

# XXII SPANISH COLLOQUIUM ON RURAL GEOGRAPHY

## V INTERNATIONAL COLLOQUIUM ON RURAL GEOGRAPHY

**“Contributions of (rural) geography to the 'long-term vision' of the EU rural areas”**

**University of Valencia. Faculty of Geography and History. Blasco Ibáñez Campus. Valencia (Spain)**

**From October 23 to 25, 2024**

1st CALL (November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023)

### PRESENTATION

The Working Group on Rural Geography of the Spanish Geography Association (AGE), the Department of Geography of the University of Valencia (UV), the Interuniversity Institute of Local Development (IIDL) of the UV, the Faculty of Geography and History of the UV, and the Rural Development and Public Policy Evaluation Unit (UDERVAL) of the UV, are jointly organizing the XXII Spanish Colloquium of Rural Geography and V International Colloquium of Rural Geography in Valencia. The event is scheduled to take place from October 23 to 25, 2024, under the motto: "Contributions of (rural) geography to the 'long-term vision' of rural areas".

The primary objective is to create a space for scientific-academic interaction aimed at proposing alternative solutions, including new perspectives and innovative approaches, to address the challenges and problems outlined by the European Commission (EC) in its long-term vision for rural areas in the EU. The EC defines various intervention areas that will guide policies and plans for rural areas until 2040, with the overarching goals of creating (i) stronger, (ii) connected, (iii) resilient, and (iv) prosperous rural communities.

The Colloquium is structured around four thematic axes, each corresponding to the four pillars of the rural vision presented by the EC and developed through the EU Rural Action Plan and the Rural Pact:

#### **Thematic Axis 1: Strengthening rural areas**

Rural areas should host trained and dynamic local communities. Enabling active participation in political and decision-making processes, involving diverse stakeholders and networks at all levels of governance, is essential for developing locally tailored and integrated policy solutions and investments. Innovative solutions for service provision, leveraging digital tools, and promoting social innovation are also crucial.

Keywords: empowerment, access to basic services, social innovation, social capital, spatial planning, participation and governance, narratives and perception, media, depopulation, aging, heritage, landscape, protected areas, agriculture, agri-food, CAP, LEADER, medium-size cities, territorial planning, conflicts, territorial cohesion, common/public goods, territorial protection, agricultural park, land bank, rurality, custody of the territory, rural identity, rural idyll, etc.

#### **Thematic Axis 2: Connected rural areas**

The development of rural areas depends on effective connections within and between peri-urban, urban, and rural areas. This requires maintaining and improving public transport and services, and strengthening digital infrastructures.

Keywords: mobility, transport, accessibility, digitalization, digital divide, digital services, connectivity, broadband, training, urban-rural relations, Smart Rural, smart villages, territorial capital, etc.

#### **Thematic Axis 3: The territorial resilience of rural spaces**

Preserving natural resources, restoring landscapes (including cultural ones), sustainability of farming practices and supply chains will enhance rural areas' resilience to climate change, natural hazards, and economic crises. Rural areas, as providers of ecosystem services and nature-based solutions for carbon neutrality, play a fundamental role in the green and just transition. Ensuring fairness in green and digital transitions, considering the needs of all members of the rural community, is essential for strengthening social resilience.

Keywords: environmental change, climate change adaptation, ecology, water, water resources management, inclusive development, quality of life, rural women, intersectionality, conciliation, gender equality, youth, immigration, older population, dependency, people with disabilities, sexual diversity, loneliness, exclusion, poverty, resilience, ecosystem services, agro-environmental management, environmental services, natural capital...

#### **Thematic Axis 4: Diversification and multifunctionality for rural prosperity**

Rural areas can achieve greater prosperity by diversifying economic activities into new sectors with positive effects on employment and improving the added value of agricultural, agri-food, forestry, and bioeconomic activities. Economic diversification should be based on sustainable local economic strategies, including measures to attract businesses and enhance digital literacy. Providing access to digital and hybrid education and training is crucial for acquiring new skills and supporting entrepreneurial mindsets.

Keywords: social and solidarity economy, social enterprise, economic diversification, employment, income, SMEs, green economy, e-commerce, tourism, forestry activity, hunting activity, geographical indications and quality schemes, local productive systems, rural industrialization, energy transition, community energy, agri-food chain, competitiveness, innovation, food security, clusters (dairy, meat, etc.), agro-industrial systems, entrepreneurship, proximity markets, etc.

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## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM (DRAFT)

Wednesday October 23, 2024	Thursday October 24, 2024	Friday, October 25, 2024
9am Accreditation. Hall Faculty of Geography and History 9.30am Inauguration. Joan Fuster Assembly Hall of the Faculty of Geography and History 10am Inaugural keynote speaker: Public policies in Europe, Ms. Blanca Casares Guillén. Joan Fuster Assembly Hall of the Faculty of Geography and History 11am Break – Coffee break 1. Faculty of Geography and History Hall 11.30am Thematic Axis 1: Strengthening rural areas. Moderator: Dr. Eugenio Cejudo. Palmireno Room of the Faculty of Geography and History 1.30 pm Exhibition and presentation of posters. Moderator: Mr. Sergio Bellés Monserrat. Hall Faculty of Geography and History 2 p.m. Lunch 4pm Thematic Axis 2: Connected rural areas. Moderator: Dr. Ángel Raúl Ruiz. Palmireno Room of the Faculty of Geography and History 6pm Workshop 1: Rural demography, led by Dr. Dolores Sánchez Aguilera. Palmireno Room of the Faculty of Geography and History	08am (departure from the Faculty of Geography and History) – 8pm (return to the Faculty of Geography and History): Field trip to Bejis (Castellón) (forest fire), led by Dr. Adolfo Calvo; Viver (Castellón) (social economy), by Mr. Jaume Pla; and Navajas (Castellón) (rural tourism), led by Dr. Cristina Herráiz. General Assembly of the Rural Group Rural Group Awards Ceremony	10am Closing keynote speaker: Rural proofing, Dr. Javier Esparcia. Joan Fuster Assembly Hall of the Faculty of Geography and History 11am Break – Coffee break 2. Faculty of Geography and History Hall 11.30am Thematic Axis 3: The territorial resilience of rural spaces. Moderator: Dr. Diana Valero. Palmireno Room of the Faculty of Geography and History 1.30p.m. Presentation of books and research projects. Moderator: Dr. Milagros Alario. Palmireno Room of the Faculty of Geography and History 2.30p.m. Lunch 4.30pm Thematic Axis 4: Diversification and multifunctionality for rural prosperity. Moderator: Dr. Néstor Vercher. Palmireno Room of the Faculty of Geography and History 6.30pm Workshop 2: Evaluation of rural development plans and/or strategies, led by Dr. Jaime Escribano. Palmireno Room of the Faculty of Geography and History 7.30pm Closing. Palmireno Room of the Faculty of Geography and History

## DATES

Abstract submission: February 15

Acceptance of abstracts: March 1

Submission of articles: May 31

Results of the evaluation of articles: June 30

Submission of revised communications and posters: July 30

Reduced-fee early registration: September 3

Regular registration: October 1

Celebration date: October 23<sup>rd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>

## GUIDANCE FOR PAPER PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS

Summaries:

Abstracts can be sent until 11:55 p.m. on February 15, 2024 to the address [uderval@uv.es](mailto:uderval@uv.es)

The text of the abstracts will have a maximum length of 300 words in Times New Roman 12 format and will consist of the following sections:

1. TITLE
2. AUTHOR/S
3. AFFILIATION AND EMAIL
4. KEY WORDS (three to five, not contained in the title)
5. TEXT (Objectives and/or Hypotheses, Methodology and Sources, and Results)
6. ASSIGNMENT TO THE THEMATIC AXES (indicate two options in order of preference): 1, 2, 3 or 4.
7. PRESENTATION PREFERENCE: COMMUNICATION OR POSTER

Abstracts, papers and posters can be presented in Spanish or another language used in the academic field (English, etc.), although **the first language during the colloquium will be Spanish** (inaugurations, presentations, coffee breaks, field trips, etc.).

The guidance for the submission of papers and posters will be available in the next call, and will be accessible on the Colloquium website (currently under development).

## REGISTRATION FEES

REGISTRATION TYPE (1)	REDUCED FEE (Until September 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2024)	REGULAR FEE (From September 4 <sup>th</sup> to October 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2024)
Partners of the Rural Geography Group	€150	€250
AGE Partners	€200	€300
Non-members of the AGE	€250	€350
Students, retirees and unemployed (2)	€100	€150
Companions (3)	€100	€150

(1) Registration for the colloquium INCLUDES:

The scientific sessions.

Coffee breaks.

The bus shuttle, meals and activities for the field trip on October 24, 2024.

The publication of the accepted article, after peer review, in a book of Proceedings of the Colloquium that will be published with ISBN from the Spanish Geography Association (AGE). Additionally, for those papers valued by the Scientific Committee for their quality, the organization will facilitate their presentation, after expansion and/or adaptation in article format, to [AGER: Journal of Studies on Depopulation and Rural Development](#) (Q3 SCOPUS, 2023). Such papers must subsequently meet the editorial standards established by the journal.

Registration gives the right to be author or co-author in a maximum of three papers. At least the first author and the presenter of each paper must be registered at the conference.

(2) People who register with this fee must provide proof of enrolment in university studies (Bachelor's Degree, Master's or Doctorate) and/or proof of retirement or unemployment status.

(3) The companions have included in the registration fee: bus shuttle for the field trip, field lunch and tourist information of interest. It does not allow for the presentation of papers.

## REGISTRATION

The payment and registration method will be detailed in the next call on the Colloquium website.