

ESA RN27 MID-TERM CONFERENCE
“Social Inclusion, Belonging and Justice in Times of Uncertainty”
Chania (Crete) Greece, 3-5 September 2025

Organizer:

Harokopio University of Athens (Greece), Department of Geography

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Venue:

Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Chania (MAICh), Chania (Crete), Greece

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 3rd September 2025

15.00 – 16.00: Registration

16.00 – 16.30: Welcome

Professor Apostolos G Papadopoulos,
Chair of the ESA RN27 Mid-Term & ESA RN38 Mid-Term Conferences
Coordinator of RN38

Professor Ines Vieira, Coordinator of RN27 (online)
Professor Olga Salido, Co-Cordinator of RN27

16.30 – 18.30: Joint Plenary Session of RN27 and RN38

Keynote panel:

Heightened Insecurities and Uncertainty

Ibrahim Sirkeci, Professor/Director of The International Business School, Manchester, UK

***Artistic Practice and Shifting Rural Realities: Pathways for Territorial Development
and Empirical Inquiry***

Menelaos Gkartzios, Professor, Middle East Technical University, Turkey / Newcastle University, UK

Panel coordinator:

Ruth McAreavey, Professor, Newcastle University, UK

Q&A and Discussion

18.30 – 20.00: Welcome Dinner Reception at MAICh Garden

Thursday 4th September 2025

09.15-11.00: Session 1. Welfare State, Local Government, Crises and Inequalities

Chair: Olga Salido

Welfare States and Redistribution in Southern Europe: Responses to Crisis and Inequality

Olga Salido

The Emergence of New Welfare-mix in Local Level in Greece during Economic Crisis

Antonia Anastasiadou

Democratic Innovation in Times of Polycrisis: Revisiting Local Governance Capacity Through Urban Planning in Istanbul

Erhan Kurtarir

Methodological challenges in the study of Homelessness and Housing injustice in Europe. Data from the European Homelessness Count

Teresa Consoli

Anthropogenic risks in the era of uncertain politics: Building a community based prevention of environmental disasters

Nikos Nagopoulos, Christos Kouroutzas and Dimitris Paraskevopoulos

Q&A and Discussion

11.00-11.30: Coffee break

11.30-13.15: Session 2. Migration, integration and belonging

Chair: Loukia-Maria Fratsea

Constructing belonging: narratives of migration and pathways to integration among Romanian migrants in two different destination countries

Mara Birou

Between Here and There: Mobility, Well-Being Strategies, and Pathways of Social Mobility among Romanians in Greece

Loukia-Maria Fratsea

Gender, Skills, and Migration: An Exploratory Study on Lifelong Learning Stories

Enrica Sgobba and Ana Fausta Scardigno

Migrants' Precariousness and their Status of Legality in Greece

Vasiliki Kakosimou

Stories of resilience in times of uncertainty: Shedding light on Ukrainian migrant women's emplacement in Greece

Marina Nikolova and Apostolos G Papadopoulos

Q&A and Discussion

13.15-15.00: Light Lunch in the Mediterrean Restaurant

15.00-16.45: Session 3. Making sense of migrants and refugees' meanings of justice

Chair: Ioanna Tsiganou

'Human migration' and the ideal of Justice. A case study on Syrian refugees' conceptualizations and meanings

Ioannia Tsiganou, Anastasia Chalkia and Martha Lembesi

Life after war: social inclusion, sense of belonging and perceptions of justice

Ana Romao, Maria da Saudade Baltazar, Sara Silva and Luís Baptista

A Socio-Psychological Implications of Baloch Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Aboard. On Families Left Behind: A Longitudinal Analysis

Jalal Rahim and Muhammad Sharif

Precarity and Mobilization: Migrant Labor in Food Delivery Platforms in Athens

Nikos Metaxides and George Mavrommatis

Golden Visa Migration Flows: An Initial Assessment of the Impact of Golden Visa on Real Estate in Greece

Sofia-Sotiria Orfanou-Nikolaou

Q&A and Discussion

16.45-17.15: Coffee break

17.15-19.00: Session 4. Realities and Politics of Exclusion, Discrimination and Otherness

Chair: Teresa Consoli

Exploring forms of social exclusion and discrimination against Roma women with disabilities

Natalia Spyropoulou

At the Margins: the growth, diversity, and challenges of Roma Activism in Portugal

Inês Barbosa

Dismantling stereotypes through influencing: Italian LGBTQ+ parents' Instagram fight for inclusion

Arianna Bussoletti

Social Polarization and Economic Inequality: An Analysis of the Impact of Communist and Capitalist Policies on the Quality of Life of the Romani Community in Southern Muntenia

Miruna Pandeale

Social Justice and Recognition: A Case Of Dalit Teachers in Rural Areas of Bihar (India)

Sunita Vishwas

Q&A and Discussion

Friday 5th September 2025

09.15-11.00: Session 5. Crises and Inequalities in Health and Education

Chair: Dimitris Vagianos

Building Communication Infrastructure for Resilience: Digital, Analog, and Local Government Responses to Health Crises

Matthew Matsaganis, Maria Petraki and Dionysis Balourdos

Hiding in Plain Sight: Uncovering the Psychosocial Determinants of Health Inequalities in Systemic Lupus Erythematosus

Nikoletta Alepi

Subjective general health and non-institutional political participation: do age and education matter?

Bruno Miguel Oliveira, Helena Carvalho and Tiago Ribeiro

Who Gets Left Behind? Austerity, Privatization and the Crisis of Public Higher Education in Southern Europe

Dimitris Vagianos

Breaking the Cycle of Disadvantage: Education and Support to Combat Inequality in Southern Italy

Susanna Papagno, Caterina Balenzano and Giuseppe Moro

Q&A and Discussion

11.00-11.30: Coffee break

11.30-13.15: Session 6. Multiple Aspects of Children's Education

Chair: Paraskevi Poulougiannopoulou

Arts-based approaches in childhood studies and participatory readings of urban peripherization

Inês Vieira

What is the emotional impact of working with children with disabilities on their teachers?

Marina Xerouli and Paraskevi Poulougiannopoulou

Teachers' Perceptions of Students with Disabilities: Goals, Assumptions, Challenges, Practical Applications, and Interaction

Flora Karagianni and Paraskevi Poulougiannopoulou

The impact of Musical Characteristics on the Verbal Communication of Children with Autism Spectrum Discover: Rhythm, Melody, Tone and Pauses

Georgios Kyriakopoulos and Paraskevi Poulougiannopoulou

Creating Belonging in Geographically Isolated Kindergartens: Addressing Professional Isolation in Insular Greece through a Digital Learning Community

Irene Psarra and Chryssa Sofianopoulou

Q&A and Discussion

13.15-15.00: *Light Lunch in the Mediterrean Restaurant*

15.00-16.30: Session 7. Youth, Education and Multiculturalism

Chair: Domenico Emiliano

Social Innovation in Youth Policies: A Case Study of the Programs in Puglia

Domenico Emiliano

Everyday urbanism and collective action: a case study of school-centered spatial change

Inês Vieira and Henrique Chaves

Academic integration as a practice of social transformation

Teresa Ester Cicirelli and Ana Fausta Scardigno

The role of family ethnicity and income in teachers' reporting behaviour: Results from a vignette study

Marianna Kopasz

Q&A and Discussion

16.30-17.00: *Coffee break*

17.00-18.30: Joint Closing Plenary - Roundtable of RN27 & RN38

Challenges, Lessons and Opportunities: Viewpoints for the South and the Rural Perspective

Discussants:

Jan Dobbernack, Senior Lecturer, Newcastle University, UK

Charalambos Kasimis, Emeritus Professor, Agricultural University of Athens, Greece

Olga Salido, Professor, University Complutense of Madrid, Spain

Panel coordinator:

Apostolos G Papadopoulos, Professor, Harokopio University Athens, Greece

Q&A and Discussion