



[AGST INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIVE COURSE]

生物資源経済学特別講義 IVB

SPECIAL LECTURE ON NATURAL RESOURCES ECONOMICS IVB

# Rural Sociology:

## Trouble in Paradise?

by **Prof. Dr. Claudia Neu**  
(University of Göttingen, Germany)



As an introduction to rural sociology, this course is designed to give an overview of the sociological concepts of “rurality”, “demographic change”, “socioeconomic developments and social problems in rural areas”, “repeasantization”, etc. We will discuss gender inequality, the future of rural landscape and societies. Lectures outline each of these issues and position them within the context of sociology. We will use seminars to debate key questions raised during lectures and to discuss selected issues based on academic publications.

**Prof. Dr. Claudia Neu** is Professor of Rural Sociology at the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development, the University of Göttingen, Germany. Her research and teaching interests cover demographic change, sociology of public services, rural sociology and civic participation/volunteering.

- **For academic credit:** Registration on KULASIS is already closed.
- **For auditing (non-credit):** Register with Makoto KURODA (Mr.) at: [kuroda.makoto.6a@kyoto-u.ac.jp](mailto:kuroda.makoto.6a@kyoto-u.ac.jp) by **February 7, 2022.**

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# February 2022

[SCHEDULE]

	16:00 -19:00
14th Feb	Lectures 1 & 2
15th Feb	Lectures 3 & 4
16th Feb	Lectures 5 & 6
17th Feb	Lectures 7 & 8

[FORMAT]

**Remote via Zoom**

[COURSE CONTENTS]

### 1-3: Rural, Urban, Rurban?

- Theory of Space and Place
- Globalization and Demographic Change
- Lost Spaces? Spatial Inequality, Rural Infrastructure
- Knowing your place: Rural Identity

### 4-5: Where have all the Farmers gone?

- Image(s) of Farming
- Peasants Lifestyle
- Social Mobility of Farmers
- Women on Farms

### 6-7: How will we live together?

- Living in the Countryside - Japan/Germany; Rural Community
- Into the Green: Social Innovation in Rural Areas
- Rural Architecture? Rural Arts? - New Design for Rural Areas
- White Trash, Far-Right - Extremism and Rural Areas

### 8: Sociology of Food and Nutrition

**For more details including the syllabus, visit our website:**

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