



## RGRG Newsletter Summer, August 10, 2010

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**Dear Rural Geographers,**

Our RGRG website, including the RGRG Newsletter archive, is migrating from Plymouth University (Thanks to Stephen Essex) to Durham University. I'm grateful to Steven Allan (Durham Geography, Design & Imaging Unit) for expertise. It's time to update publications, grants, jobs & other changes. So please cruise the site and tell us if anything is missing: [http://www.dur.ac.uk/geography/rgrg\\_newsletter/](http://www.dur.ac.uk/geography/rgrg_newsletter/)

Good luck with summer fieldwork. Hope to see you in the many RGRG sessions at the London RGS-IBG meeting 1-3 September 2010.

**Cheers – Bruce**

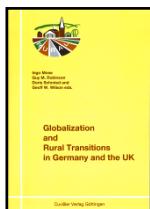
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### 1. Publication



MOSE, I., ROBINSON, G.M., Schmied, D., & Wilson, G.M. (Eds)  
(2010) Globalization and Rural Transitions in Germany and the UK. Cuvillier Verlag Göttingen.  
ISSN 1865-4215, ISBN 978-3-86955-314-6. Proceedings from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Anglo-German Meeting of  
Rural Geographers, June 2008, University of Oldenburg.

**Anglo-German 2008 proceedings.** A handsome cover and clear layout distinguish proceedings from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Anglo-German Rural Geographers Meeting, 'Globalisation and Rural Transitions in Germany and the UK', at Universität Oldenburg, Germany, 26–30 June 2008. The meet was organised by Geoff Wilson (Plymouth) and hosted by Ingo Mose & his friendly staff. For expediting production, *Vielen Dank! und Toi! Toi! Toi!* to **Doris Schmied (picture courtesy Uni-Bayreuth)**, along with co-editors Mose, Guy Robinson, and Geoff Wilson.

The introduction features the editors' perspective on Anglo-German geography (prioritizing theory in the UK, local-regional empirical studies in the FRG, by some accounts). Articles are by Geoff Wilson & Florian Dünckmann (weak to strong multi-

functionality); Annabelle Boulay & Guy Robinson (survival on Dorset dairy farms); Bruce Scholten (biofuel rescales FRG, UK & US dairy farms); Brian Ilbery & Damian Maye (changing organic farming in England & Wales); Doris Schmied (salmon & carp from Scotland & Bavaria); Ortwin Peithmann (planning areas of intensive landscape change); Christian Krajewski (prospering Sauerland in NRW); Anja Reichert-Schick (dying villages in West Pomerania); Michael Woods (globalisation & British rural protests); and Bierte Nienhaber (regional currencies for sustainable ruralities?). Maps and illustrations pepper the volume whose medium-size and user-friendly spine aid pleasant use. See pix of our Wesermarsch & North Sea cows & windmills field day:

<http://picasaweb.google.co.uk/bruce.scholten/AngloGerman2008Pix42009RGRGNewsPicasa?locked=true#>

\* **Brit-Can-Am-Antipodean 2007 proceedings.** Dick Winchell (Eastern Washington University) says proceedings are in press from the 2007 Spokane meeting, Sustainable Rural Community Change: Geographical Perspectives from North America, the British Isles, and Australia. Stay tuned.

\* **Anglo-Spanish 2009 Proceedings.** Good news too. Guy Robinson reports that these are nearly ready to be published after sterling work from Fernando Molinero.

## 2. AAG 2010 & 2011



(pix BAS)

### Association of American Geographers, Washington, DC, 14-18 April.

Many of us will call 2010 the Year of the Volcano, as Iceland's ash clouds immobilized participants at the AAG in Washington, DC, and world-wide. Hidey-holes included 5\* hotels in Kuala Lumpur and the 'new town' of Lake Anne (est. 1964) in Reston, Virginia - not to mention assorted friends' spare rooms.

Some of us avoid conferences like RGS-IBG or AAG as dystopias of anomie. Others say they're too big. But following strands of rural sessions can make them feel friendlier. AAG is always held at historic hotels: At the Marriott Wardman in 2010, near genteel Georgetown, its bright-flowered glory contrasted the secret pre-WW II negotiations there between US Secretary of State Cordell Hull and envoys from Japan.

AAG also features notable speakers, e.g. the editor of *National Geographic*; Noam Chomsky; Jared Diamond; or Jeffrey Sachs. This year, to a ballroom-sized audience, Jane Goodall appealed for preservation of habitat of great apes, and received the inaugural AAG Atlas Award.

In a mid-day 'debate' Michael 'Worlds of Production' Storper (pic 1 far left, & before screen in pic 2) parried Nobel Prize winning economist Paul Krugman. On big questions (*Why did economists get the pre-2007 bubble so wrong?*) the pundits answered audience questions – and agreed that economists and geographers should chat more often.



### **AAG Seattle 12-16 April 2011** (pic courtesy AAG)

Abstract submission opens 10th August 2010. Some RGRG sessions are already planned (Seattle native Bruce Scholten plans one on Africa & Ag Revolutions). Come see why the Emerald City is fixated on the Pacific Rim. Sheraton Hotel and Convention Centre are easy walks to the waterfront and Public Market (but don't get hit by flying salmon!). Watch this space and check: [http://www.aag.org/cs/annual\\_conference](http://www.aag.org/cs/annual_conference)

### **3. RGS-IBG London 1-3.Sep.10. Sessions supported by RGRG (& DARG, GHRG):** [www.rgs.org/WhatsOn/ConferencesAndSeminars/Annual+International+Conference/Online+Programme.htm](http://www.rgs.org/WhatsOn/ConferencesAndSeminars/Annual+International+Conference/Online+Programme.htm)

<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Event &amp; Contacts</b>
01 Sep.10 Wed Session 1 09:00-10:40	Skempton Building, Room 301. Organisers: Sharon Flanigan (Aberdeen/ Macaulay Institute; Kirstie O'Neill (Hull).	21. New and Emerging Rural Researchers (1): Rural representations, performances and experiences.
01 Sep.10 Wed Session 2 11:10-12:50	Skempton Building, Room 301.	38. New and Emerging Rural Researchers (2): Rural developments and change.
<b>01.Sep.10 Weds 13:10</b>	<b>Skempton Building, Room 307. Bring lunch to the RGRG AGM.</b>	<b>Annual General Meeting (AGM) Rural Geography Research Group (RGRG).</b>
01 Sep.10 Wed Session 3 14:40-16:20	Skempton Building, Room 301.	71. New and Emerging Rural Researchers (3): Rural localities, networks and communities.
01 Sep.10 Wed Session 3 14:40-16:20	Skempton Building, Room 307. Organisers: Geoff Wilson (Plymouth) & Guy Robinson (Adelaide, Aus.)	72. Rural Community Resilience (1): Understanding Rural Community Resilience.
01 Sep.10 Wed Session 4 16:50-18:30	Skempton Building, Room 307.	95. Rural Community Resilience (2): Implementing rural community resilience.
02 Sep.10 Thu Session 1 09:00-10:40	Electrical Engineering Building, Room 509a. Organisers: Damian Maye and James Kirwan (Countryside and Community Research Instit., Cheltenham).	119. Food Security: geographical perspectives & implications for agri-food studies (1): Interpretations of food security (part 1).
02 Sep.10 Thu Session 2 11:10-12:50	Electrical Engineering Building, Room 509a.	144. Food Security: geographical perspectives & implications for agri-food studies (2): Interpretations of food security (part 2).
02 Sep.10 Thu Session 3 14:40-16:20	Electrical Engineering Building, Room 509a.	176. Food Security: geographical perspectives & implications for agri-food studies (3): Food security from a livelihoods perspective.
02 Sep.10 Thu Session 4 16:50-18:30	Electrical Engineering Building, Room 509a.	201. Food Security: geographical perspectives & implications for agri-food studies (4): Inst. Arrange-

		ments, trade policy and risk.
03.Sep.10 Fri Session 3 14:40-16:20	Skempton Building, Room 207. <b>GHRG, RGRG</b> Organisers: Natalie Beale (Durham), Christine Dunn (Durham) & Keith Halfacree (Swansea).	260. Healthy Countrysides? (1): Engagements with the countryside: animals, nature, recreation and health.
03.Sep.10 Fri Session 4 16:50-18:30	Skempton Building, Room 207.	271. Healthy Countrysides? (2): Engagements with the countryside: animals, nature, recreation and health.
03.Sep.10 Fri Session 3 14:40-16:20	Sherfield Building, Room 7 (between Skempton & Library). <b>DARG, RGRG</b> Organisers: Charles Howie (Royal Holloway, UL) & Bruce Scholten (Durham).	265. Development in the Rural South: bio-economic crises lead to 'new' agricultural revolutions.

**Map:** <http://www.imperial.ac.uk/research/photonics/about/sk-map.pdf>

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