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Journées Doctorales Foncier

25 – 27 May 2027 MSH Montpellier

Call for communication

Introduction

The Pôle foncier de Montpellier, a scientific consortium (Groupement d'intérêt scientifique, GIS) specialising in rural land issues in the Global South, is organising the thirteenth edition of the Journées Doctorales Foncier, to be held from 25 to 27 May 2027 at the Maison des Sciences de l'Homme in Montpellier. The event takes place every two years.

The Journées Doctorales Foncier provide a forum for scientific discussion and exchange on land-related issues among PhD candidates, recent PhD graduates and established researchers from different social science disciplines. They are not intended to replace doctoral supervision; supervisors are welcome to attend.

For this event, recent PhD graduates are defined as researchers who defended their thesis less than five years ago. Their participation is intended in particular to help expand their academic networks and facilitate the publication of their research findings.

Programme

Each day begins with a 90-minute plenary lecture by experienced researchers.

The remainder of the day is devoted to presentations by PhD candidates and recent PhD graduates, comments from experienced researchers and collective discussion. Each participant is allocated a 90-minute session to present their work (30 minutes), listen and respond to the discussants' comments, and engage with the audience. One day will also focus on methodological issues.

Working languages

The working languages are French and English. Written contributions and oral presentations may be submitted and delivered in either language.

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Nature of contributions and submission procedure

Doctoral research may be presented at different stages of completion, provided empirical material is available. Rural land issues or agricultural land issues in peri-urban areas do not necessarily have to be the central focus of the thesis, but must be sufficiently closely connected to it to justify participation in the Journées Doctorales.

Contributions from all social science disciplines are welcome. Priority will be given to research on rural or peri-urban land issues in the Global South.

Selection of PhD candidates and recent PhD graduates takes place in two stages:

• Submission of a six-page extended abstract (approximately 3,500 words, excluding references), to be assessed by the Scientific Committee. It must include:

- A brief outline of the doctoral research question, the stage reached in the thesis, and how the proposed paper relates to the thesis (approximately half a page).
- An extended abstract of the proposed contribution covering the literature review, research question, theoretical framework (analytical approach and key concepts), methodology, empirical or theoretical findings, preliminary conclusions, avenues for further research and references.

• The Organising Committee may request a 15-minute oral interview to assess the quality of the proposal.

• Selected applicants must submit a full paper of 8,000–10,000 words. Contributions by recent PhD graduates must follow the format of a scholarly journal article. Full papers will be sent to the discussants.

Logistics and financial support

The Pôle foncier de Montpellier will cover accommodation in Montpellier for all selected PhD candidates and recent PhD graduates for the duration of the Journées Doctorales.

Meals are at participants' own expense.

Travel and any visa costs will be covered by the organisers for selected PhD candidates and recent PhD graduates from countries in the Global South.

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Key dates

- 12 December 2026: Deadline for extended abstract submissions.
- 15–20 January 2027: Possible oral interview, at the Organising Committee's request (not required for all applicants).
- 20 January 2027: Notification of selection results by the Scientific Committee.
- 1 April 2027: Deadline for full papers, for circulation to the discussants.

Submission

Extended abstracts must be submitted using the following form:

Formulaire soumission résumé doctoriales Pôle foncier 2027

Information

www.pole-foncier.fr

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