

## "ESRS 2022 satellite events: Far apart but still close together"

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Hugh is currently the Chair of Sociology at the University of Otago and for ten years was Director of the Centre for Sustainability: a transdisciplinary research centre which hosted research programmes studying the sustainability of farms, the effects of environmental audit systems, and the trajectory of various alternatives to mainstream farming. His recent book *Farming Inside Invisible Worlds: Modernist Agriculture and its Consequences* (Bloomsbury Academic 2020) provides a radical reframing of the history of modernist farming as it took shape within colonised worlds like Aotearoa/New Zealand. Instead of the usual



modernisation and progress narratives that dominate many mainstream scientific and economic accounts, modernist farms effectively erased alternatives and acted as a key agent of economic, ecological and ontological colonisation. This colonising legacy carries forward into current attempts to work within modernist scientific ontologies of farming.



(Key note speaker) **Dr. Bianka Plüschke-Altof, ESTONIA Researcher and Lecturer, University of Tartu (School of Economics and Business Administration) and Tallinn University (School of Natural Sciences and Health), <b>Estonia, pluschke@ut.ee**, ORCID: <a href="https://orcid.org/0000-0002-4153-1540">https://orcid.org/0000-0002-4153-1540</a>

A dominant theme in her research relates to questions of socio-spatial and environmental justice in Central-Eastern Europe. In her PhD thesis on the field of Human Geography

and Rural Sociology, she analysed spatial inequalities, territorial stigmatization, and coping strategies on the case of Estonian rural areas. Her postdoctoral research lies in the field of human-nature interactions, focusing particularly on environmental justice concerns. She has worked in several EU and national research projects, with specific focus on rural development and the governance of green interventions. She has contributed to the recent Estonian Human Development Reports (2020/2023), and is editing a joint volume on contested green spaces and environmental justice in the Springer Sustainable Development Goals Series.