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?
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. 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?