1	June 23 - Day 2	June 24 – Day 3
9.00 – 9.30: Welcome to the Satellite event and introductions!	9.00 – 09.30: Lingering thoughts from the day before	9.00 – 9.30: Recap from the previous day and goal setting for the writing day
9.30 - 10.30: ESRS common conference event: “Transdisciplinarity and the Powers of Modernity: Colonisation, Agricultural Science and the Ontological Effect of Modernist Farming”. Hugh Campbell.	09.30 – 10.00: Coffee/tea time	9.30 – 10.30: Group writing work: Map out themes from previous days
10.30 – 11.00: Coffee/tea time	10:00 – 11.30: Paper discussions through a gender lens	10.30 – 10.45: Coffee/tea time
11.00 – 12.15: Paper presentations lightening talks – 5 minutes per papers	11.30 – 12.45: Lunch as a group (Cafeteria HAFL)	10.45-12.00: Group writing work: Themes selections for each lens for inclusion in article
12.15 – 13.30: Lunch as a group (Cafeteria HAFL)	12.45 – 14.15: Paper discussions through a policy support lens (targeted to farm households and the farm business)	12.00 – 13.15: Lunch as a group (Cafeteria HAFL)
13.30 – 15.00: Paper discussions through the agro-family system lens (micro, meso, macro)	14.15 – 15.30 Pulling the threads from the paper discussion sessions together	13.15 – 14.45: Group writing work: Develop article outline
15.00 – 15.30: Coffee/tea time	15.30 – 16.00: Coffee/tea time	14.45 – 15.15: Coffee/tea time
15.30 – 17.00: Paper discussions through a life course lens	16.00 – 17.00: ESRS common conference event: “Questioning neoliberal promises for a better future: Experiences from rural areas in Central Eastern Europe”. Bianka Plusche-Altob	15.15 – 16:45: Wrapping-up and next steps forward
17.00 – 17.30: End of day recap: Pulling the threads of the discussion together	17.15 - 18.15: Visit of the Global Field Bern, https://www.2000m2.eu/ , nearby the conference location	
Later in the evening: Dinner as a group or on our own	18.30 – 22.00: Grill Party including accompanying partners and kids	Later in the evening: Dinner as a group or on our own

Papers and participants

- *The household-farm operation interplay in the event of work-related accidents and occupational diseases*
Majda Černič Istenič (Sociomedical institute at the ZRC SAZU, Slovenia) and Duška Knežević Hočevar (Sociomedical institute at the ZRC SAZU, Slovenia)
- *Farm succession in family farms: strengths and challenges for farm households. A research in Sicily, Italy*
Annamaria Vitale (University of Calabria, Italy) and Silvia Sivini (University of Calabria, Italy)
- *Support farm access and renewal: Clarify elder farmholders' household needs as they form their transfer plans*
Julia Valliant (Indiana University, USA)
- *The connection between the financial and social existence of family farms. Empirical insights and theoretical remarks*
Marie Reusch (University of Giessen, Germany)
- *Improving supports to agriculture by integrating the social and economic needs of farm households: Empirical insights from the example of childcare for farm families*
Florence Becot (National Farm Medicine Center, USA) and Shoshanah Inwood (The Ohio State University, USA)
- *Building "New" Farms in Rural Japan: The interface between community and family farm*
Keiko Tanaka (University of Kentucky, USA)
- *An examination of Women in the Scottish island crofting community.*
Hannah Budge (Newcastle University, UK)
- *Disentangling the farm business – farm household linkage in the case of divorce among farm couples in Switzerland*
Sandra Contzen (Bern University of Applied Sciences, Switzerland) and Christine Burren (INFORAMA Rütli, Switzerland)