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## Target Group

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Transformations"

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## Online Workshop

# COVID and what next? Methodological Implications for Digitalization Research in Rural-Peripheral Areas

Wednesday, November 17, 2021 2pm to 6.30pm

## Keynote Speakers



Leanne Townsend

The James Hutton Institute, Aberdeen, UK

**Researching digitalisation in remote rural regions during Covid-19: the case of the Scottish Crofters**

Restrictions to travel and face-to-face contact during Covid-19 have had profound implications for social research. Researchers have had to reimagine research methods in order to reach participants for successful data collection. Many projects have switched to running research activities virtually, through online workshops, focus groups and interviews. This can be an effective research approach, though it depends upon research participants having relatively good levels of digital access and skills. In this keynote I will present insights from research on the EU H2020 DESIRA project. [DESIRA](#) ("Digitalisation: Economic and Social Impacts in Rural Areas") explores the impacts of rural digitalisation in 20 European countries across three domains – agriculture, forestry and rural communities.



Hilary Faxon

University of California, Berkeley, USA

**Methods from the margins: from Myanmar's digital villages towards a global research agenda**

Dr. Hilary Oliva Faxon is a human geographer whose research examines how digital tools extend and transform political ecologies, agrarian relations and global development. She uses participatory methodologies that highlight marginalized voices and new digital methodologies (including social media analysis and critical remote sensing) alongside the traditional tools of interviews, ethnography, household surveys, and document review in order to understand environmental politics and uneven development in the digital age. She leads a collaborative research project on digital mobilization in Myanmar and has taught graduate student workshops on Researching (with) Social Media for the American Association of Geographers. She is currently a Ciriacy-Wantrup Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of California Berkeley, where she is working on two book projects tentatively titled, 'Golden Land: Making Race, Property and Nation in Myanmar,' and 'The Peasant and her Smartphone: Technology, Violence and Revolution in Myanmar's Countryside.'