

***ESRS 2022 Satellite Event: far apart but still close
together: 20-24 June, 2022
“Just Rural Transitions: Opportunities and Challenges”***

**The ESRS satellite event @Newcastle is staged jointly with the
19th Rural Entrepreneurship Conference at Northumbria University**

With the full scale ESRS conference not taking place since 2019, a set of 11 satellite events are being co-ordinated across Europe to explore different themes across the field of rural sociology. Our event will focus on ***the sociology of rural entrepreneurship***, a theme launched in Trondheim in 2019.

We have identified a number of sub-themes that encourage debate and discussion about the changing social and cultural drivers of rural entrepreneurship as well as the role of entrepreneurship in supporting rural revitalisation in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic. In line with the headline theme of the ESRS events, we encourage participants to reflect on the extent to which private or community-led entrepreneurship can generate rural development that can be considered “just”. We also encourage research that explore the most promising opportunities that are emerging in the diverse arenas of rural entrepreneurship.

In the Rural Entrepreneurship Conference sessions, workshops will set the scene for some key policy discussions where we hope to attract both regional and national representatives to learn from our work and to guide us towards the emerging challenges for rural entrepreneurship researchers in the months and years ahead.

To participate in this event, please submit an abstract using the accompanying template, by 31st March 2022. This should be emailed to gary.bosworth@northumbria.ac.uk

We particularly welcome abstracts under the following themes:

- Advancing the sociology of rural entrepreneurship
- Social Innovation and community enterprise
- Migration and rural development
- Tourism, heritage and culture in the rural economy
- Technology and innovation in the rural economy
- Agri-food & land-based entrepreneurship
- International dimensions on rural entrepreneurship
- National and European policy evaluation to support rural development
- The role of universities in supporting rural innovation
- Innovative approaches to rural entrepreneurship research and practice
- Opportunities and challenges for rural development

Provisional Outline Agenda

Monday 20 th June	Conference podcast released No activities for ESRS satellite event @ Newcastle
Tuesday 21 st June	Evening reception for ESRS members
Wednesday 22 nd June	8.30-9.30: ESRS online welcome (Zoom link across all satellite events) Morning: ESRS themed workshops Afternoon: Field trip to Hadrian's Wall and The Sill Visitor Centre
Thursday 23 rd June	Morning ESRS joint plenary with Scotland & ESRC themed workshops Afternoon: ESRS and REC parallel workshops 17.00 – 18.00 ESRS Plenary followed by conference dinner
Friday 24 th June	Morning: REC welcome & plenary followed by REC themed workshops InnoGrow and NICRE plenary and sponsored lunch Afternoon: Policy discussion and debates

Local Organising Committee

Gary Bosworth & Robert Newbery, Northumbria University
Matt Gorton, Newcastle University

Practical Information

The event will be staged at Northumbria University and The Rural Catalyst at Newcastle University. Both are within walking distance of the city centre. Newcastle is well connected with an international airport (connected to the city by metro), main-line rail connections to London, Scotland and major cities across the North of England, and a ferry terminal.

Registration is now open with the cost of attending the conference set at £150 (£125 for PhD students). There is an additional fee of £35 for attending the field trip to Hadrians Wall with dinner at the Twice Brewed Inn. In addition, you are strongly encouraged to join ESRS* if you wish to present in ESRS sessions, attend the ESRS reception, and access the international plenaries and podcasts. You can join ESRS [via this link](#) which gives you 2 years membership of the society.

Non-members will be able to present in REC themed workshops, join the field trip, attend the conference dinner and participate in all other sessions in Newcastle, supported by the ISBE rural entrepreneurship network**, NICRE and Innogrow.

**ESRS membership will give you a discount in the next ESRS conference and year's subscription to the Society's journal, Sociologia Ruralis. It also gives access to activities organised by ESRS, such as the ESRS study groups and PhD schools, and it allows the Society to organise these events.*

***For access to more events run by the Rural Entrepreneurship Network, ISBE members can sign up for free here: <https://isbe.org.uk/special-interest-group/rural/>*