

**Call for posters (deadline March 1, 2017)**

## **“New rural geographies in Europe: actors, processes, policies”**

**– European Rural Geographies Conference, June 14–17, 2017  
at the Johann Heinrich von Thünen Institute, Braunschweig (Germany) –**

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We invite human geographers and social scientists from neighbouring disciplines to present and discuss research findings relating and relevant to the social and economic development of rural areas in Europe. The conference programme will consist of both oral presentations (Call for Papers closed) and a **poster session**. Poster presentations are particularly suitable to present **work in progress** and foster discussions and exchange among conference participants. We thus encourage particularly, but not only, junior scientists to present and discuss their current work and seize the opportunity to establish contacts with researchers from other European countries in their field.

We invite you to submit **poster abstracts** on one of the following topics or subtopics:

1. *Socio-demographic challenges in European rural areas*
  - Social inequalities and rural poverty // Demographic changes // Gender roles and role perceptions of men and women
2. *Regional disparities, territorial justice and cohesion in European rural areas*
3. *Rurality/ruralities as narratives, lifestyles and/or practices in European rural areas*
4. *Governance of and policies for European rural areas*
  - Multi-level and rural governance, rural policies // Infrastructure, public and private welfare services // Rural-urban partnerships and linkages
5. *Conflicts and actors of rural change in Europe*
  - Actors in rural areas // Conflicts due to social, economic and landscape change
6. *Economic issues of European rural development*
  - Rural labour markets // Smart specialisation and smart countryside // New organisation of economic production

For presenting and discussing the posters we plan a **specific session** on the first conference day (June 14, 2017), while all posters will be exhibited during the entire conference. The jury, consisting of members of the Scientific Committee, will evaluate the posters according to their theoretical, methodological and visual quality and award a **poster prize** on Friday, 16 June 2017.

Please provide your **poster abstracts** (maximum 2,500 characters incl. blanks) and your contact data until March 1, 2017 to [ruralgeo2017@thuenen.de](mailto:ruralgeo2017@thuenen.de). We will inform about the acceptance of your poster by mid-March and provide further information on the poster design and technical issues.

Please spread this call in your research networks. We are looking forward to your abstracts.

**The organising team of the Rural Geographies Conference 2017**

**Further information on:** <https://www.ruralgeo2017.de>

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