



Themed Session Call for Papers
7 th EUGEO Congress “Re-Imagining Europe's Future Society and
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Disability in rural areas: between geographic exclusion and social insertion

Building on the concept of capability (Sen, 1979), the disability rights movement, which emerged in the 1970s and 1980s, laid the foundation for the current development of disability studies. As defined by the Society for Disability Studies, research on disability "examines the policies and practices of all societies to understand the social, rather than physical or psychological determinants of the disability experience. Disability studies have been developed to dissociate impairments from the myths, ideologies and stigmas that influence social interactions and social policies". A geography of disabilities has thus gradually emerged (Gleeson, 1996; Chouinard, 1997; Park, Radford, and Vickers, 1998; Borioli, 2010; etc.) that doesn't ignore rural areas, but doesn't explore all their dimensions. Indeed, in disability studies, while there is a literature on the interaction of disability and the rural world, most of the work is part of a limited number of epistemic frameworks and approaches (Philo, Parr and Burns, 2003; Mus, 2010; Rapegno, 2014). However, people with disabilities living in rural areas may be physically and geographically excluded. Indeed, where essential services are few, they often face difficulties rarely encountered in urban areas. Access to adequate housing, transportation, employment, educational programs and specialized health care may be limited. The repetition, both physical and geographical, of difficulties in accessing activities and services can lead to further social exclusion. To contribute to "Re-Imagining Europe's Future Society", this session encourages the submission of papers on the interactions of disability with exclusion processes and experiences promoting inclusion in the rural areas, based on case studies that can be relevant to all areas of everyday life (education, professional integration, access to health, services, leisure, culture, etc).

Several languages will be accepted for this session: **English, French, Italian, Spanish.**

In case of any queries regarding the session content and organization do not hesitate to contact the session convenors :

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Submission

To submit an abstract of paper presentation either send it by e-mail directly to the session convenor or use the electronic form accessible on the congress website : <https://www.eugeo2019.eu/submissions>

The deadline for the submission of abstracts to the session is **January 21, 2019**.

Please note that the text of the abstract should have maximum **250 words** and along the text supplementary information should be also provided (title of the paper, names and affiliations of the authors, keywords).

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