

Commission on the Sustainability of Rural Systems (CSRS)

2017-2018 Annual Report

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The SC members have decided in Santiago to invite Marcin Wojcik (University of Lodz, Poland) to join the Committee in 2019 and to look forward for one or two colleagues from Asia or South America.

b. Commission Corresponding Members

The number of corresponding members of CSRS is 533 in total from 59 countries as of 30 November, 2018.

Country	Number	Country	Number
Afghanistan	1	Malaysia	1
Australia	26	Mexico	1
Austria	4	Morocco	1
Bangladesh	1	Netherlands	8
Belgium	7	New Zealand	6
Brazil	20	Nigeria	3
Burundi	1	Phillipines	1
Cameroon	2	Poland	4
Canada	55	Portugal	8
Chile	2	Romania	8
China	17	Russia	3

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Columbia	1	Saudi Arabia	1
Croatia	1	Serbia	2
Czech Republic	7	Singapore	1
Ecuador	1	Slovakia	1
Egypt	2	Slovenia	2
Finland	1	South Africa	7
France	18	South Korea	24
Germany	28	Spain	39
Greece	1	Sri Lanka	1
Guinea	1	Sudan	1
Haiti	1	Sweden	5
Hawaii	1	Syria	2
Hong Kong	1	Taiwan	2
India	15	Thailand	4
Iran	6	Turkey	2
Ireland	16	UK	17
Israel	4	USA	26
Italy	10	Vietnam	5
Japan	115	Others	5
		Total	533

B. Meetings

The commission organizes one Colloquium per year including both paper sessions and fieldwork. We change of continent to give more opportunities to colleagues from different countries to participate to the Colloquium and the work of the Commission. The CSRS also organizes sessions during the main IGU Conference and takes part to the organization of several meetings.

a. 2017 Annual CSRS Meeting: Vietnam

The 25th Colloquium was organized in Vietnam (16 – 22 April 2017) under the theme: Rural spaces in a multifunctional transition: experience and adaptation. We convened a successful Colloquium of our commission hosted by University of Social Sciences and Humanities – Vietnam National University in Ho Chi Minh City. We had 3 plenary sessions, 9 panel sessions and 1 poster session, cover different topics) and 4-day field trip in the Mekong Delta. Joining the 3-day colloquium in Ho Chi Minh City were 75 professors, researchers from worldwide universities and research institutes of Australia, Belgium, China, Croatia, France, Italy, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, the USA and Vietnam, with 58 presentations and posters having sent to colloquium's organizers. 44 people attended the fieldwork excursions. The field trip met the objective of introducing participants to: (1) the daily life of peasants in the Mekong Delta, their principal economic activities such as rice production, fruit gardening and aquaculture, (2) the varied landscapes of the delta (plains, wetlands, mountains and system of waterways) and (3) some forms of rural tourism (homestay, community-based tourism, pilgrimage and ecotourism). A selection of papers presented in the colloquium are published by the *Journal of Science and Technology Development* of Vietnam National University in Ho Chi Minh City (ISSN: 1859-0128).

Website: <http://csrs2017.hcmussh.edu.vn/Default.aspx?PagelId=70e96533-872b-432b-bbbc-094db0f6663a>



b. 2018 Annual CSRS Meeting: Spain

The 26th CSRS Colloquium (16-21 July 2018) is specifically focused on bridging gaps raised in academic debates by offering a consistent set of questions around six selected broad themes. The debates regarding sustainability acknowledge that the Earth is finite, but the existing gaps can be addressed, and examined, through infinite rural systems. We welcome discussion in this respect in Galicia in July 2018. Despite “system” being a contested term in the social sciences, it frames a body of research that takes into account internal and external interrelationships, embracing social, cultural, political (including planning), environmental and economic issues. Reconciling these broad, but often contradictory themes, is part of the aim of bridging the gaps for the purposes of this CSRS Colloquium. Furthermore, identified gaps to be considered are related to geographical scales; for instance between the global arena (globalisation, world trade arrangements, global and climate change, etc.) and regional and local spaces of adaptation, or contestation. The regulatory spaces of nation-states (with or without devolved institutions) and supra-national structures interact at multiple scales, resulting in a complex web of inter-relationships. Extended abstracts were published in a book that contains 61 papers written by 128 authors from Europe (93), Asia (16), Australia (12), Latin America (3), Africa (2) and North America (2). The rich fieldwork develops rural development in peripheral areas and the issue of heritage as an asset for sustainable development. Another book was published to encompass the information concerning the questions debated on field.

Website: <http://26ruralcolloquium.eu/>



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c. 2019 Annual CSRS Meeting: Saint Paul, Minnesota (USA) (in planning stages)

The 27th CSRS Colloquium will take place in Minnesota (21-26 July 2019) and is organized by the Geography Departments at Macalester College and the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire. The 6-day Colloquium fosters international collaboration and information exchange specifically focused on concepts of economic, social, and environmental sustainability of rural systems. The key organizing theme of the 2019 Colloquium is *Sustaining Rural Systems: Rural Vitality in an Era of Globalization and Economic Nationalism*. The Colloquium and Field Study are organized around four sub-themes highlighting the importance of “local” while interrogating the relationships between local social and economic vitality and national and global trends.

Website: <https://www.macalester.edu/geography/igu-csrs2019/>

d. 2020 Annual CSRS Meeting: Zagreb-Zadar (Croatia), (in preparation).

The steering committee decided to organize the 2020 conference in Croatia under the supervision of Aleksandar Lukić.

e. IGU- UGI Regional Conference, Quebec City 2018

Four sessions were organized or co-organized by the Commission during the 2018 IGU Regional Meeting in Quebec. Co-Chairs Barcus and Schmitz attended the meeting and chaired / co-chaired several sessions.

C36-SP1. Rural Migration and Community Change

C36-SP3. Rural Land Resources and Agricultural Change (with AGLE commission)

C36-SP6. Service Provision and Rural Sustainability: Infrastructure and Innovation

C36-SP100. Sustainability of Rural Systems OPEN SESSION / SESSION OUVERTE

26 papers were presented. One special issue of the Review RIVAR (ISSN 0719-4994) will collect the papers presented in the session Rural Land Resources and Agricultural Change.

C. Networking

- a. **IGU-AGLE**: Yulin, China, 26-29 August 2017. Agricultural Geography and Land Engineering inaugural conference. Co-Chair **Barcus** attended the inaugural conference of the IGU- AGLE Commission. She gave a keynote address titled “Contested Space, Contested Livelihoods: An Overview of Two Decades of Pasture Management and Land Tenure Reform in Mongolia” and was Chair of two paper sessions and Discussant for two paper sessions at the conference.
- b. **EUGEO** Brussels, 4-6 September 2017. CO-Chair Serge Schmitz was member of the Organizing committee and co-organizes three sessions on Rural Europe: Territorial perspective and rural development (11 papers from Belgium, France, Hungary, Israël, Italy (2), Japan, Portugal, Romania & Spain)
- c. **EUGEO** Galway, 15-18 May 2019. Two sessions will be organized under the auspice of the IGU-CSRS: “Agrofood systems transformation” and “Landscape garbling”.
- d. **AAG Annual Meeting** in New Orleans, Louisiana. Two sessions are co-sponsored by the Rural Geography Specialty Group of the AAG (described below). Global Rural Transitions and Sustainability (IGU-CSRS sponsored) and Rural Geography in Africa, Asia, and Middle and South America
- e. **AAG Annual Meeting** in Washington D.C., 2019. One session with 5 papers is currently prepared.
- f. The 13th **Korea-China-Japan Joint Conference on Geography** was organized by past chair Kim in Chongqing, China in 2018. (Kim D.C.)
- g. The 4th **Asian Conference on Geography** in Guangzhou, China was organized by past chair Kim in 2018.
- h. The **Korean Rural Geography** Association was organized by past chair Kim in 2018.

D. Publications

Two special issues from the CSRS 2016 Conference in Liège were published in fall 2017.

- Schmitz S. & Dubois C., (Eds) 2017. La durabilité des systèmes ruraux : concilier héritage et innovation, Sustainability of Rural Systems: Balancing Heritage and Innovation, Belgeo 2016-4. ISSN 2294-9135 <http://journals.openedition.org/belgeo/19320>
- Dubois C., Firmino A., Kim D.-C. & Schmitz S. (Eds) (2017). Balancing Heritage and Innovation in sustainable rural systems, BSLG, vol. 69, 94p. .ISSN 0770-7576 ISBN 2-87298-022-9 <http://popups.ulg.ac.be/0770-7576/>

19 contributions are included in the two volumes.

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- Cawley M. (2017). A strategic approach to protecting the sustainability of a natural heritage and tourism resource: the river Moy, Ireland. BSLG, 69: 53-62.
- Ciervo M. (2017). The olive rapid decline complex (ORDC) diffusion in Apulia Region: An apparent contradiction according to the agricultural model. Belgeo, 2016/4.
- Dal Borgo A.G. & G. Gambazza (2017). From abandoned village to ecovillage: a sustainable tourism experience by the community of Torri Superiore. BSLG, 69: 63-78.
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- Mathis D. (2017). Quelles trajectoires pour les territoires ruraux d'étangs en Lorraine (1970 à nos jours) ?. Belgeo, 2016/4.
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- Rudnicki R., Dubownik A. & M. Biczowski (2017). Diversification of sources of income in agricultural holdings in the context of multi-functional development of rural areas in Poland. Belgeo, 2016/4.
- Schmitz S. & C. Dubois (2017). Sustainability of Rural Systems: Balancing Heritage and Innovation. Belgeo, 2016/4.
- Schmitz S. & C. Dubois (2017). Tensions sur le devenir des campagnes wallonnes. Notes de terrain BSLG, 69: 81-94.
- Spagnoli L. & L. Mundula (2017). The family farming: a traditional model to foster the agriculture innovation. BSLG, 69: 17-28.

- Tobiasz-Lis P. & M. Wójcik (2017). Representations of rural settlements in the debate of multifunctional countryside - Example of Poland. BSGlG, 69: 29-39.

A special Issue from the CSRS 2017 in Ho Chi Minh City

A Selection of papers presented in the colloquium will be published soon in the *Journal of Science and Technology Development*, Vietnam National University in Ho Chi Minh City (ISSN: 1859-0128).

Two books relating the CSRS 2018 at Santiago

- Paül V., Lois R.C., Trillo J.M., Haslam McKenzie F. (Eds.) (2018): Infinite Rural Systems in a Finite Planet: Bridging Gaps towards Sustainability. Santiago de Compostela: Universidade de Santiago de Compostela. 570 pp. ISBN: 978-84-16954-89-6.
- Paül V., Trillo J.M., Agrelo L.M., Vila J.I. (Eds.) (2018): A Companion to Fieldwork in Rural Galicia. Santiago de Compostela: Grupo de Análise Territorial (ANTE) GI-1871. 179 pp. ISBN: 978-84-09-03574-8.

Two special issues have been convened from the 26th Colloquium

To be published in 2019, at Urbano, (ISSN 0717-3997) on peri-urban agriculture.

To be published in 2020, at Documents d'Anàlisi Geogràfica (ISSN 0212-1573), on rural landscapes.

The papers will pass through new reviewers' referees again. For Urbano, the process is almost finished. For Documents d'Anàlisi Geogràfica, it will begin in early 2019.

E. Additional Publications representing collaborations amongst CSRS members

- Barcus H. (2018). Contested Space, Contested Livelihoods: A Review of Mongolia's Pastureland Management and Land-Tenure Reform, *Geographical Review*, 108(1), 138-157.
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- Barcus H. R. (2018). Rural Migrant Aspirations: Trajectories of Social Mobility for Kazakh Ethnic Minority Migrants, in Paül Caril V., Lois Gonzàles R., Trillo Santamaria J.M., Haslam McKenzie F., *Infinite Rural Systems in a Finite Planet: Bridging Gaps towards Sustainability*, Universidade de Santiago de Compostela, 473-479.
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- Barcus H.R. & Shugatai A. (2018). Immobile Populations as Anchors of Rural Ethnic Identity: Narratives of Place and Migration in the Global South. Invited paper for Special Issue of Population, Space and Place 24(4): <https://doi.org/10.1002/psp.2148>
- Barcus H. & Werner C. (2017). Choosing to Stay:(Im)Mobility Decisions Amongst Mongolia's Ethnic Kazakhs. *Globalizations*, 14(1), 32-50.
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- Ciervo M. & Schmitz S. (2017). Sustainable biofuel: a question of scale and aims, *Moravian Geographical Reports*, 25/4, 220-233.

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F. Collaborative Projects

- The CSRS is preparing a collective book on rural systems around the world. We aim to publish this book in 2020.
- The book "Moral Ecologies: Histories of Conservation, Dispossession and Resistance" edited by Griffin C., Jones R., and Robertson I. will be published soon by Palgrave MacMillan. It includes contributions by Roy Jones and Scott Hoefle.

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- The Workshop “ Changing villages” at Leuven University Belgium in September 2017, was organised by University Leuven (dr Maarten Loopmans); University of Amsterdam (dr Frans Thissen); Groningen University (prof Tialda Haartsen and prof Dirk Strijker). A workshop with contributions of colleagues from Denmark, Scotland UK, Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, Australia, Japan. Preparation of a Virtual Special Issue for Journal of Rural Studies.
- Serge Schmitz was member of the Core Group of the COST Action TU1401 (2014-2018) Renewable Energy and Landscape of Quality. The Action worked on the following program: Systematic review and meta-analysis, Strategic case studies, Multidimensional scenario techniques. Researchers from 31 European Countries are implied in this project. A book is published by Jovis in Berlin. <http://cost-rely.eu/>
- Serge Schmitz co-lead a bilateral project with Romania on past mining areas and rural development. <http://www.dipacult.usv.ro/>
- Serge Schmitz co-lead a project with colleagues from the Philippines on Local Adaptation, Resilience & Interpretation of socio-natural hazards, and environment management in the Philippines. A international conference will be organized in April 2019.
- Serge Schmitz is involved in projects with Ecuador, RD Congo, Algeria and Cameroon.

G. Websites & Facebook:

- a. CSRS Website: <http://www.okayama-u.ac.jp/user/igu-csrs/>
Our Website is obsolete. One of the task for the next months will be to create a new one.
- b. Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ruralgeography/>
- c. Meeting Specific Websites:
 1. Belgium 2016: <http://www.laplec.ulg.ac.be/csrs2016/>
 2. Vietnam 2017: <http://csrs2017.hcmussh.edu.vn/Default.aspx?PageId=70e96533872b-432b-bbbc-094db0f6663a>
 3. Spain 2018: <http://26ruralcolloquium.eu/>
 4. Minnessota 2019: <https://www.macalester.edu/geography/igu-csrs2019/>

H. Archival Contributions

- The book-program of Liege conference (2016) and the volume 69 of BSGLG were sent to the archive.
- We will do the same with the two books from Santiago conference (2018).