

Rural Mobility in Times of Crisis: shifting populations and rural constructs

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Drawing on European literature on the 'mobility turn' and counter-urbanisation research, this seminar explores realised and desired migration patterns in Greece, a context heavily influenced by the global financial crisis. The research finds evidence of crisis-led movements outside the city, demonstrating particular preferences for small towns in the Greek province, than remote and small villages. In this context of emerging preferences for specific residential environments, the seminar aims to discuss new narratives guiding the social and cultural construction of the countryside, as well as its development potentials.



We welcome interested students and teaching staff.



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