

## CALL FOR BIDS - European School of Rural Sociology 2020

The European Society for Rural Sociology hereby invites members and their Departments and Universities to submit bids for holding the European School of Rural Sociology in the year 2020. To be considered, bids must be received by the 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2019. The decision will be announced at the General Assembly in Trondheim 26<sup>th</sup> of June, 2019.

Every second year, the European Society for Rural Sociology organizes a research School for PhD students and early postdocs. The ESRS School recruits early stage scholars of Rural Sociology and rural studies in general, from whole Europe. The aim is to introduce the participants to the field of rural sociology. Teachers are leading specialists within the field, recruited both internationally and from the organizing country. Participants are expected to contribute a paper. Much of the School program centre around these papers and on lectures given by the tutors and specially invited guests. The duration of the School is usually one week, and participants are lodged together, for example in a conference centre. Excursions and study tours are usually part of the programme.

The organizing institution decides the content of the ESRS School and a meeting theme. The latter should reflect the central concerns of rural sociology, be broad enough to reflect the concerns of the Society, and attractive to young scholars, opting for a career within the field.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Organiser</b>	<b>Theme</b>
2004	The Institute National de la Recherche Agronomique	<i>New paths for rural development in the enlarged Europe</i>
2006	The Institute of International Sociology of Gorizia	<i>The empire of the new rules and the ethics of social networks, the challenges for the rural institutions and the agri-food markets</i>
2008	Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Department of Sociology and Communication	<i>Urban-rural co-operation for the future</i>
2010	Instituto de Estudios Sociales Avanzados	<i>Looking at the Rural, Thinking about the Global</i>
2012	The University of Helsinki Ruralia institute	<i>Rural– urban relationship revisited</i>
2014	The Institute National de la Recherche Agronomique	<i>Theoretical Approaches to the Ecologisation of Agrifood Systems and Rural Landscapes</i>
2016	ERC GLOBAL-RURAL project at Aberystwyth University	<i>Researching Globalization in a Rural Context</i>
2018	Baltic studies center and University of Latvia	<i>Social innovation in and for a sustainable food system</i>

Previous ESRS Schools have been fully financed by the arranging institutions and countries, and participants have only paid their travel costs to reach the school, while the arranging institutions have covered board, lodging etc. Tutors similarly get their travel costs reimbursed, and receive free board and lodging. ESRS has generally contributed to the financing of ESRS schools through a small grant, as appropriate. The contribution of the Society mainly consists of publicity, and in lending its name to the School.

Interested members backed up by their institutions are asked to give their bids along the above-mentioned guidelines and submit them to the Secretary of the Society by the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019. As well as outlining the ESRS School theme, programme and details of the organisers and host institution, bids should include a break down of costs and the sources of funding.

The Executive Committee will scrutinize bids. In choosing between the bids, consideration will be given to the quality of the theme and programme proposed, as well as to economic and other aspects of the organization. Questions in this matter can be directed to Elisabete Figueiredo (ESRS EC member) [elisa@ua.pt](mailto:elisa@ua.pt) or Talis Tiesenkopf (local organiser 2018) [talis.tisenkopfs@lu.lv](mailto:talis.tisenkopfs@lu.lv).

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