

*ESRS 2022 Satellite Events: far apart but still close together
20-24 June 2022*

“Just Rural Transitions: Opportunities and Challenges”

**CALL FOR PAPERS
for the ESRS2022 Satellite event @Turkey**

**"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).

June 2022, Ankara, Turkey

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the XXIX ESRS Congress, originally scheduled in June 2021 and later postponed to 2022 has been cancelled. The ESRS instead proposed to organise “satellite events” to gather small groups of people in face-to-face meetings in different regions of the ESRS community.

The ESRS 2022 Satellite Events will unfold with a series of common online events between the 20th and the 24th of June 2022.

Within the above, a face-to-face satellite event in Ankara will take place on 23 and 24 June 2022, where the conference "Challenging Rural Studies in Turkey: Present State and New Imaginaries" will be hosted by the Sociology Department at METU.

This 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 abstract submissions from all scholars working on the above-mentioned fields, 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.

Abstracts should be no more 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.

IMPORTANT NOTE

- The Local Organizing Committee of the ESRS Satellite Event at METU **will not** be asking a fee from participants to the face-to-face conference on the 23 and 24 June 2022.

- However, membership to ESRS is compulsory to be able to attend all the other local satellite events and/or the overall common events (online). For renewal or new members, more information and instructions are available on the Wiley website [via this link](#).

Main advantages of becoming an ESRS member:

ESRS membership will give you a discount at the next ESRS conference. It will also give you access to activities organised by ESRS, such as the ESRS study groups and PhD schools. Membership fees allow the Society to organise these events.