



CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Navigating Rural Transitions:
Exploring liveable futures

European Society for Rural Sociology (ESRS)

July 7-11, 2025, Riga, Latvia

Call for submissions for ESRS 2025 is now open. The deadline for submission is 14 February 2025.

We invite submissions on the various topics covered by the Working Groups (WGs). You can review the WGs (<https://esrs2025.rsu.lv/>) and submit here (<https://esrs2025.exordo.com/>).

Each participant can submit a maximum of 2 abstracts.

Additionally:

- You can apply for a poster session.
- You can apply to present a recently published book at our book launch session.
- Early career scholars (especially PhDs) are invited to apply for the ESRS summer school. This interactive and targeted session will take place on the 7th of July and will provide an opportunity to network, to explore methods for researching liveable futures, and to engage directly with the Editors-in-Chief of *Sociologia Ruralis* to learn about the ins and outs of academic publishing.

Our focus

The 2025 ESRS conference will take up the theme of 'Navigating rural transitions: Exploring liveable futures'. As we navigate ongoing transitions, an exploration of liveable rural futures calls on us to consider the diverse range of challenges and possibilities that lie ahead: from a just, sustainable, and 'worth living' futures for all, to survivable or even catastrophic futures, and everything in between.

Understood this way, the pursuit of a liveable rural future requires engagement with critical social-political and social-ecological questions related to, among others, farming, agriculture, and food systems, justice and discriminations, the politics of knowledge, social mobilisations and agency, migration and mobility, technologies, connections and solidarity, care and hope. Additionally, the importance of (local) democracy, collective action, and the development of (relatively) autonomous forms of organisation in rural areas, such as the rural commons, may also be considered.



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How to submit

Your abstract should not **exceed 250 words** and should clearly target the theme of the selected Working Group. Please include 3 keywords.

Abstract submission is supported by the professional conference management software Exordo <https://esrs2025.exordo.com/>

All abstracts must be submitted electronically through this system by creating your individual account. Please note that when in the ExOrdo system, you will only see the Topic of each WG. A full description of each WG is available <https://esrs2025.rsu.lv/>

1. Before you can submit an abstract, the system will require that you create an account. Please note that accessing the Exordo system after creating the account can be only made using the original email and password. Please do not use alternative emails when accessing the system.
2. The author doing the submission will also need to sign a “Terms of Service” document on behalf of the submission team.
3. Following the creation of the account, you can log into the system to change your original abstract until the final date of the submission period (14 February 2025).
4. Your abstract should be entered in the online system by finding the “My Submissions” tab on your dashboard.
5. Select “New Submission” for each abstract you would like to submit. The site will then walk you through the process step by step.

If you need additional support, see:

<https://support.exordo.com/article/473-submitting-an-abstract-or-paper>

Keep your login and password, they will be useful again to register for the conference.

Contact:

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