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## NEWSLETTER JUNE 2025

Dear friends and colleagues,

We hope this finds you well.

The Commission on Nomadic Peoples is reviving its “news round-up”, starting with this first newsletter (of two a year).

The next newsletter will come out in December 2025. Please, let us know any announcement, initiative, project or publication you’d like to see in it.

Also, we are updating the Commission on Nomadic Peoples’ website (<https://nomadicpeople.info/>) – check it out if you don’t know it yet!

Do you have a research project, a story from the field, a recent publication, or an ongoing initiative related to your work that you’d like to share? Do not hesitate to send us ([nomadicpeoplesiuaescommission@gmail.com](mailto:nomadicpeoplesiuaescommission@gmail.com)) a short blog (up to 1000 words) and a picture, and we’ll post it.

Finally, we’d like to call your attention to the **Nomadic Peoples Best Student Essay Prize 2025**, which is open to students and recent graduates. The deadline is **July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**, but we will extend this deadline if needed. More information is below.

Enjoy your summer pastures!

Very best wishes,

Joana, Allison, Bruna, Daniel, and Sina



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### NOMADIC PEOPLES journal

*Nomadic Peoples* is edited by Saverio Krätli (saverio.kratli@gmail.com) and published by White Horse Press (WHP). *Nomadic Peoples* publishes two issues a year and can be accessed at:

<https://www.whpress.co.uk/publications/journals/nomadic-peoples/>

The latest special issue (vol. 29, number 1, March 2025) was on *Pastoral Resilience and Transformation* in the Hindu Kush Himalaya (HKH), guest edited by Wu Ning, Srijana Joshi and Yi Shaoliang. Before that, volume 28 (number 2, September 2024) featured a special section on mountain pastoralism, mobility and environment in Mediterranean Europe, edited by Julio Sá Rêgo and Athanasios Ragkos.

The next special issue focuses on *Collective Rights to Land and Resources* and is guest-edited by Giordano Marmone (Michigan State University) and Kelly Askew (University of Michigan).

There are two more special issues in the pipeline: *Pastoralists and Covid-19*, which is guest edited by Angela Kronenburg García (University of Padua/UCLouvain), Joana Roque de Pinho (Instituto Universitário de Lisboa), and Annemiek Pas (Wageningen University/University of Gothenburg); and *Pastoralism and the Future of Grassland Ecosystems in India*, guest-edited by Priya Rajput and Aniruddh Sheth (Centre for Pastoralism, New Delhi, India).

### And, a third special issue taking proposals.

The Nomadic Peoples Special Issue on Camelids: the deadline for Expressions of Interest has been extended to **31 August 2025**, with full papers due by 31 December 2025. Get in touch with the editors: Ilse Köhler-Rollefson (ilse.koehlerroll@gmail.com); Cecilia Turin (ceciturin@gmail.com); Abolfazl Sharifian (abolfazlsharifiyan@gmail.com).



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### NOMADIC PEOPLES BEST STUDENT ESSAY PRIZE 2025

The Commission is happy to invite submissions by students or recent graduates for the **2025 Best Student Essay Prize** on the broad topic of nomadic peoples, as defined in the journal *Nomadic Peoples*.

Essays should have been written during the period of graduate study or within a year of completing it; and should not exceed **7,500 words**. Exceptionally, undergraduate students may also apply.

The winner gets a £250 award, together with guaranteed open access in this free of charge publication in [Nomadic Peoples](#) in 2026. The deadline is **July 15th, 2025**.

**Please submit here:**

<https://forms.gle/vDXCprWuEuNYabJe7>

Or scan the QR code:



You may also email your submission to [nomadicpeoplesiuaescommission@gmail.com](mailto:nomadicpeoplesiuaescommission@gmail.com).

Also, stay tuned for the new **ANNUAL NOMADIC PEOPLES PHOTO CONTEST** (to be announced in December 2025).



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### COMMUNICATION – Updates

Since April 2025, the Commission has been revitalizing its communication efforts. We reactivated our digital platforms, including our Instagram profile, Facebook page, and institutional email. To better understand members' expectations and improve our coordination, a Google form was recently circulated to update members' basic contact information and gather feedback on the commission's role and functioning.

If you haven't filled out the **registration form** yet, please do so here:

<https://forms.gle/mcughSNQE4qMwoSRA>

And feel free to share this form with your graduate students, colleagues and friends interested in all things nomadic.

Social media plays a crucial role in promoting the work of the Commission and amplifying the voices of nomadic peoples. We are assisted by the IUAES Communications Internship Programme. PhD students Bruna Fani Duarte Rocha serves as Social Media Manager and Daniel Stack is our Communications Intern. Please join our efforts to expand the use of social media by following us at:

- **Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/nomadicpeoplescommissioniuaes/>
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/IUAES.nomadic>
- **Email:** [nomadicpeoplesiuaescommission@gmail.com](mailto:nomadicpeoplesiuaescommission@gmail.com)
- **Website:** <https://nomadicpeople.info/>
- **Linkedin Group:** <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13857950/>

### CNP WEBSITE

Check out our website — [nomadicpeople.info](https://nomadicpeople.info) — which is being updated to better reflect the commission's ongoing work and activities. Oxford Human Geography PhD student Sina Maghami Nick's support with this is well appreciated. We welcome contributions from members, including news, publications, fieldwork reports, and upcoming events. Help us build a space that reflects the diversity and vitality of our network! Send your submissions to [nomadicpeoplesiuaescommission@gmail.com](mailto:nomadicpeoplesiuaescommission@gmail.com).



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### EVENTS

#### **World Anthropological Union Congress 2025 (November 3-8, 2025)**

This year, Antigua (Guatemala) will host the *World Anthropological Union Congress 2025*:

<https://www.waucongress2025.org/>

The Commission on Nomadic Peoples will be strongly represented, with five panels thematically linked to pastoralism and mobility. Read short abstracts here:

#### **Ethnographic Theory Back Through the Future-Focused Looking Glass: Comparative Metaphysics, Epistemological Historiography, and Caring for Concepts**

Convened by Anthony Howarth, Patrick O'Hare and Yu Qiu

Discussant: Anthony Howarth

<https://www.waucongress2025.org/panel/?id=1083>

**Abstract:** How have different practitioners approached ethnographic theory? And how might we imagine what the future direction of such theorisations could consist of? This panel invites presentations that not only focus on what ethnographic theory is and how it is assembled, but also how future directions in these domains relate more broadly to anthropological practice.

#### **Human-Animal relations in modern urban and rural societies: food security, technology, resources.**

Convened by Vladimir Nikolaevich Davydov, Veronika Aleksandrovna Beliaeva-Sachuk and Francesca Lugli

Discussant: Maria V. Stanyukovich

<https://www.waucongress2025.org/panel/?id=242>

**Abstract:** This panel examines human-animal relations across diverse cultural and ecological contexts, emphasizing their functional, symbolic, and economic roles. It addresses food security, resource management, and the resilience of local livestock systems in remote areas. The discussion also incorporates a historical perspective, tracing the position of humans and animals in the worldview structure, multispecies interactions and cooperation in the context of socio-cultural dynamics.





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### **Pastoralism in transition: Exploring intersections of religious and environmental changes.**

Convened by Joana Roque de Pinho, Angela Kronenburg García and Aurore Dumont

<https://www.waucongress2025.org/panel/?id=517>

**Abstract:** This panel explores the overlooked role of religion in shaping pastoralist livelihoods and responses to environmental change. It examines how religious beliefs, practices, and institutions influence pastoralists' relationships with land, animals, and nature, especially amid climate instability, land privatization, and shifting conservation policies. By highlighting the intersection of religious and environmental transformations—from indigenous spiritualities to world religions—the panel calls for a more integrated understanding of how pastoral communities navigate change, challenging the current disconnect between environmental and religious research in pastoral contexts.

### **Pastoralism through the lenses of climate change: narrative, methodologies and carbon.**

Convened by Saverio Krätli and Véronique Ancey

Discussant: John Galaty

<https://www.waucongress2025.org/panel/?id=972>

**Abstract:** This panel explores how climate change narratives, policies, and finance shape pastoralist adaptation, often masking governance failures and inequalities. We seek research that distinguishes between the biophysical manifestations of climate change and people's experiences, mediated by socio-economic factors. We critically assess transformations in mobility, resource access, carbon markets, and emissions narratives that misrepresent pastoralists' ecological role.

### **Voices and rights of mobile pastoralists and mobile indigenous peoples.**

Convened by Ariell Ahearn, Sarah Lunacek and Greta Semplici

Discussant: Ariell Ahearn

<https://www.waucongress2025.org/panel/?id=1001>

**Abstract:** The panel examines threats faced by Mobile Indigenous Peoples, including land loss, forced sedentarization, and cultural erosion, worsened by climate change. Despite the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, many states fail to uphold their rights. The success of the 2026 IYRP depends on fully including pastoralists and endorsing their rights. The panel discusses legal frameworks and direct representation across decision-making levels.



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### Fifth SIAC National Conference – “Hope / Despair / Desire”

Stefania Pontrandolfo (Università di Verona) and Ariell Ahearn (University of Oxford) convene a panel entitled *Resisting Extinction Narratives and Sedentist Bias: Exploring hope for nomadic lifeways in urban and rural contexts* at the Fifth Società Italiana de Antropologia Culturale (SIAC) National Conference that will be held in Matera (September 25-27, 2025).

<https://www.siacantropologia.it/english-version-2/>

**Abstract:** For centuries, state authorities predicted the extinction of nomadic ways of life amongst groups as diverse as the Roma and Sinti in Europe and mobile pastoralists groups in the Middle East, Central Asia and beyond. Early extinction narratives were underpinned by a contradictory mix of melancholy for the exotified figure of the nomad, seen as incompatible with modernity, as well as explicit anti-nomadic policies of forced sedentarisation. Today, the idea that nomadic ways of life are fading away are prevalent in climate change adaptation and securitization discourses, which posit that the lands that mobile pastoralist inhabit will become uninhabitable or too climatically volatile for herders to survive in. Likewise, in Europe development discourses take a more patronising approach by presenting nomadism as an insecure or unsafe way of life. In this panel, we aim to examine how extinction narratives have been resisted by nomadic peoples encompassing both urban and rural livelihoods. How have responses to anti-nomadism enabled forms of resilience and political astuteness amongst nomadic peoples? What does hope look like in this context, where the future projected publicly for this way of life is always predicted to fail by development practitioners and governments? Extinction narratives also raise critical methodological questions. How can we as scholars create spaces for hope through everyday academic practices of teaching, fieldwork, writing and advocacy for communities?

### IRAM Annual Study Day - June 25, 2025, Paris

IRAM (Institut de recherches et d'applications des méthodes de développement) held its annual study day, this year dedicated to **Development of the Sahelian and Mediterranean pastoral territories - Which initiatives can address the societal, economic, and climatic challenges?**

Find more information here:

<https://www.iram-fr.org/le-developpement-des-territoires-pastoraux-saheliens-et-mediterraneens-au-coeur-de-notre-journee-d-etude-2025.html>





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**PUBLICATIONS** submitted by our members to be listed here. These publications are authored and/or suggested by CNP members. Please send us your suggestions for the next newsletter. A big thank you to Ariell Ahearn for helping put together the book list!

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### Policy Briefs

#### IYRP 2026 Land Rights Working Group policy brief

A subgroup of the IYRP 2026 Land Rights WG, led by Mark Mortiz, Saverio Kratli and Flora Vern, has prepared a policy brief that nuances the conversation around securing land rights for pastoralists. It carefully elucidates the intricacies of pastoral land use and how mainstream thinking falls short of making adequate provisions for pastoral land rights. The brief makes seven calls to action which are useful guides for advocacy and decision-making. It is meant to serve as a tool for advocacy and may be supplemented by contextually relevant material where useful. This upcoming important document will soon be shared on the IYRP Alliance webpage, here: <https://www.iyrp.info/>

A **IYRP 2026 Pastoralism and Climate Change Working Group** policy brief is also in preparation (led by Saverio Krätli). The WG is coordinated by Carmen Jaquez (Mercy Corps).

Finally, a **IYRP 2026 working group on Pastoralism and Carbon Trade** has just been established under the lead of Saverio Krätli and coordinated by PASTRES PhD Linda Pappagallo. It will soon be listed on the [IYRP 2026 website](#), together with its concept note. Membership in the IYRP working groups is open and on a voluntary basis. Feel free to contact Linda Pappagallo ([lindapappagallo@gmx.com](mailto:lindapappagallo@gmx.com)) if you wish to join the WG on Pastoralism and Carbon Trade, and Carmen Jaquez ([cjaquez@mercycorps.org](mailto:cjaquez@mercycorps.org)) for the WG on Pastoralism and Climate Change.



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