

Call for Papers

The IGU Commission Conference

Global Rural Development and Land Capacity Building

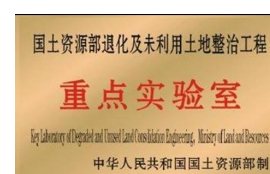
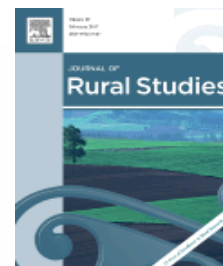
August 26-29, 2017, Yulin City, Shaanxi Province, China

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Rural decline has inevitably accompanied the increasing global levels of urban development. Issues such as rural depopulation, industrial recession, problems of agricultural security and abandoned land have swept both developing and developed countries. As a result, the development capacity of villages has fallen and threatened their sustainability and resilience. Changing socioeconomic and climate conditions pose great challenges to global food security, rural sustainability and poverty reduction.

The transformation of human socio-economic activities associated with rural decline also exert further impacts on land use changes in these areas, such as farmland loss, land use inefficiency and abandoned residential land. Thus, the enhancement of land capacity plays an important role in coordinating the human-land relationship and sustaining rural development and food security globally. The conference "*Global Rural Development and Land Capacity Building*" aims to analyse rural decline and investigate the relationship between rural transformation and land use with a view to contributing to sustainable agriculture and rural development. This conference is the inaugural conference of the IGU Commission on *Agricultural Geography and Land Engineering* which was formally established in late 2016.

The conference will include plenary, oral, and poster sessions. The topics of the conference include but are not limited to:

1. Rural transformation and restructuring
2. Rural diversity and development modes
3. Rural economy, rural spaces and globalization
4. Land engineering and modern agriculture
5. Land consolidation and rural reconstruction
6. Rural hollowing and land system innovation
7. Poverty reduction and rural inclusive growth
8. Rural environment and clean production

Important dates

- 31 May 2017----- Deadline for abstracts and organized session proposals submission
- 15 June 2017----- Notification of decision for abstracts and organized session proposals
- 31 July 2017----- Deadline for full paper submission
- 15 August 2017----- Notification of decision for full paper submission

Rules for paper submission and publication

- A special issue at the *Journal of Rural Studies* will be devoted to the publication of selected conference papers.
- Papers should be formatted according to the "Guide for Authors" <https://www.elsevier.com/journals/journal-of-rural-studies/0743-0167/guide-for-authors>
- All papers will be double-blind peer-reviewed by invited scholars.
- All submissions should be addressed to yangyy@igsnrr.ac.cn or wangys@igsnrr.ac.cn by 31 July 2017.

Excursion

All delegates are invited to participate in the conference excursion on land engineering and modern agriculture in the Mu Us Desert, demonstrating issues of rural development, land reform and poverty reduction in Yulin.

The other option is to visit the national project site of "Gully Land Consolidation" of the Loess Plateau in Yan'an, Northern Shaanxi Province.

Registration & Payment

Early bird registration fee is RMB 1000 per person (US\$ 150) until June 30 2017, thereafter RMB 1500 per person (US\$ 220)

Note:

- The fee includes regular meals, hotel accommodation (* nights) and admission fees.
- All participants will be accommodated in standard double rooms.
- Detailed payment method will be introduced soon.

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