



**Vietnam National University - Ho Chi Minh City**  
**University of Social Sciences and Humanities**

**25<sup>th</sup> Colloquium of IGU – CSRS**

***Rural spaces in a multifunctional transition: experience and adaptation***

**16 – 22 April 2017, Ho Chi Minh City - Vietnam**

## **Call for Papers**

Vietnam is a highly populated country with a long history of land exploitation. After the economic renovation in the 1980s, the Vietnam's economy has experienced a rapid growth rate. This development resulted in significant land use and land cover changes in rural areas such as the industrialization of farming land. However, up to this day, Vietnam still heavily relies upon exporting raw materials and agriculture products for. Thus, agriculture remains to play an important role in the development of the country. Recently, rural areas in Vietnam are experiencing a multifunctional transition. Rural system offers different kinds of services including farming, tourism, recreation, and cultural activities. This transition has put rural areas in Vietnam in a more vulnerable position while they are facing the imminent challenges from climate change, food security, and unsustainable agricultural practice.

This colloquium will be an occasion for participants to share experiences and research results on the field of rural development and to have a closer look on the specific case of Vietnam.

### **1. Colloquium themes**

The colloquium will address the following five themes: (1) Rural economy, rural spaces and globalization; (2) Climate change impacts on rural system; (3) Land use change and its impacts in rural areas; (4) Demographic transition in rural areas and its socio-cultural aspects; (5) Tourism and recreation.

#### **a. Rural economy, Rural spaces and Globalization**

Rural economics and spaces have already experienced various transformations due to the dynamics of development. Urbanization, industrialization, and modernization of agriculture have contributed significantly to the changes. Globalization has amplified the transition. In fact, globalization has brought both opportunities and challenges to

various aspects of the rural system. It has boosted agriculture productivity, while at the same time put farmers in financial difficulties. Moreover, it can have certain negative impacts on cultural values of the residents in the rural areas. This session will touch upon the transformation of rural economy and spaces driven by globalization and other development forces.

#### **b. Impacts of climate change on rural natural and economic systems**

In recent decades, climate change has become a global threat facing human beings. Adverse impacts have been recognized more significantly in less developed areas, especially in rural systems. Countries which have a long coast such as Vietnam are known to be experiencing earlier and more severe impacts of climate. The impacts of climate change, particularly the ongoing drought, saltwater intrusion and the sea level rise alter the environment, causes farmers to abandon their current activities and force them to switch to other living strategies. Studies which focus on the vulnerability of agricultural practices can envision the situation of rural areas in such inevitable scenarios. Cases studies that express lesson learns and best practice to elaborate better adaptation strategies are expected.

#### **c. Land use change and its impacts in rural areas**

Land use and land cover change can be seen as a primary indicator of the transformations of rural systems. It is the main source of soil degradation, which directly affects biodiversity and the ability of ecosystems to support human needs. Such changes also determine, in part, the vulnerability of rural systems to climatic, economic or socio-political perturbations. This session will discuss the current status of land use changes, its impacts and a better planning in rural development.

#### **d. Demographics transition in rural areas and socio-cultural aspects**

Rural migration has drawn strong interests from researchers. Commercialization of agriculture, transition in land use, climate change and many other factors affect the dynamics of rural population. Those changes have brought about various effects not only in rural economy but also on social structure and traditional cultures of rural communities. This session will aim at identifying the processes, the driving forces of the transitions as well as policy implication for these transformations.

#### **e. Tourism and recreation**

Tourism and recreation are important economic activities worldwide. Tourism is seen as an opportunity for many rural areas; however its benefits may not be so evident. What kind of innovations (social, economic, technological) could enhance the satisfaction of the visitor and ensure a positive impact for the rural community? Case studies and proposals for a research agenda on these issues should enrich this session.

## 2. Abstract Submission

Authors are invited to submit abstracts under the colloquium's themes but are not limited to those given above. Abstracts of no more than 300 words in length should be sent by January 31<sup>st</sup>2017, using the following format:

- Language: English, French
- Font: Times New Roman 12pt
- Spacing: single spacing
- Alignment: all text should be left aligned
- Title of paper: Uppercase
- Title and name of author/s: in bold; title, first name followed by surname in capitals; followed by the institutional address in plain text; and email address in italics
- Corresponding author: if different from the first author, write in brackets after the name
- Institutional affiliation: the institutional affiliation of each author should be given
- Endnotes or sub scripts: should not be used

Abstracts can be submitted by email to [igu.csrs2017@gmail.com](mailto:igu.csrs2017@gmail.com)

Abstracts will be sent for review and the abstract acceptance will be informed to authors within 7 days.

## 3. Registration:

Registration can be made online via the website of the colloquium or by email to: [igu.csrs2017@gmail.com](mailto:igu.csrs2017@gmail.com)

All papers accepted for inclusion in the colloquium program must be presented by one of the authors or a qualified substitute. At least one author must register at full registration rate before March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Papers which do not meet the requirements will be withdrawn from the program and the proceedings.

### Different registration fees:

	Early Registration (until Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2017)	Late Registration (after Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2017)	Notes
Full package	350 US\$	450 US\$	
Accompanying person	250 US\$	350 US\$	
Conference	150 US\$	250 US\$	Fieldtrip excluded

participation only			
Students	150 US\$	250 US\$	Fieldtrip excluded
Vietnamese attendees	2,000,000 VND	3,000,000 VND	Fieldtrip excluded

**Note:**

- **Full package (Late Registration Fee and Early Registration Fee):**

This includes: Participation of the Conference and field visits, Conference materials, Daily Coffee Breaks, Daily lunches, Welcome Reception and Proceedings.

- **Accompanying Person Registration Fee:**

This includes: Participation of the Conference and field visits, Daily Coffee Breaks, Daily lunches, Welcome Reception.

- **Three Days Colloquium Participation Registration Fee (16 – 18 April 2017):**

This includes: Participation of the Conference and City Tour, Conference materials, Daily Coffee Breaks, Daily lunches and Proceedings.

- **Student Registration Fee:**

This includes: Participation of the Conference and City Tour, Conference materials, Daily Coffee Breaks, Daily lunches and Proceedings.

- **Vietnamese Attendees Fee:**

This includes: Participation of the Conference, Conference materials, Daily Coffee Breaks, Daily lunches and Proceedings.

**Fieldtrip:**

This includes

- Half-day City tour
- Visit to the Mekong Delta (19 – 22 April), with a/c bus, accommodations for 3 nights, meals, local transportation and qualified guides.

**4. Payment**

Two methods of payment are accepted:

- Via Bank transfer
- Via PayPal

Details for Bank transfer and PayPal account are provided directly after the reception of your online registration. All delegates will receive a receipt from the conference organization committee.

**5. Letters of Invitation**

Upon request the conference participants, secretariat will issue a letter of invitation for visa application to those with completed registrations. Please send the request to [igu.csrs2017@gmail.com](mailto:igu.csrs2017@gmail.com) with your personal information (name, passport number, institute, registration id, country and place of visa application).



Day 4. 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr

Can Tho – HCMC

Experiencing Cai Rang floating market in the early morning.

Attending Workshop at the Institute of Research on Climate Change – Can Tho University. Closing session.

Return to HCMC.

**8. Other information can be found on the official website of the colloquium:**

<http://csrs2017.hcmussh.edu.vn/> (will be available soon).