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Basic Information

Time:

Wednesday, 08.50-11.30 (central EU time), 20 May 2020

Title:

The 'extreme lands' (remote and marginal rural areas) as metaphor of sustainability and as the challenging context for sustainable local development

Seminar Mode:

Interactive, on-line, live streaming from Val Sesia, Piedmont, Italy

Summary

The traditional marginal human habitats in the 'extreme lands' (such as tundra, taiga, highlands, deserts, rainforest, savannah, swamps and marshes...) are interesting case-examples of economic organization and sustainable management under the harsh conditions of climate, terrain, logistic difficulties, resources scarcity and human vulnerability.

Survival and continuity of the native (indigenous) communities in the extreme lands is an example of resilience and sustainability. In our times, they also represent a metaphor for sustainability, because they acutely reflect the local impact of planetary climate uncertainties and global market ramifications.

The historically inhabited marginal terrains provide unique opportunity for social and environmental scientists to study human adaptive strategies under adverse living and working conditions. The traditional know-how and organizations of the native communities in the remote and marginal human habitats are the sources of scientific hypothesis about sustainability and resilience. They are also challenging test-fields for innovative approach to sustainable local development.

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