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Paris - June 4th and 5th, 2019

International Conference IdA, UE-LAC and AFD
organized in the context of Latin America and Caribbean Week

Resources, inequalities and the development of rural territories in Latin America, the Caribbean and Europe



Presentation

In a world marked by increasing urbanization, rural and agricultural areas play a key role, due to specific natural resources (water, soil, subsoil, biodiversity), in the production of agricultural goods, food and energy products. They are also very important as spaces for settlement, recreation, tourism or for the preservation of heritage, as well as for the environment in general.

Whether in Europe or in Latin America, these functions involve a wide variety of actors whose relationships with rural areas, and whose ability to access resources and investment, often vary enormously. These asymmetries and inequalities can be the source of important tensions within the territories themselves. This is particularly the case in the Andean or semi-arid regions and in agricultural border areas, which are affected by great transformations with multiple pressures. The sustainable development of rural areas, essential for their sustainability and habitability, inevitably involves the implementation of democratic processes of integrated management to combine conservation, economic competitiveness and access to resources, accepted by all stakeholders. The aim of this conference will be to show how coordinating these three issues is one of the keys to sustainability and democracy.

Tuesday, June 4th in the afternoon (Luxembourg Palace)

The debates will be in French, English and Spanish with simultaneous interpretation.

14h00-14h30 Reception

14h30-15h15 Opening session

Yves Saint-Geours, President of the Institute of the Americas

Paola Amadei, Executive Director of the EU-LAC Foundation

Bruno Leclerc, Director of the Latin America Department, French Development Agency

Intervention of a representative from the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs

15h15-16h15 Inaugural conference – Rural territories in an urbanized and globalized world

How do food issues (security, access, quality, new circuits) and current lifestyles (mobility, non-home-cooked food, etc.) question and redefine the role of agriculture and the nature of the links between cities and the countryside?

Speaker: Arilson Favareto, Sociologist and professor, Federal University of the ABC region, São Paulo, Brazil.
Researcher at the Brazilian Center for Analysis and Planning (CEBRAP)

Theme 1 - Agricultural and food activities at the heart of rural territories

16h15-18h00 PANEL 1 – A wide variety of agricultural and food systems

How are the coexistence and the coevolution of agricultural and food production methods and food consumption methods organized between, on the one hand, the undifferentiated supply of the long-chain and mass-market sectors which are globalizing, and, on the other hand, the proliferation of local initiatives based on the valorization of territorial specificities (geographical, cultural, local) or on products (reinvented or traditional)?

Moderation: **Laurent Rieutort**, Professor and researcher, Clermont- Auvergne University

1) Agricultural and food supply chains and worldwide market

Roberto Bisang, Professor and researcher, University of Buenos Aires

2) Short supply-chains and territorialized agricultural and food systems

Denis Requier-Desjardins, Professor Emeritus, Sciences Po Toulouse

Gerardo Torres Salcido, Professor and researcher, National Autonomous University of Mexico

3) How can family farming be supported to promote agroecology?

Luiz Gomes de Moura, Forest Engineer, Via Campesina, MST and ANA Brazil



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Wednesday, June 5th (French Development Agency)

The debates will be in French, English and Spanish with simultaneous interpretation.

08h45-09h15 **Reception**

Theme 2 – Inequalities of access to resources and sustainable development

09h15-11h00

PANEL 2 – Inequalities of access and the use of resources in rural areas

Latin America combines record rates of land concentration and an unequal access to land and natural resources. Mining companies avoid regulations, even when these may be insufficient, and disregard local communities' rights or interfere with rural development policies through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). How to draw upon European experiences and cooperation initiatives on these sensitive topics?

Moderation: **Martine Guibert**, Professor and researcher, Toulouse 2 University - Jean Jaurès, UMR 5193 CNRS LISST / Rural Dynamics

1) Land access, ownership inequalities and resistances to social movements

Laureano del Castillo, Executive Director of the Peruvian Center of Social Studies (CEPES), Peru
Sergio Pereira Leite, Professor and researcher, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro UFRJ- CPDA

2) Industrial Mining: companies, indigenous communities and local development

Leonardo González, Coordinator, INDEPAZ (Institute for Development and Peace Studies), Colombia

3) Rural territories and energy: production and redistribution

Marie Forget, Professor and researcher, University of Savoie Mont Blanc

11h00-11h15

Break

11h15-13h00

PANEL 3 – Preservation of resources and sustainable development

Should farmers / foresters be paid to preserve natural resources, water or biodiversity? How to pay without transforming nature into a commodity and how to develop sustainable practices: paying individuals, communities or territorial groups? With which tools: taxes, conditionalities or community management?

Moderation: **Éric Sabourin**, Researcher at the Center of international cooperation in agricultural research for development, UMR Art-Dev, and visiting professor at the University of Brasilia, Center for Sustainable Development

1) Natural parks or protected areas: to conserve and/or to value them

Sébastien Velut, Professor and researcher, Sorbonne Nouvelle University-Paris 3

Carlos Tamayo, Director of Sustainability and Environmental Business, National Parks of Colombia

Guillaume Chiron, Deputy Director of the Agriculture, Rural Development and Biodiversity Division, French Development Agency (AFD)

2) Environmental service programs: to pay for preservation...

Oscar Sánchez, Former Director of the Payment for Environmental Services Fonafifo Fund, Costa Rica

13h00-14h30

Lunch (free time)



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Theme 3 – How should rural territories be developed?

14h30-16h15

PANEL 4 – Public policies of territorial rural development

Europe and Latin America have been experimenting for 30 years with policies and mechanisms of territorial development based on multi-disciplinary approaches, decentralization and user participation in decision-making. Have these efforts / instruments contributed to a reduction in spatial, economic or political inequalities?

Moderation: **María Gafo Gómez-Zamalloa**, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission, European Commission

1) What evolution of inequalities between rural territories?

Heloïse Pestel, Deputy International Director of the French Ministry of Agriculture and Food

Sergio Schneider, Professor and researcher, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul (UFRGS), Porto Alegre, Brazil

2) Territorialization of development policies and local initiatives: harnessing the full potential of rural worlds

Evelyne Mesclier, Director of the French Institute of Andean Studies (IFEA)

Monique Poulot, Professor and researcher, Paris 10 Nanterre University

16h15-17h15

Closing conference - Inequalities and rural life

The reduction of poverty in Latin America implies reducing inequalities, such as those seen historically in Latin America and more recently in Europe. What are the specificities of the inequalities that affect rural populations in Latin America in relation to urban areas and other rural territories? What are the consequences for the flows and types of migration?

Speaker : **Ángela Penagos**, Director, Rimisp Colombia (Latinamerican Center for Rural Development)

17h15-17h45

Conclusions by the scientific coordinators

Martine Guibert, Toulouse 2 University - Jean Jaurès, UMR 5193 CNRS LISST / Rural Dynamics

Éric Sabourin, CIRAD, UMR Art-Dev, and University of Brasilia, Center for Sustainable Development

Moderation: **Carlos Quenan**, Vice-President of the Institute of the Americas

Practical information

June 4th: Luxembourg Palace, 15 rue de Vaugirard 75006 PARIS

June 5th: French Development Agency, 3 Place Louis Armand 75012 PARIS

Free registration but mandatory for security reasons

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