

RESILIENCE STRATEGIES

Examples and Critiques

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- In December 2014 Evora, Portugal
- In August 2015 at ESRS conference in Aberdeen
- In October 2015, in Athens in the conference entitled "*Human capital, wage labour, and innovation in rural areas*"

- *What are the main resilience strategies in common?*
- *How can we think more critically about the concept?*

Main Resilience Strategies

- Rural dwellers, one way or another, are easing away from a strictly agrarian existence.
- Changing production patterns (from traditional goods to industrial goods) and vertical cultivation (planting different crops on a variety of land types)
- To engage in off-farm activities
- To work in the nonfarm sector as shop assistants, bus drivers, and butchers
- Old population: Retirement payments, widow payments, old-age pensions, and migrant remittances
- Resilience and labour hiring

Main Resilience Strategies

- Migration is seen the only potential way to meet subsistence requirements and cash income. Think also pro-rural migration...
- Financing debts and land sales

What does the concept make us to think?

- . Resilience strategies increase transivity between rural and urban areas.
- . Farming communities reflect their resistance to crisis and structural adjustment but they are individual efforts. Do resilient strategies absorb farmers' demand for collective action?

- Informality: Resilience strategies have created an increase in informal and unregulated work with limited institutional protection against risk and insecurity.
- The rising responsibility of women
- The concept conceals the class structure within society.

More questions...

- Are resilience strategies promoting neoliberal policies?
- Do resilience strategies reduce the responsibility of the state about social policies and services?
- Do resilience strategies accelerate exploitation of nature?
- What is the relationship between food sovereignty and resilience strategies?