

Diversity Matters: An interdisciplinary webinar series

Migration, Agriculture and Rural Development
A conversation with **Domenica Farinella** and **Michele Nori**

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Domenica Farinella and Michele Nori investigate the dynamics reshaping human and natural landscapes in the European agrarian world, with a specific focus on Mediterranean Europe. In this webinar, they will examine more marginal rural settings, where the potential for agricultural intensification is structurally limited. These are the areas which have borne most of the consequences of the geographical and socio-economic polarization of development patterns and have been particularly impacted by the recent crisis. In these settings, immigration can help counterbalance the dynamics of an ageing and declining local population. Today, immigrant communities are relevant not only as an agricultural workforce and as providers of precious socio-ecosystem services, but also as new citizens of rural communities whose contribution is critical to maintaining the local socio-economic and territorial fabric.

During the webinar, contemporary migration paths from and to rural areas will be analysed in relation to the incorporation of agrarian systems into global markets, agricultural governance, and local territories' struggle between innovation and resilience. Disentangling the critical relationships between the conditions of agricultural work, rural development paradigms, labour markets, and migration policies represents a necessary step in understanding the ongoing dynamics of rural mobility, and to suggesting opportunities and solutions that might accommodate different interests and needs in Mediterranean societies. The interface between agriculture and migration is fertile, not only in academic terms, but also in socio-economic and political ones. This webinar is part of the Eurac Research online series "Diversity Matters" hosted by the Migrations and Diversities research group. Taking an interdisciplinary approach, the webinar series explores the impact of migrations, diversities and mobilities on increasingly superdiverse territorial realities. The series is a forum for experts to share their work and expertise with an audience of fellow academics, students, decision-makers and practitioners.

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Welcome and Introduction **Marta Guarda**, Institute for Applied Linguistics, Eurac Research (Italy)

Speakers **Domenica Farinella**, Department of Political Sciences and Law, University of Messina (Italy)

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Q&A and discussion



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