

CALL FOR PAPERS

"Challenging Rural Studies in Turkey: Present State and New Imaginaries"

A two-day conference jointly organized by Middle East Technical University (METU) and the European Society for Rural Sociology (ESRS) 2022 Satellite events: *"Far apart but still close together"*

23-24 June 2022, Ankara, Turkey

Due to the COVID pandemic, the XXIX ESRS congress, originally scheduled in June 2021 and later postponed to 2022 has been cancelled. The ESRS instead proposed to organize "satellite events" to gather small groups of people in face-to-face meetings in different regions of the ESRS community. On 23 and 24 June 2022, the "Challenging Rural Studies in Turkey: Present State and New Imaginaries" satellite event will be hosted by the Sociology Department at METU.

The conference will bring together colleagues working on rural sociology and critical agrarian studies, challenging the present state of the field in Turkey with new approaches, empirical work and prospects. We welcome submissions of proposals, particularly encouraging early-career scholars (including PhD students) who can contribute to one (or more) of the following **4 main themes**:

RURAL PLACES, LABOUR AND CLASS DYNAMICS

- Population dynamics: rural-urban migration and the ever-changing demography of rural spaces.
- Rural areas as places of production or places of consumption and multifunctional land consolidation.
- Seasonal migrant labour: old and new dynamics of exploitation and rural poverty.

RURAL GENDER RELATIONS

- Patriarchy in the dominant rural ideology.
- Gendered labour regime.
- Women cooperatives of local production and connections with civil society organisations.
- Gender ecology and eco-feminism: envisioning rural futures

AGRARIAN TRANSITIONS AND AGRI-FOOD SYSTEMS

- The struggling character of peasant and family farm amid authoritarian neoliberalism.
- Alternative food systems: short supply chains, non-commoditized production and exchange, and rural-urban connections.
- Rural social movements: agroecology and the project of food sovereignty.

ENVIRONMENTS AND SUSTAINABILITY

- Spatial dispossessions/re-possession: resource appropriation and struggles among peasants, family farmers and others.
- Climate change, natural resource management and rural community economic and social development.
- Agroecological projects and education, knowledge relations and innovation in rural research.
- A future just rural society: critical perspectives.
- Resilient capacity of rural areas in dealing with global shocks: i.e. food crises.

Your abstract should be no longer than 250 words and indicate to which of the four main themes your paper is relevant. Please email it to both oztugba@metu.edu.tr and jose.ribeiro@metu.edu.tr

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS: 31 January 2022

NOTIFICATION OF SELECTED PAPERS: 28 February 2022.