

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**

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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. J eremie 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 Pl uschke-Alt of, 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=RnFwUkJtTXZ2L0ZlY09lMG11dj1lOUT09>

Meeting ID: 937 9883 5741

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM (In-Person)

Thursday, 23 June 2022 in MM25

09:00-09:30 Reception and registration

09:30-10:30 Welcoming words

Dr. Ayşe Saktanber, Chair Sociology Department, METU

Local Organising Committee

Dr. Ayşe 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
2. “An Unfading Season: The Changing Structure of Seasonal Labour in the Agricultural Production in Turkey.” İlhan Zeynep Karakılıç, Bahçeşehir University and Besim Can Zırh, METU
3. “Urban Sprawl and Peri-Urban Agriculture: Dynamics of Land-Valuation and Land-Use in Ankara.” Seven Ağır, METU and Aylin Topal, METU.
4. “Breaking başak? Olive gleaning, Agrarian Capitalism and Food Security in Turkey,” Simon Popay, Coventry University and Abdullah Soykan, Balıkesir University.

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

1. “Global Agri-Food System, Patriarchy and Women’ Agency: The Case of Women of the Greenhouse, Western Anatolia.” Zeynep Ceren Eren, Sabancı University
2. “Factors Determining Neo-Peasant Location Choice: Gender, Capital, and Agro-Ecology,” Candan Turkkan, Özyeğin University
3. “Rural Women's Economic Integration through Cooperatives: The Case of Soma.” Büşra Koç, Manisa Celal Bayar University and Ayşe Gönüllü 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 AYTEKİN, Political Science and Public Administration Department, METU

1. “Poverty, plastics and livelihoods: identifying opportunities and risks along the Agricultural waste value chain in Çukurova.” Ecem Yıldız, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH, Ankara.
2. “Enclosing the Water Commons: The Case of Anti-Hepp Struggle In Fındıklı.” Ömür Kurt, METU
3. “Changing the Dominant Genome of the Cattle Population in a Geography: Changing all the Power Relations.” Mehtap Nur İndibi, Ankara University
4. “A Trilogy of Sea Snail, Sea Cucumber and Puffer Fish: Feminist Critical Notes on Post-Anthropocene Sea Management.” Miki Suzuki Him, Ondokuz Mayıs University and Ayşe Gündüz Hoşgör, 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