CHALLENGING RURAL STUDIES IN TURKEY:
Present State and New Imaginaries

23-24 JUNE 2022
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Sessions

JUNE 23, 2022
Rural Places, Labour And Class Dynamics
Agrarian Transitions And Agri-Food Systems

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Rural Gender Relations
Environments And Sustainability

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A conference jointly organised by the Department of Sociology at METU and the European Society for Rural Sociology (ESRS) 2022 Satellite events: “Far apart but still close together”

Thursday, June 23 and Friday, June 24
at
Middle East Technical University, MM 25 Auditorium
https://route.metu.edu.tr/place/577/mm-25-auditorium

SESSIONS

Thursday, 23 June 2022 all day (MM25)

SESSION 1 (10:45-13:00):
RURAL PLACES, LABOUR AND CLASS DYNAMICS

SESSION 2 (14:30-16:30):
AGRARIAN TRANSITIONS AND AGRI-FOOD SYSTEMS

Friday, 24 June 2022 all day (MM25)

SESSION 3 (10:00-12:00):
RURAL GENDER RELATIONS

SESSION 4 (14:00-16:00):
ENVIRONMENTS AND SUSTAINABILITY

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ESRS 2022 Satellite Common Events (ONLINE)

Wednesday, 22 June 2022
10.30-11.30 (Turkey time)

“Transdisciplinarity and the Powers of Modernity: Colonisation, Agricultural Science and the Ontological Effect of Modernist Farming”.

(Keynote speaker) Dr. Hugh Campbell, NEW ZEALAND
Chair in Sociology, School of Social Sciences, University of Otago.
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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.

Moderator from the Scientific Committee (SC): Dr. Jérémie Forney

Thursday, 23 June 2022
17.00-18.00 (Turkey time)

“Questioning neoliberal promises for a better future: Experiences from rural areas in Central Eastern Europe”

(Keynote 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), Estonia.
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A dominant theme in her research relates to questions of socio-spatial and environmental justice in Central-Eastern Europe. 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.

Moderator from the SC: Dr. Pavel Pospech

Zoom Meeting
https://authgr.zoom.us/j/93798835741?pwd=RnFwUkJtTXZ2L0ZIY09IMG11djIOUT09
Meeting ID: 937 9883 5741
Passcode: ESRS_JRTOC
CONFERENCE PROGRAM (In-Person)

Thursday, 23 June 2022 in MM25

09:00-09:30 Reception and registration

09:30-10:30 Welcoming words
   Dr. Ayşçe Saktanber, Chair Sociology Department, METU

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   Dr. Ayşçe Gündüz Hoşgör, Sociology Department, METU

“The European Society for Rural Sociology” (pre-recorded)
   President Executive Committee ESRS
   Dr. Joost Dessein, Dep. Agricultural Economics, Ghent University
   Moderators from the SC: Dr. Annette Aagaard Thuesen and Dr. Majda Černič Istenič

10:30-10:45 Coffee break (Entrance Hall of the venue)

10:45-13:00 SESSION 1: RURAL PLACES, LABOUR AND CLASS DYNAMICS
   Moderator: Dr. Helga Rittersberger Tılıç, Sociology Department, METU
   1. “Sweet Cherries Bitter Lives.” Nil Alt, University of Toronto

13:00-14:30 Lunch break (all presenters are invited for lunch on METU Faculty Club)

14:30-16:30 SESSION 2: AGRARIAN TRANSITIONS & AGRI-FOOD SYSTEMS
   Moderator: Dr. Kezban Çelik, Dean Sociology Department, TED University
   1. “Tracing the loss of food sovereignty for Turkish farmers,” Nuran Torun Atış, METU
   2. “Financialization of Rural: Vulnerabilities and Indebtedness Patterns of Small Producers in Rural Ankara.” Aylin Topal, METU and Orkun Doğan, Yerküre Local Studies Cooperative
   3. “Food Sovereignty in Turkey from a Critical Perspective: From Where to Where?” Umut Kocagöz, Erasmus University Rotterdam and Fatih Özden, Ege University
   4. “Transformation of the agri-food system through food security versus food sovereignty lenses: Comparing the metropolitan municipalities of Istanbul and Izmir in Turkey.” Pınar Gerçek, Boğaziçi University and Pınar Ertör-Akyazi, Boğaziçi University
Friday, 24 June 2022 in MM25

10:00-12:00 **SESSION 3: RURAL GENDER RELATIONS**

Moderator: Dr. Umut Fatma Beşpınar, Sociology Department, METU


2. “Factors Determining Neo-Peasant Location Choice: Gender, Capital, and Agro-Ecology,” Canan Turkkan, Özyeğin University

3. “Rural Women’s Economic Integration through Cooperatives: The Case of Soma.” Büşra Koç, Manisa Celal Bayar University and Ayşe Gönülü Atakan, Manisa Celal Bayar University

4. “A Land of Women’s Own: Women as Landowning Agriculturalists in Turkey.” Esra Demirkol Colosio, Çankırı Karatekin University

12:00-14:00 *Lunch break (all presenters are invited for lunch on METU Faculty Club)*

14:00-16:00 **SESSION 4: ENVIRONMENTS AND SUSTAINABILITY**

Moderator: Dr. E. Attila Aytekin, Political Science and Public Administration Department, METU


2. “Enclosing the Water Commons: The Case of Anti-Hepp Struggle İn Fındıklı.” Ömür Kurt, METU


16.00-17.00 **Meet the editors of Sociologia Ruralis (pre-recorded)**

Dr. Ruth McAreavey, School of Geography, Politics and Sociology, Newcastle University

Dr. Apostolos Papadopoulos, Department of Geography, Harokopio University

Moderator: Dr. Maria Partalidou, President of the SC

*Concluding remarks by the Local Organising Committee*