



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

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.

Conveners @ Greece: Loukia-Maria Fratsea, Harokopio University (Greece) – Ruth McAreavey, Newcastle University (UK) – Apostolos G. Papadopoulos, Harokopio University/ National Centre for Social Research (Greece).

Wednesday, 15th June 2022

14.00 – 14.15: Registration

14.15-14.30: Welcome

Apostolos G. Papadopoulos, Harokopio University/ National Centre for Social Research, Greece

14.30-15.45: Session I. Social change, agricultural restructuring and well-being

Chair: Maria Partalidou, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

The refugee settlement of the interwar period and the co-operatives as vehicles for addressing inequalities

Dimitris Angelis-Dimakis, Autonomous University of Madrid, Spain

Infrastructural violence: inequities in access to water

Adnan Mirhanoglu, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, University of Leuven, Belgium

Conceptualising grassroots social innovation as it relates to the wellbeing of farmers, farming families and communities

Paul Courtney, Countryside & Community Research Institute, University of Gloucestershire, UK; Jeroen Adam and Lies Messely, ILVO/Flanders Research for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Belgium

Challenges and pathways of change in the wellbeing of female farmers in Greece

*Alexandra Tsiaousi, Maria Partalidou, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece
Stavriani Koutsou, International University of Greece, Greece*



Q&A and Discussion

15.45-16.15: Coffee break

16.15-17.15: Session II. Farming, social innovation and well-being

Chair: Marie Mahon, National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland

Divergent transition paths of avocado farms in Greece

Athanasios Ragkos, Agricultural Economics Research Institute, Hellenic Agricultural Organization "DIMITRA", Greece

Barriers to aid and their impact on farmers wellbeing: a case-study from Flanders

Jeroen Adam, Lies Messely and Lene Cillen, ILVO/Flanders Research for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Belgium

Social challenges of the farming population in rural Greece and the risks to their wellbeing: pathways of change through social innovations

Maria Partalidou, Stefanos Nastis and Anastassios Michailidis, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

Q&A and Discussion

17.15-17.45: Coffee break

17.45-18.45: Roundtable I. Food security and the Common Agricultural Policy in a changing Europe

Chair: Ruth McAreavey, Newcastle University, UK

Discussants:

Alex Koutsouris, Agricultural University of Athens, Greece

Alessandra Corrado, University of Calabria, Italy

Maria Partalidou, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

Q&A and Discussion

19.00-20.00: Welcome Reception (light dinner)



Thursday 16th June 2022

10.00-11.45: Session III. Migrant labour

Chair: Loukia – Maria Fratsea, Harokopio University, Greece

Transient migration and place attachment: agri-food migrants in small towns and rural areas

Ruth McAreavey, Newcastle University, UK

Inequalities, mobilities and justice in Southern Italy rural areas: migrant agricultural workers and agri-food restructuring

Alessandra Corrado, University of Calabria, Italy; Carmelo Buscema, University of Calabria, Italy; Francesco Caruso, University of Catanzaro, Italy; Marco Fama, University of Bergamo, Italy

Quality agriculture and migrant work in rural areas of southern Italy: the “certified ethical supply-chains” promoted by Associazione No Cap and Progetto Sfruttazero

Mario Pullano, University of Calabria, Italy

Migrant shepherds in Mediterranean agro-pastoral systems, between circular mobilities, hidden exploitation and “good worker” rhetoric

*Domenica Farinella, University of Messina, Italy
Michele Nori, European University Institute, Italy*

Spatial justice and arrival infrastructures for migrant labour in rural localities

Apostolos G. Papadopoulos, Harokopio University/ National Centre for Social Research, Greece

Q&A and Discussion

11.45-12.15: Coffee break

12.15-14.00: Session IV. Mobility across rural and urban areas

Chair: Michael Woods, Aberystwyth University, UK

Rural and urban inequalities: A Bourdieuvian Approach

*Hilde Bjørkhaug, Department of Sociology and Political science, NTNU, Norway;
Jostein Brobakk, Rualis, Norway; Johan Fredrik Rye, Department of Sociology and Political science, NTNU, Norway*

Transforming rurality – Returnees, remittances and ethnicity in rural Romania

Stefania Toma and László Fosztó, Romanian Institute for Research on National Minorities, Cluj-Napoca, Romania



Delineating socio-spatial trajectories of migrants in Greece

Loukia – Maria Fratsea, Harokopio University, Greece

Labour market in rural areas and immigration settlement. A case study from Basque rural areas, in Northern Spain

Beatriz Izquierdo Ramírez, Universidad de Burgos, Spain

Mobility and the digital challenge in rural Greece

Manos Skoufoglou and Maria Tsampra, University of Patras, Greece

Q&A and Discussion

14.00-15.30: Light Lunch

15.30-17.15: Session V. Depopulated and remote areas

Chair: Alex Koutsouris, Agricultural University of Athens, Greece

Disappearing villages in Poland - selected socioeconomic processes

Jerzy Bański, Institute of Geography and Spatial Organization, Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland

Governance and political dynamics behind welcoming spaces in shrinking rural Spain

Keina Espiñeira González and Leticia Santaballa Santos University of A Coruña, Spain

Crisis – led migration and lifestyle migration in a depopulated rurality

María Jesús Rivera, University of the Basque Country, Spain

Gender and rural repopulation: analysing mobilities and social disadvantage of migrant women in rural Spain.

Rosario Sampedro, Department of Sociology and Social Work, University of Valladolid, Spain

Overcoming peripherality through digital labour: Teleworking and co-working spaces in the Greek islands

Maria Tsampra, University of Patras, Greece; Thanasis Kalogeresis, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece; Sophia Skordili, Harokopio University, Greece

Q&A and Discussion



Friday 17th June 2022

10.00-11.30: Session VI. Justice and politics

Chair: María Jesús Rivera, University of the Basque Country, Spain

IMAJINE - scenario planning – engaging with uncertain rural futures

Marie Mahon, National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland

Spatial Justice and Rural Policy-Making for a Post-COVID, Post-Brexit Future in Wales, UK

Michael Woods, Aberystwyth University, UK

Rural-urban gap: Accessibility deficit, car dependence and social exclusion

Luis Camarero and Jesus Oliva, UNED, Spain

Youth Institutionalised and non-institutionalised Political Participation in Greece: the Rural-Urban Interface

Eugenia Petropoulou, Marina Papadaki and Stefania Kalogeraki, University of Crete, Greece

Q&A and Discussion

11.30-12.00: Coffee break

12.00-13.00: Roundtable II. Revisiting Inequalities, mobilities and justice in rural areas

Chair: Apostolos G. Papadopoulos, Harokopio University/ National Centre for Social Research, Greece

Discussants:

Marie Mahon, National University of Ireland, Galway, Ireland

María Jesús Rivera, University of the Basque Country, Spain

Mike Woods, Michael Woods, Aberystwyth University, UK

Loukia – Maria Fratsea, Harokopio University, Greece

End of Workshop

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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