

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

The 19th workshop on "Social Capital and Development Trends of Countryside in Knowledge and Risk Society"

NOVA University Lisbon, Portugal
October 1-2, 2025



Organized by

MARG

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NOVA FCSH

(NOVA University of Lisbon, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities)

***Title and Abstract Submission**

Deadline: 30th June, 2025

***Full-length Paper Submission (optional)**

Deadline: 30th November, 2025

BACKGROUND AND SCOPE

The emergence of a transformative, fluid, and reconstructive world driven by global urbanization, often referred to as the "post-urban world," is nothing but a major challenge to the survival of many countryside areas. Specific challenges facing the peripheral countryside include depopulation, aging, regional deprivation, spatial sprawl, community fragmentation, climate change and disasters, economic recession, and degradation of natural resources and environments, just to mention a few risks. Each of these issues presents a fundamental "crisis" that threatens to undermine the sustainability of the region at its very foundations.

In such an era of crisis, the survival of rural areas depends critically on their self-sustaining capacity to adapt to changing circumstances while demonstrating their own unique value and attractiveness through collaboration and learning by various actors, including residents. In this context, social capital, the key concept of this workshop, is of significance for the autonomous growth of rural communities: It is one of the essential factors in encouraging regional innovation to address local crises by bringing together knowledge and skills dispersed throughout the region through collaboration with stakeholders inside and outside the region.

Following the previous 20 years of workshops, this workshop will bring together researchers from a variety of disciplines for an open discussion on the prospects and challenges of the countryside, regardless of country or region, with the concept of social capital as a common denominator. We recognize the need for this

workshop to promote a broad discussion from a variety of perspectives on issues such as;

- How must the concept and role of social capital be redefined in today's society under technological progress, climate change, and diversification of values and risks?
- How can local knowledge and smartness address diverse regional issues and improve regional resilience and sustainability?
- Do we need to rethink the nature of academic disciplines or the way researchers interact with their local communities? If so, what kind of research and approaches are needed?

In addressing these issues, we welcome ambitious and challenging research, whether in a single discipline, in cross-disciplinary collaboration, or in a more transdisciplinary approach with field stakeholders.

Topics of interest in this workshop include as below (but not limited):

1. Social Capital
2. Sustainable Management of Natural Assets, Landscape, and Commons
3. Community Governance
4. Cultural Heritage Management, Tourism, and Local Development
5. Globalization, Rural-Urban Relationship and Intercultural Exchange
6. Voluntarism, Partnership, and Local Engagement
7. Multiple Risks and Resilience
8. Climate Change and its Threats and Opportunities for the Countryside
9. Compact City, Smart Village, and Their Infrastructure
10. Innovation in Rural Regions and Knowledge Society

PARTICIPANTS

This seminar is open for participants from universities, research institutions, government institutions, practitioners, developers, and for people who are concerned about social capital and rural development. The papers are also expected to come from various countries.

COSTS FOR PARTICIPANTS

All participants are required to pay a participation fee of 80 Euros, which includes program materials for the two-day workshop. All participants are responsible for their accommodation and travel costs (to and from the venue).

VENUE

NOVA FCSH (NOVA University of Lisbon – School of Social Sciences and Humanities), Av. de Berna Campus, 26 C, 1069-061, Lisboa, Portugal

IMPORTANT DATES

30th June: Deadline for abstract submission
31st July: Information on acceptance of abstracts
1st–2nd October: Workshop
30th November: Deadline for submission of full-length papers (optional)

ABSTRACTS

Abstracts should contain maximum 300 words, be written in English and in MS Word. The abstracts should include title, author(s), affiliation, complete address, telephone number and e-mail address. Send your abstracts to Dr. Emi TOHYAMA (E-mail: marg-office@mail2.adm.kyoto-u.ac.jp)

PUBLICATION

Peer-reviewed papers from the workshop will be published as proceedings.

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ACCOMMODATION

You may book by yourself or find your hotel, although we recommend the hotels in Lisbon for the term.

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TENTATIVE PROGRAM

DAY1 (1 October 2025)

08:00 – 08:30 Registration
08:30 – 08:40 Opening address
08:40 – 10:10 Keynote session
Prof. Kobayashi from KU
Prof. Westlund from KTH
10:10 – 10:30 Coffee break
10:30 – 12:00 Session 1
12:00 – 13:30 Noon recess
13:30 – 15:00 Session 2
15:00 – 15:10 Coffee break
15:10 – 16:40 Session 3

DAY2 (2 October 2025)

08:00 – 08:20 Registration for new participants
08:20 – 09:50 Session 4
09:50 – 10:00 Coffee break
10:00 – 12:00 Session 5
12:00 – 13:30 Noon recess
13:30 – 14:10 Closing remarks