

TERRITORIAL ASYMMETRIES: SOCIO-ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND INEQUALITY FACTORS



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CALL FOR PAPERS

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Territorial asymmetries: socio-environmental issues and inequality factors

Nearly a quarter of a century after holding its XV Congress in the city of Évora, Alentejo, AISLF will again gather sociologists at the University of Évora, to reflect on the major social, environmental, and territorial transformations that influence our collective future. Évora, a city classified by UNESCO in 1986, is at the confluence of multiple cultures, temporalities, and "civilizations". The traces of a well-preserved patrimonial and environmental richness can be seen in the architecture and in the immaterial culture of the city; they are acquiring a growing power of attraction not only for tourism, but also for being a dynamic pole of the region. However, these characteristics contrast with other areas of the Alentejo region, which have been severely affected by decades of depopulation, demographic ageing, and economic recession.

These low-density territories and their associated vulnerabilities, in contrast to other development hubs, are part of the scenarios and landscapes that are increasingly found in multiple geographies, both north and south, clearly visible in the Mediterranean area. These situations raise many questions, inextricably linking human and environmental futures, and blur the codes and schemes developed so far to reflect on "development" or borders.

As such, it seems justified to reflect on territorial asymmetries and how, nowadays, these seem to be linked to environmental (in)balance, sustainability or consumerism,

and the challenges of socioeconomic cohesion. These issues are observable from different angles of analysis, from their spatiality to their epistemology. Since territory is not only spatial, it must be understood as a complete social space: lived, appropriated, politicized, governed, which requires a multilevel and multidisciplinary analysis to reflect on its inequalities and their effects on territories.

Calling for the participation of specialists in humanities and social sciences, including sociology and geography, this conference aims to be a moment of dissemination, sharing and scientific creation, expressing the strong connection of Portuguese sociology to the Francophone world. The proposed theme, territorial asymmetries, may concern, among others, the following analytical axes, which are then thought through:

Heritage and culture

Tourism, attractiveness and sustainability of the territories

Territories and digital transformation

Mobility and social integration

Sustainable cities, rural areas and communities

Environment and lifestyles

Vulnerabilities, inequalities and social networks

Citizenship and social participation

New forms of work organization

Innovation and entrepreneurship

Families, childhood and education

Ageing and social policies

Territories and conditions of access to health services

Quality of life, well-being and happiness

Guidelines for submitting abstracts

Communication proposals, in the form of an abstract of approximately 250 words, in **French** or **Portuguese**, should be registered until April 25th 2022 in the Conference Platform: <https://sge.uevora.pt/>

PUBLICATION

Participants will be invited, after the conference, to submit an article for publication in special issues of French and Portuguese journals.

IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for abstract submission: April 25th 2022

Notification of acceptance: April 30th , 2022

Early registration: April 30th - May 20th , 2022

Late registration: after May 20th , 2022

Conference dates: June 2-3, 2022

REGISTRATION FEES

Registration fee	Until May 20 th 2022	After May 20 th 2022
Student	50€	70€
AISLF, CICS.NOVA, APS and RN27 (ESA) member	80€	120€
Other participants	150€	200€

<https://sge.uevora.pt/>

LOCATION

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EVENT FORMAT

Live, with some sessions in hybrid format (live and remote).

ORGANIZATION

The conference is organized by the International Association of French-speaking sociologists (AISLF) and the Interdisciplinary Centre of Social Sciences, University of Évora branch CICS.NOVA.UÉvora.

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