

**Code: 1765 Society and Rural Systems**Degree: 2<sup>nd</sup> cycle – Landscape ArchitectureCurricular Year: 1<sup>st</sup>

Credits: 6 ECTS

Language: Portuguese/English

Responsible: Fernando Silva Oliveira Baptista

Other lecturer(s): -

Web Site: <http://www.isa.utl.pt/home/node/3753>Semester Course: 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Compulsory**1. Contact hours:**

Lecture/Practicals 70 Others 14 Total 84

**2. Objectives:**

It is aimed that students (1) know basic notions and concepts about rural analysis (2) understand and identify the diversity and complexity of rural and agrarian systems (3) know the long term social and environmental drivers of rural systems (4) apprehend the historical dimension of spatial change (5) understand the emergence of the rural economy

**3. Programme:**

**I - Introduction to rural analysis:** the biophysical environment as a constraint of human activities; agrarian and not agrarian uses of rural territories and property rights; labour and technology; social rationalities and sustainability. Relations between societies, economies and environment/ case studies

Agrarian systems diversity: change pats; actors and interest groups; social, economic and technical characterisation.

**II - Agriculture and rural space, an historical overview:** from agriculture to territory; from rural society to rural; forest and society; agricultural systems change; technology and spatial change.

**III - Rural Economy**

**The new rural paradigm, from agriculture to territory:** the competitiveness of rural areas; multifunctionality; local assets valorisation; non used resources exploitation; rural economies diversification; from subsidies to investment.

**Rural economy agents:** Administration at different levels; regional and local agents; local governance

**4. Bibliography:****Main Bibliography**

- F.O. Baptista, *O espaço rural. Declínio da agricultura*, Lisboa, 2010
- J. Diamond, *Colapso*, Lisboa, 2010
- OECD, *The new rural paradigm: policies and governance*, OECD, 2006

**Other Bibliography**

- W. Berry, *The unsettling of America. Culture & agriculture*, São Francisco, 1986.
- J. Murdoch, P. Lowe, N. Ward, e T. Marsden, *The differentiated countryside*, Londres, 2003.
- J. Ploeg, A. Long, e J. Banks, *Living countrysides. Rural development processes in Europe: the state of the art*, Doetinchem, 2002.
- R. Williams, *O campo e a cidade. Na história e na literatura*, São Paulo, 1989.

**5. Assessment:**

The assessment of knowledge is based on two components:

1. the work done in classes
2. a final exam

**6. Estimated Workload:**

168	Hours
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**7. Last Update:**

10/3/2011
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