

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### The 2<sup>nd</sup> International Workshop on Social Capital and Development Trends of Countryside in the Knowledge Society

Organized as a Special Session  
Theme within the 23<sup>rd</sup> Uddevalla  
Symposium, Stenungsund,  
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### BACKGROUND AND SCOPE

In the globalization era, which is enhanced by the development of transportation networks and innovations of information systems, the existence of countryside stands on the edge of a precipice. Rural areas are developing in two opposite directions. On the one hand, rural areas that are being integrated with growing city-regions experience growing population, urban sprawl and degradation of natural resources. On the other hand, vast rural areas outside the influence of the growing city-regions are facing depopulation and shrinking employment due to ever increasing capital-intensive exploitation of natural resources. This downward trend holds also for peripheral towns and small cities that fail to renew their industrial structure.

So far, national and local governments have taken various policies to overcome these problems, while limits of governmental capacity often have been demonstrated. One of the most important concepts that should be taken into consideration is the concept of social capital. In general, social capital refers to networks filled with norms and values that enhance trust, concern for one's associates, and cooperation. In several fields of research and public policy making, the concept of social capital swept to prominence as a key issue for community governance. Discussing and materializing the concept of social capital in a local community – and between the local community and the city-regions – will contribute in enhancing the rural substance and development.

The objective of the workshop is to discuss common topics of rural regions across the world, with the concept of social capital as common denominator. This workshop is a part of the MARG workshop series on social capital. The workshops have been held in Östersund, Sweden, 2004, Nichinan, Tottori, Japan, 2005, Vindeln, Sweden, 2006, Kitami, Hokkaido, Japan 2007, Jönköping, Sweden, 2008, Ishigaki, Okinawa, Japan 2009, Jönköping, Sweden, 2010, Nara, Japan, 2011, Österlen, Sweden, 2012, Amakusa, Kumamoto, 2013, Östersund, Sweden, 2014, Takayama, Gifu, Japan 2015, Kiruna, Sweden, 2016, Tonga, 2017, and Daigoji Temple in Kyoto, 2018. The workshop in Bali, Indonesia, 2019, was the first one in the new series of international Workshops on Social Capital and Development Trends of Countryside in the Knowledge Society.

Topics of interest in this workshop include (but are not limited to):

1. Social Capital and its Management
2. Commons and its Management
3. Community Governance
4. Voluntarism, Partnership, and Local Engagement
5. Sustainable Management of Forest Resources
6. Development of Rural Regions
7. Tourism and Local Development
8. Tourism's role in rural development
9. Social innovation in rural areas.
10. Climate changes' threats and opportunities for the countryside
11. Urban-rural interaction
12. Cultural experience and tourism

## **PARTICIPANTS**

This workshop is open for participants from universities, research institutions, government institutions, practitioners, developers and for people who are concerned about social capital and rural development.

## **ABSTRACTS**

Abstracts should contain maximum 300 words, be written in English and in MS Word. The abstracts should include title, author(s), affiliation, complete address, telephone number and e-mail address. Send your abstracts to [hanswes@kth.se](mailto:hanswes@kth.se) and to [2020uddsymp@hv.se](mailto:2020uddsymp@hv.se) at the latest on **January 28th 2020**

## **PUBLICATION**

Selected papers from the workshop will be published as proceedings from the Uddevalla Symposium.

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