



POLICIES AGAINST RURAL DEPOPULATION, UNDER DEBATE: WHAT AND HOW?

VALÈNCIA WEBINAR - October 29th -30th, 2020



Day 29:

8:45-9:15 | Opening and Welcome

- Molt honorable President de la Generalitat Valenciana. **Sr. Ximo Puig.**
- Rectora Magnífica de la Universitat de València. Mavi Mestre..
- **Javier Esparcia.** Chair of the Seminar and co-director of the AVANT Depopulation Chair.
- **Juan Romero.** Director of the PROPESCT Comunitat Valenciana 2030.
- **Jaime Escribano.** Secretary of the Seminar and co-director of the AVANT Depopulation Chair.

9:15-14:15 | Fist session. Depopulation, demographic decline and policies. Papers:

- 9:15-10:00 Rethinking depopulation. Spain Luis A. Sáez (Director of the Depopulation and Creativity Chair, Dip. Prov. Zaragoza University of Zaragoza).
- 10:00-10:45 Actions from the local level: Restoration and rehabilitation of the village. Asturias. Jaime Izquierdo (Commissioner for the Demographic Challenge. Regional Government of Asturias).
- 10:45-11:00 BREAK
- 11:00-11:45 Coping with Depopulation and Demographic Ageing in Rural Japan Doo-Chul Kim (Okayama University).
- 11:45-12:30 Depopulation and Public Policies in Rural Central Europe. The Hungarian and Polish Cases Imre Kovac (Hungarian Academy of Sciences) and Piotr Szukalski (Lodz University).
- 12:30-12:45 BREAK
- 12:45-13:30 Addressing depopulation, ageing and the effects of migration in Portugal Jorge Malheiros and João Ferrão (Universidade de Lisboa).
- 13:30-14:15 From the Homestead Act to Heartland Visas Rural population policies in the United States over time and across scale Peter Nelson (Middlebury College, Vermont).
- Guest rapporteur: L. A. Sáez (Director of the Depopulation and Creativity Chair, Dip. Prov. Zaragoza University of Zaragoza).

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16:00-19:00 | Second session. Overcoming rural depopulation from the local: inspiring experiences. Papers:

- 16:00-16:45 The management of depopulation "with long-range lights": The Highlands & Islands Enterprise in Scotland Robin Clarke (Highlands and Islands Enterprise).
- 16:45-17:15 "Stay with us". Looking for the quality of life of the elderly. Constancio Rodríguez (President Friends' Association of Pescueza (Cáceres)
- 17:15-17:45 "Who says you can't?". Promoting training, employment and entrepreneurship from and for women Mar González (Association "Among all". Sierra del Segura (Albacete).
- 17:45-18:00 BREAK
- 18:00-18:30 "The Exclusive: the shop of the villages without a shop". Entrepreneurship and Social Logistics Initiative Victoria Tortosa (La exclusiva. Logística Social Soria)
- 18:30-19:00 "Empenta Artieda". Participatory Action-Research to address depopulation from the local Víctor Iguácel (Empenta Artieda (Zaragoza).
- Guest rapporteurs: J. Martín (Asociación Tierras Sorianas del Cid); M. Martínez-Tomey (Executive Director, Delera Consulting, member of CEDDAR) and L. A. Sáez (Director of the Depopulation and Creativity Chair, Dip. Prov. Zaragoza University of Zaragoza)

19:00-19:30 | General discussions

- Key drivers overcoming depopulation at local scale.

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9:00-13:15 | Third session. Policies to overcome population decline: common objectives, diversity of strategies. Papers:

- 9:00-9:40 Who is afraid of population decline? The struggle of keeping rural shrinkage on the Dutch agenda Bettina Bock (Wageningen University).
- 9:40-10:30 Addressing the demographic challenge in rural areas Ignacio Molina (General Secretariat for the Demographic Challenge, Ministry for Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge, Government of Spain).
- 10:30-10:40 BREAK
- 10:40-11:30 From Integrated Territorial Investments to the Pact against Depopulation (Castilla La Mancha) José L. Martínez (Vice President of the Regional Government of Castilla-La Mancha) and Jesús Alique (Commissioner for the Demographic Challenge. Regional Government of Castilla La Mancha)
- 11:30-12:15 Initiatives and strategies in the framework of the Depopulation Agenda, Region of Valencia (AVANT) Jeannette Segarra (General Director of the Depopulation Agenda of the Regional Government of Valencia) and Jorge Hermosilla (Director of Strategic Plan Depopulation, Univ. of Valencia).
- 12:15-12:25 BREAK
- 12:25-13:15 Towards a structural and integrative perspective: The Demographic and Depopulation Policy Directive (Aragón) José Manuel Salvador Minguillón (General Director of Territorial planning. Regional Government of Aragón).
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13:15-13:45 | General discussion

- What strategies and how we should implement them?

13:45-14:00 | Conclusions and clausure

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