



IAMO Forum 2025

Rural Roots and Routes:

Navigating Complexities of Quality of Life, Immobility, and Migration

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Rural regions around the world are increasingly affected by out-migration. People leave their homes for various reasons, such as in search of better economic opportunities or to escape conflict. Additionally, climate change is becoming an increasingly important factor in influencing migration patterns by affecting agricultural and living conditions. Population decline hampers regional development by reducing the capacity for innovation and growth. As social capital erodes and public infrastructure degrades, the quality of life for remaining residents declines, often driving further out-migration.

The IAMO Forum 2025 provides a platform for researchers to explore these complex interactions. In times of political conflicts, climate and biodiversity crises, increasing resource demand, and demographic change, rural development is under threat. A deeper understanding of the factors that influence the patterns of migration, immobility, and quality of life is needed to foster sustainable growth and improve the quality of life for affected communities. The interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary IAMO Forum 2025 provides a unique platform for the exchange of novel insights, rigorous research, and practical solutions that address the complex relationships between quality of life, migration, and immobility.

The Forum welcomes contributions on the following topics:

- Quality of life and well-being in rural areas
- The role of place attachment and other factors in decisions on migration and immobility
- Migration in times of climate change and other crises: motives, drivers, and implications
- The role of politics in (im)mobility decisions
- Innovative theoretical and methodological approaches to understanding quality of life, migration, and immobility in rural areas

We welcome qualitative and quantitative research as well as theoretical work from agricultural and resource economics, development economics, sociology, geography, and related disciplines. We particularly encourage submissions with a geographical focus on Europe, Central Asia, and China.

Call for Extended Abstracts for Oral and Poster Presentations

We request extended abstracts of up to 1,000 words, formatted according to the provided guidelines. All submissions will undergo peer review. Accepted abstracts, whether for oral or poster presentations, will be published on the conference website. When submitting your abstract, please indicate whether you are applying for a poster or an oral presentation.

Call for Organized Sessions

We welcome proposals for organized sessions aligned with the theme of the IAMO Forum 2025. Proposals should include the session title and an abstract of up to 1,000 words (excluding bibliography) describing the session's relevance to the conference theme and listing proposed speakers.

Important dates for all submissions:

Submission deadline: **9 February 2025**

Notification of acceptance: **24 March 2025**

The conference language is English.

More information on the conference is available at www.iamo.de/forum/2025.

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