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Sustainability of local community under scrutiny of global sociology in the XXI Century

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Friday 23 October 2026

08:30 - 09:30 **Participant Arrival / Registration**

09:30 - 10:00 **Welcome: George O. Tsobanoglou | Greetings: Local Officials**

10:00 - 12:00 | S1: Sociotechnics, Post-Agrarianism and Community Transformation

Chair / Moderator: George O. TSOBANOGLOU

Time	Presenter(s)	Country
10:00 - 10:20	Nikita POKROVSKY	Russia
	Bypassing the City: Counter-Urbanization and Moving Forward Towards Nature and Postagrarianism (History, Theory, Research)	
10:20 - 10:40	Arsenii BUCHATSKII	Russia
	Post-agrarianism as a Methodological Framework: Bridging Contemporary Social Trends and Local Communities in Russia	
10:40 - 11:00	Nectarios OUDENIOTIS	Greece
	Re-visiting sustainability from a social finance perspective: Variances within the Euro-Mediterranean social entrepreneurship context	
11:00 - 11:20	Massimiliano RUZZEDDU	Italy
	From Repression to Prevention: Urban Care as a Dimension of Public Security	
11:20 - 11:40	Maria PETRAKI, Theodoros FOUSKAS	Greece
	Seeking well-being while employed in precarious jobs: Health-Related Quality of Life and Job Satisfaction among Migrant Workers	
11:40 - 12:00	George O. TSOBANOGLOU, Taxiarchis VOUGLANIS	Greece
	The silver economy and the elderly as an emerging economic force: theoretical approaches, consumer patterns and international challenges	

12:00 - 12:30 | Keynote Lecture

Time	Keynote speaker	Country
12:00 - 12:30	Rituparna PATGIRI	India
	Brewing Care under Ecological Crisis: Indigenous Women's Labour, Local Knowledge and the Commodification of Food in Majuli, Assam	

12:30 - 14:00 **Lunch break**

14:00 - 16:00 | S2: Inequalities, Inclusion and Social Policy II: Disability, Welfare and Social Exclusion

Chair / Moderator: Aashish XAXA

Time	Presenter(s)	Country
14:00 - 14:20	Kiran PRASAD	India
	Community Participation in e-Governance: Capacity Building, Digital Transformation and Innovation in India	
14:20 - 14:40	Pitheli K. JIMO, Gangmei Gaiphunpou STEPHEN	India
	Indigenous Farming as a Social Institution: Sustainability, Community Relations, and Livelihood Resilience in Hill District of Manipur, India	
14:40 - 15:00	Tekmal SOLMANRAJ	India
	Living Death and Digital Exclusion: Social Exclusion and Community Resilience Among Abandoned Widows in Vrindavan, India	
15:00 - 15:20	Hari Bharathi T	India
	The Story of Mosaveli: Valaiyars, Commons and Sustainability in Muthupettai Lagoon, Tamil Nadu	
15:20 - 15:40	Mushfiqur Rahman BAYZID	Bangladesh
	Social Inequalities and Multidimensional Exclusion Undermine the Sustainability of Local Communities in Developing and Underdeveloped Countries	
15:40 - 16:00	Sima CHELLENG	India
	Welfare Access and Community Sustainability among Vulnerable Groups in Dhemaji Development Block, Assam	

16:00 - 16:30 Coffee break | Rex Hotel

16:30 - 18:50 | S3: Welfare, Work, Social Justice and Sustainable Communities

Chair / Moderator: Maria PETRAKI

Time	Presenter(s)	Country
16:30 - 16:50	Konstantina KOTSIOPOULOU, Charalampos CHRYSOMALLIDIS	Greece
	Artificial Intelligence in Local Governance: Digital Innovation and the Risk of Social Exclusion	
16:50 - 17:10	Kristi THAKURIA	India
	Beyond Sericulture: Transformation of Pupae into an Edible Food Item	
17:10 - 17:30	Aristea ALEXIOU, George O. TSOBANOGLOU	Greece
	Sustainable Local Development via a systematic approach of Community Capacity Building (CCB) for employment: A Case Study in the Dodecanese	
17:30 - 17:50	Charalambos LOUCA	Cyprus
	From Stoicism to Social Justice: Self-Sufficiency, Wealth Redistribution, and Poverty in Sociological Perspective	
17:50 - 18:10	Konstantinos ZAFIRIS, Gerassimos KARABELIAS	Greece
	Digital Transformation and Society: The case of 21st century Greece	
18:10 - 18:30	Sarantis MITROPOULOS, Konstantinos DRAKOS, Evdokia METHENITI	Greece
	New Technologies & Endogenous Development: How new technologies can improve endogenous/local sustainable development in formerly rural, now urbanised areas	
18:30 - 18:50	Panagiotis VIONIS	Greece
	From Representation to Participation: A Sociotechnical Framework for Blockchain Governance in Local Social Economy Organizations	

18:50 - 20:00	**Free afternoon**
	End of Day 1
20:00 - 22:00	**Reception | Rex Hotel - Hosted by the Messinian Chamber of Commerce**

Saturday 24 October 2026

09:30 - 11:30 | S4: Inequalities, Inclusion and Social Policy I: Social Justice, Education, Migration and Health

Chair / Moderator: George GANTZIAS, George O. TSOBANOGLOU

Time	Presenter(s)	Country
09:30 - 09:50	Taxiarchis VOUGLANIS, Khdija ABDULLA	Greece
	Employment Pathways for Persons with Disabilities in Greece: A Narrative Review of Policy, Practice, and Labour Market Inclusion	
09:50 - 10:10	Theofano PROVI, Maria PETRAKI	Greece
	The Disability-Poverty Nexus: Measurement Challenges and the Case of Greece	
10:10 - 10:30	Eleni GROMBANOPOULOU	Greece
	From Marginalization to Participation: Lifelong Learning, Empowerment and the Sustainability of Inclusive Communities in the 21st Century. A Comparative Qualitative Approach to the Cases of Prisoners, Roma and Refugees	
10:30 - 10:50	Konstantinos DRAKOS, Maria GKOULIOUMI, Evdokia METHENITI	Greece
	Sustainable Development and Local Cultural Heritage: A Comparative Study in the Mesogeia and Kalamata Regions	
10:50 - 11:10	Efthymia GIANNAKOU	Greece
	El Sistema Greece: Music Education, Migration Inclusion and Social Cohesion	
11:10 - 11:30	Panagiotis-Dimokratis SPILIOPOULOS, Theodoros FOUSKAS, Georgios KOULIERAKIS, Gerasimos KARABELIAS	Greece
	Occupational Burnout and Work-Related Stress among Motorcycle Patrol Police Officers	

11:30 - 12:00	**Coffee break | Rex Hotel**

12:00 - 14:00 | S5: Indigenous Knowledge, Ecology and Sustainable Local Development

Chair / Moderator: Leonidas PAPAKONSTANTINIDIS

Time	Presenter(s)	Country
12:00 - 12:20	Leonidas PAPAKONSTANTINIDIS	Greece
	Driving Local Community Sustainability through the Tri-Polar Equilibrium: An Analysis of the Win-Win-Win Papakonstantinidis Model	
12:20 - 12:40	Dimitrios KOLOKATHIS	Greece
	Leadership for Inclusive Education: Conceptual Frameworks and Administrative Challenges in Greek Secondary Schools	
12:40 - 13:00	Efthymia GIANNAKOU	Greece
	Social Innovation, Collective Action and Solidarity in Greece: A Comparative Analysis of Social Enterprises and Cooperatives within the Framework of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)	
13:00 - 13:20	Panagiotis ZIKAS, Despina PAPADOPOULOU, Charalambos OIKONOMOU	Greece
	Unveiling the Impact of Employment in Fresh Food Markets on Burnout, Work Engagement and Satisfaction, and Health-Related Quality of Life among Migrant Workers	
13:20 - 13:40	Stefanos ATHANASIOU, Theodoros FOUSKAS, George DOUNIAS, Petros GALANIS	Greece
	Living and Working on the Margins: The Reproduction of Vulnerability and Health Disparities among South Asian Agricultural Workers in Rural Greece	
13:40 - 14:00	Evdokia METHENITI, Andreas LYTRAS	Greece
	Endogenous Development, Culture, and Sustainability: Case Study: Winemaking in the Mesogeia Plain - East Attica region	

14:00 - 15:30	**Lunch break**

15:30 - 17:30 | S6: Theory, Justice, Governance and Sociotechnical Transformation

Chair / Moderator: Marco PALMA

Time	Presenter(s)	Country
15:30 - 15:50	Marco PALMA	Switzerland
	From community self-organisation to ecological enclosure: Vauban and the politics of scalar traps	
15:50 - 16:10	Aashish XAXA	India
	Indigenous Self-Governance and the Contested Sustainability of Urban Expansion in India's Tribal Hinterlands	
16:10 - 16:30	George O. TSOBANOGLOU	Greece
	Think Locally Act Collectively: The Power of the Social Economy in Attaining the SDGs	
16:30 - 16:50	George GANTZIAS	Greece
	Cultural Economy and AI: Cultural Value and Global Regulations in the AI Info-Communication Era	
16:50 - 17:10	Nikolaos SARRIS	Greece
	Institutional Sustainability and Democratic Resilience: The Role of the New Greek Local Government Code in Strengthening Local Communities under the European Charter of Local Self-Government	
17:10 - 17:30	Taxiarchis VOUGLANIS	Greece
	Dynamic Multispatial Social Position Theory: Rethinking Inclusion, Exclusion, and Justice	

17:30 - 19:30	**Free afternoon**

	End of Day 2

19:30 - 22:00	**Local Gastronomy Dinner**

Sunday 25 October 2026

10:00 - 12:00 | Final Session - Round Table - Sustainability of Local Community under Scrutiny of Global Sociology in the XXI Century

Chair / Moderator: George O. TSOBANOGLOU

Time	Round Table Participants	Country
	George O. TSOBANOGLOU	Greece
	Leonidas PAPAKONSTANTINIDIS	Greece
	George GANTZIAS	Greece
	Maria PETRAKI	Greece
	Nikolaos SARRIS	Greece
	Aashish XAXA	India
	Kristi THAKURIA	India
	Rituparna PATGIRI	India
	Taxiarchis VOUGLANIS	Greece

12:00 - 13:00	**Closing Discussion, Conference Conclusions and Acknowledgements**

Monday 26 October 2026

Time to be confirmed	**Visit / Educational Excursion to a Sustainable Tourist Community in the Region**

Discussion of our Conference Results with Members of that Local Community. Details will be given shortly.

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