

# Transitions towards sustainability

ESRS Summer School 2020 // September 7-11 // Prague, Czech Republic

## Theme and programme

Agrifood transitions represent one of the major societal challenges of today. The European Society for Rural Sociology is organizing a Summer School to serve as a forum for discussion on this broad theme. It welcomes research papers that reflect theoretical and empirical aspects of socio-technical transition processes, explore innovative rural/urban initiatives in different regional contexts and evaluate the impact of ongoing changes.

The Summer School is organized for PhD students in rural sociology and related fields of study. The school is intended to provide a platform for discussing and sharing knowledge among students and senior researchers. Participants will have the opportunity to present research outputs, gain feedback from invited senior researchers, hear lectures from the invited speakers and take part in a guided field-trip.

## Speakers

- Joost Dessein (Ghent University, Belgium)
- Ruth McAreavey (Newcastle University, UK)
- Egon Noe (Danish Centre for Rural Research, Denmark)
- Lee-Ann Sutherland (The James Hutton Institute, UK)
- Lukas Zagata (Czech University of Life Sciences, Czech Republic)

## Applications

Students interested in applying should submit a short biographical note and an extended abstract (max. 800 words) related to a selected output from their research project, such as PhD thesis chapter, academic paper intended for publication or any other academic text. Abstracts should be sent to: [zagata@pef.czu.cz](mailto:zagata@pef.czu.cz). A panel made up of the invited speakers will select the candidates, who will be then asked to send their full papers. The Summer School is open to PhD students and early-career researchers. Applicants must be members of the European Society for Rural Sociology (for more information please see the official website of the ESRS: [www.ruralsociology.eu](http://www.ruralsociology.eu)).

## Deadlines

30/4/2020	submission of applications (extended abstracts)
15/5/2020	results of evaluation (information for the applicants)
30/6/2020	submission of full papers

## Fundings

The Summer School is available to a maximum of 15 students. There is no fee. Participants in the Summer School will be provided accommodation on the university campus during the event but should cover their own travel costs. The Summer School is financially supported by the ESRS and the Czech University of Life Sciences Prague.