

Mendel University in Brno



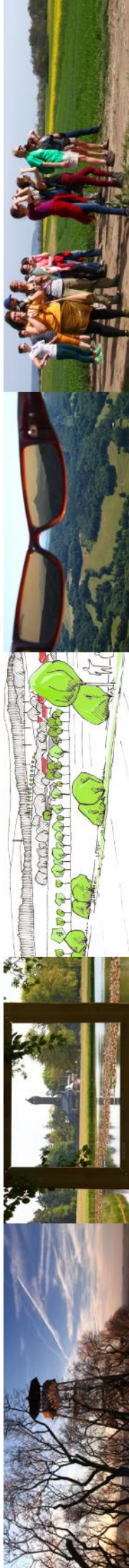
8th Moravian Conference on Rural Research
EURORURAL '24

European Countryside and De-Globalization

1st Circular
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Dear colleagues,

The world is changing in an unexpected direction. Globalization encountered several barriers, which resulted in de-globalization tendencies. The COVID-19 pandemic added to the green lot. This was followed by Russian aggression against Ukraine, which, among other things, accentuated the energy crisis. While major world centres played a decisive role in globalization, de-globalization emphasizes local, regional, national and European resources. Issues such as climate change, food security, renewable energy sources, and cultural tourism are coming to the fore. This was also reflected in rural development which provides space for many of the above-mentioned activities. At the same time, the countryside itself is undergoing structural changes from intensive agriculture to tourism and other services. Individual European rural regions respond to these changes by their potential.

We have the honour of inviting you to the **EURORURAL '24** conference on EUROPEAN COUNTRYSIDE AND DE-GLOBALIZATION. It is the 8th of Moravian rural conferences organised by the Department of Applied and Landscape Ecology, Faculty of AgriSciences, Mendel University in Brno. The aims of the conference are as follows: to map European rural research and the particular interests of investigators, to gain space for the presentation of contemporary knowledge about rural research, to continue the tradition of international conferences dedicated to rural problems, to support intra-personal contacts among experts of different disciplines dealing with rural problems, to present Moravian rural landscape. The conference is aimed at the relatively complex view of rural problems from different viewpoints (landscape ecology, geography, demography, sociology, economy, territorial planning), less at the research of specific problems in detail.

CONFERENCE TOPICS

The topics of the EURORURAL '24 conference include a wide scale of issues:

- Food security
- Renewable energy and rural areas
- Rural cultural tourism
- Post-material restructuring of the countryside
- Smart countryside
- Role of rural women in the rural development
- Etc.



Brno: Špilberk castle



Brno: St. Peter and Paul Cathedral

CALL FOR PAPERS

Your presentations should be in English preferably power-point based. The deadline for submitting long abstracts of papers and posters is **June 15, 2024**. The length of the abstract should not exceed 2 pages (4,000 symbols including space characters). The text should be supplied by email, written in MS Word. The authors are responsible for the content and language. The Collection of the Abstracts in printed form will be available to the participants during registration. Also, a poster session will be opened. Especially young participants e.g. PhD. students are kindly invited to present their findings by posters. The abstracts of posters will be included in the Collection of Abstracts as well.

PUBLICATION STRATEGY

To offer you the publication of your presentation in an international journal, your full papers will be submitted to European Countryside - if you wish - for a reduced price of EUR 175 (payable after the acceptance of the paper). It is also possible to pay for the publication within the conference fee (in such a case EUR 150 per paper). European Countryside is a reviewed international online journal [<http://www.degruyter.com/view/j/euco>] with completely free access for its readers. This fact creates a relatively high probability of quotations from the articles. The journal is covered by the SCOPUS database (CiteScore 2.9 for 2022), and by the Clarivate Analytics within the ESCI database (JCI 0.55 for 2021) among others. Your papers could be delivered at any time between payments of your conference fee and August 2025. The papers should respond to the instructions for authors of European Countryside [<http://www.european-countryside.eu/submit.html>]. They will pass through a standard per-review procedure which is the pre-condition of their publication.



Brno, Liberty Square



Brno, Tugendhat Villa – a part of the UNESCO world heritage

VENUE

The metropolis of historical Moravia and the second largest city in Czechia - Brno has a population of about 400,000 people. Its modern history is more than 800 years long. The city has always been an important trade, administrative, transport and cultural centre. It was one of the first industrial points of the former Austrian-Hungarian Monarchy. At present, the educational function represented by 65,000 university students is the most important in the city. This potential is completed with 13 institutes of the Czech Academy of Sciences and with the Czech Technological Park. Orientation towards the high-tech industry is documented by the fact that about a third of the world's production of electron microscopes is realized in Brno. Social infrastructure includes 6 public and state universities, 15 colleges, 12 hospitals, 14 theatres, 38 galleries, 16 museums, 60 churches, 43 public libraries and a zoo. The commercial tradition is represented by Brno Trade Fairs (23 different types of events per year). Brno is known as a venue for various scientific, cultural and sports events. Brno has an excellent road, train and bus connection and the international airport Tuřany with regular connections to London (Stansted, Luton), and Bergamo. There is a direct train and bus connection to Wien-Schwechat Airport. City transport operates 12 tramway lines, 13 trolleybus lines, 33 bus lines and 1 ship line. The architecture from the first half of the last century represented by the famous Tugendhat Villa (a part of the UNESCO World Heritage) is worthy of seeing. The physical structure of the city is considered to be very pleasant. There are also some places of interest in the surroundings of the city: the Austerlitz battlefield, the viniferous regions of Southern Moravia, Moravian Karst etc. The city of Brno can ensure suitable accommodation, transport, cultural and other facilities on the European level for participants of international events.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Monday, **2nd September**, registration of participants, conference opening, plenary meetings, evening walking tour in the city centre
Tuesday, **3rd September**: presentation of papers, poster session, visit to the Arboretum
Wednesday, **4th September**: presentation of papers, evening dinner party
Thursday, **5th September**: whole-day regional excursion to central Moravia
Friday, **6th September**: bilateral discussions, personal contacts, departure of participants

SOCIAL EVENTS

Following social events are offered: **a visit to the Arboretum** of Mendel University (within the University campus), a **walking tour in the city centre**, and a **dinner event with live folk music**. The coach excursion will be directed to the rural area of central Moravia (ethnographic region of Haná) including the city of Olomouc (the column of the Holy Trinity is part of the UNESCO World Heritage).

REGISTRATION FEE, ACCOMMODATION, MEALS, TRANSPORT

The preliminary registration fee is **EUR 380**. Reduced fees for those, who will pay before May 31, 2024, for PhD students (one-day participation) and accompanying persons will be offered. Additional costs for the publication of full papers, excursions and social events will be invoiced. The Organizing Committee cannot make any exceptions to the conference fee. The structure of expenses will be detailed within the registration form.

Hotel reservations are a matter of participants. We suggest you following variants: Barceló**** for those who prefer luxury, GRAND hotel Brno**** (in the place where all means of public transport meet), hotel Passage**** (in the vicinity of the University and a student hostel (AKADEMIE) of our University. Special prices for the EURORURAL participants will be given in the 2nd circular.

We do not provide transport for participants to the conference. For possible connections by public transport see <http://jizdnirady.idnes.cz/vlakyautobusy/spojeni/>

The 2nd Circular with detailed information will be distributed in **March of 2024** when also the registration form will be opened. If you want to obtain the next information you can simply give us your e-mail address at eurorural20@seznam.cz.

The official language of the conference is English



The main campus of Mendel University in Brno



The "M" building, where the conference will take place

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