

Wednesday 14 June

| Time | Opening plenary | | | |
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| | Venue: Forum 1 | | | |
| 09:00-10:30 | Peter Weingarten, head of Thünen Institute of Rural Studies Ulrike Grabski-Kieron, spokesperson of the Rural Geography Group (DGfG) Annett Steinführer, Anna-Barabra Heindl, organising team | | | |
| 10:30-11:00 | Coffee break (venue: Forum) | | | |
| Keynotes | | | | |
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| 11:00-12:30 | Sarah Skerratt, Scotland's Rural College, Great Britain: "Rural communities revisited: on empowerment, resilience and complexities – making the invisible visible" Susanne Stenbacka, Uppsala University, Sweden: "Gender relations and rurality: construction of spatial identities and implications for planning" | | | |
| 12:30-13:30 | Lunch break (venue: Forum) | | | |
| Parallel sessions | | | | |
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| 13:45-15:45 | Rural ageing: actors, structures, impacts Session chair: S. Kordel M. Petrová Kafková: Ageing in rural areas: case of the Czech Republic A. Steinführer: Coping capabilities and service use of the elderly: findings from rural Germany N. Mehnen / P. Schaal / E. Schäfer: Demographic change in the Wadden Sea region – situation analysis, stakeholder involvement and development strategies in tourism municipalities | Civic engagement in rural areas Session chair: M. Woods M. Tulaszewski / H. Fischer: Markets of Singularities. Socio-cultural and religious networks in Mecklenburg-West Pomerania Z. Kruzmetra: Culture-led practices for renewal of society in rural areas of Latvia A. Margarian / J.-C. Peters: Can civic engagement effectively support social inclusion? A spatially explicit model J. Reda / S. Ehret: Investigating the heartbeat of rural development – metaphors of civic engagement in a rural development discourse | Disappearing and newly emerging basic services I Session chair: A.-B. Heindl S. Neumeier: Why can street petrol station shops not be an alternative to a missing local food supplier? Contribution to the German discourse on 'Daseinsvorsorge' T. Haartsen / B. Bock: The perceived importance of facilities for rural citizens in Fryslân, the Netherlands U. Jürgens: Who frequents village shops? Studies in rural German areas M. Mießner: Political struggles in German spatial planning about the empty signifier 'equivalence of living conditions' | Rural governance and participatory processes I Session chair: I. Mose S. Kundolf: Decision making processes in rural regeneration partnerships: participation and influences of new and weak actors G. Robinson: Playing and participating: engaging communities in rural development through participology S. Schmitz: Draw me a sheep: a pedagogical tool to discover the complexity of rural planning |
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| | <p>Newcomers as actors of rural change</p> <p>Session chair: A. Steinführer</p> <p>D. Meschter/ P. Mehl: The integration of refugees: A chance for rural areas? Case studies in Germany</p> | <p>The contemporary role of agriculture for rural areas I</p> <p>Session chair: S. Depraz</p> <p>K. P. Schumacher: The geography of manure in northern Germany</p> | <p>Material and immaterial values of farmland</p> <p>Session chair: I. Mose</p> <p>Y. Le Caro: An axiological exploration of farmland from focus groups in western France</p> | <p>Constructions of the rural I</p> <p>Session chair: K. Halfacree</p> <p>G. Tuitjer: The house of one's own – materialization of the rural idyll?</p> |
| 16:30-18:00 | <p>T. Weidinger: Learning rural areas: refugees as drivers of economic and social change in Lower Bavaria, Germany</p> <p>S. Meier: On the doorstep: refugee experiences of solidarity in the German region South Westphalia</p> | <p>S. Witzel: Digitization – a chance for women in agriculture?</p> <p>H. Pina: Olive cultivation in the Douro Region (NE Portugal), where tradition and innovation combine</p> | <p>A. Tietz: Non-agricultural investors in German agricultural companies</p> <p>A. Reichert-Schick/ J. Hollweg: Investors on farmland markets in East Germany: actors, implications and control option</p> | <p>A. Decker: Entrepreneurship and activism in rural Czech Republic: educational visitor programmes on family farms</p> <p>A. Navarro: Resurgence of open air food markets: symbol or mirror of the rurality?</p> |
| 18:15-19:00 | Poster session (venue: Forum) | | | |
| 19:00 | Welcome reception Thünen Institute | | | |
| | Folkhard Isermeyer, president of the Johann Heinrich von Thünen Institute | | | |

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| 09:00-10:30 | <p>EU policies and rural development</p> <p>Session chair: U. Grabski-Kieron</p> <p>F. Navarro: Social innovation in LEADER approach in Puglia (Italy) and Andalusia (Spain) in 2007 – 2013 cycle programming</p> <p>B. O'Keeffe: The legacy of LEADER and perceptions of rural development in Ireland</p> <p>K. Pollermann: Results of the LEADER-approach: findings from evaluation of LEADER-regions in Germany</p> | <p>Disappearing and newly emerging basic services II</p> <p>Session chair: S. Neumeier</p> <p>I. Sirodov: Do disappearing infrastructure and services represent a declining provision or an increasing optimisation? The case study of Argeş county</p> <p>A. Klärner: Is rural poverty something special? A case study in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Germany</p> <p>S. Kroismayr: The relationship between the municipal authorities and the local community after the closure of a small primary school – some evidence from Austria</p> | <p>Economic structures and development of rural areas I</p> <p>Session chair: P. Küpper</p> <p>K. Schuster: Occupational choice from a spatial perspective: some stylised facts and a micro foundation</p> <p>M. Graffenberger: Relational configurations in innovation processes: insights from businesses in peripheral regions in Estonia and Saxony</p> <p>L. Kvarantan/ S. Henn: Highly-skilled migrants in peripheral areas: a potential for small and medium-sized enterprises?</p> |
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| | Luís Chaves, Minha Terra, Portugal: "From LEADER to Community-Led Local Development: A critical perspective on European rural policies" | | |
| | Round table debate | | |
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| | <p>"Shaping rural areas with EU policies: LEADER's achievements, impediments and the role of science"</p> <p>Sabine Weizenegger, regional development agency Oberallgäu</p> <p>Luís Chaves, Minha Terra</p> <p>Petra Raue, Thünen Institute of Rural Studies</p> | | |
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| 18:00-19:00 | Transfer to Old Town Hall | | | |
| 19:00 | Reception by City of Braunschweig, Old Town Hall Adress: Altstadtmarkt 7 | | | |
| | Anke Kaphammel, Mayor of Braunschweig | | | |

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| | Venue: Forum 1 | Venue: Forum 2 | Venue: AT-lecture hall |
| | Dimensions of rural quality of life | Territorial disparities and spatial dynamics | The contemporary role of agriculture for rural areas II |
| | Session chair: T. Haartsen | Session chair: I.-V. Stoica | Session chair: A. F. Tulla |
| 09:00-10:30 | T. Mettenberger: "You don't want to raise your kids in Berlin": hard and soft location factors for attracting general practitioners to rural regions | A. Baysse-Lainé: The impact of the Terre de Liens civil society land trust on the access to the land of alternative farmers. A land-related tool to support food relocalisation in France | J. Kister / G. Rainer: Going global – re-inventing the local: the quality turn in wine production and regional restructuring in South Tyrol |
| | R. Nadler: The elephant in the Room. On the relation of demographic change, public services and civic engagement | P. Küpper: Delimitation and typology of rural areas in Germany | A. Firmino: Olive groves in Portugal: a challenge to factors of rural change |
| | J. Kreis: Quality of life in rural areas in Germany: work-family balance as a component of quality of life | F. Navarro: The lack of rural development initiatives for deep rural areas. The case of the LEADER approach in Andalusia (Spain) in 2007 – 2013 period | P. Jutteau: Do the agricultural structures and economic conditions of rural spaces influence the forms of organisation and ownership in the biogas sector? |
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| 11:00-12:30 | Christine Tamásy, University of Vechta, Germany: "Sustainable development or excessive exploitation? A transition management perspective on areas of intensive agriculture" | | |
| | Ioan Ianoş, University of Bucharest, Romania: "Territorial disparities and village dynamics in Romania: post-socialist trajectories and post-accession challenges" | | |
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| | Rural energy transitions: exploring the rural dimension of socio-technical change II | New forms of agriculture and food production | The urban in the rural and the rural in the urban |
| | Session chair: M. Naumann/ M. Phillips | Session chair: A. Firmino | Session chair: Y. Le Caro |
| | F. Weber/ O. Kühne: Energy transition and upheaval – the impact of grid extension and wind turbine plants in rural Germany | C.-T. Soulard: From grassroots initiatives to urban food system governance? Case studies in Montpellier and Toulouse | D. Deville: Urban agriculture and precarity: grow for a better food safety |
| 13:45-15:45 | F. Authier: Analysis of the role of social capital on renewable energy projects achievement and territorial development: case studies of two endogenous renewable energy projects in France and Germany | J. McCarthy: From co-production to co-discipline: emergent agri-environmental governance in the Republic of Ireland | U. Grabski-Kieron: “Baukultur” in the revitalisation of areas in small and medium-sized rural towns with declining populations |
| | A. Schaffrin: The dynamics of energy networks for regional innovation | A. F. Tulla: Social Farming (SF) in the Barcelona periurban area: a social and ecological urban agriculture alternative | I.-V. Stoica: Challenges of small towns in Romania – heading towards a rural future? |
| | M. Naumann/ D. Rudolph: The intricate relationship between energy transitions and regional marginalisation – insights from wind farm developments in rural Germany and Denmark | | |
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| | Closing ceremony | | |
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| | Ingo Mose, spokesperson Rural Geography Group Annett Steinführer, Anna-Barbara Heindl, organising team | | |

| Saturday 17 June | | |
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| | Field trip | Venue |
| | Wendland - Peripherality revisited | Entrance of Thünen Campus |
| Departure | | 07:45 |
| Approx. time of arrival | | 18:00 |
| | Field trip | Venue |
| | Vorharz - The former inner German border - a 'phantom border'? | Entrance of Thünen Campus |
| Departure | | 08:30 |
| Approx. time of arrival | | 18:00 |