

## **GCM 1: Conservation and land use conflicts**

### **Aims:**

- To identify the different actors and stakeholders involved in natural resource use and conservation and analyse their (conflicting) perspectives on conservation (*external conservation actors, government agencies, community groups, etc.*)
- To analyse the main lines of conflict in their historical and multiscalar (*local needs, national politics, ÉU, etc.*) genesis

Particular attention can be given to:

- The role of EU's New Green Deal that emphasizes nature conservation for well-being & economic recovery
- The needs & perspectives of local communities:
  - Livelihoods often tied to local natural resources
  - Well-being linked to landscape functionality

## **GCM 2: Local pathways for sustainable and inclusive development: potentials and limitations**

### **Aim:**

- To outline and analyse different pathways/strategies of sustainable development in the Fagaras mountain area that take into account the needs of humans and nature.
- Investigate their potentials and limitations based on a systemic understanding of the current situation

Possible foci:

- Sustainable forest use
- Sustainable agriculture (and/or agroforestry)
- Ecotourism

## **Some literature recommendations**

### **For both groups:**

Albulescu, Andra-Cosmina, Michael Manton, Daniela Larion, and Per Angelstam. 2022. 'The Winding Road towards Sustainable Forest Management in Romania, 1989–2022: A Case Study of Post-Communist Social–Ecological Transition'. *Land* 11 (8): 1198.

<https://doi.org/10.3390/land11081198>. (available on moodle)

Dorondel, Stefan. 2016. *Disrupted Landscapes: State, Peasants and the Politics of Land in Postsocialist Romania*. New York: Berghahn Books. (I have a copy of the book that can be borrowed)

### Primarily for GCM 1:

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Armitage, Derek, Philile Mbatha, Ella-Kari Muhl, Wayne Rice, and Merle Sowman. 2020. 'Governance Principles for Community-centered Conservation in the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework'. *Conservation Science and Practice* 2 (2): e160. <https://doi.org/10.1111/csp2.160>.

### Primarily for GCM 2:

Vijulie, Iuliana, Mihaela Preda, Andreea Nita, and Anca Tudoricu. 2024. 'Opportunities to Capitalize on Transylvanian Wood Pastures through Nature-Based Tourism: A Case Study of Viscri Village, Braşov County, Romania'. *Forests* 15 (4): 704. <https://doi.org/10.3390/f15040704>.

Stanciu, Mirela, Agatha Popescu, and Cristian Stanciu. 2023. 'Rural Tourism, Agrotourism and Ecotourism in Romania: Current Research Status and Future Trends.' *Scientific Papers Series Management, Economic Engineering in Agriculture & Rural Development* 23 (1). [https://managementjournal.usamv.ro/pdf/vol.23\\_1/Art78.pdf](https://managementjournal.usamv.ro/pdf/vol.23_1/Art78.pdf).

Balázsi, Ágnes, Maraja Riechers, Tibor Hartel, Julia Leventon, and Joern Fischer. 2019. 'The Impacts of Social-Ecological System Change on Human-Nature Connectedness: A Case Study from Transylvania, Romania'. *Land Use Policy* 89 (December):104232. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.landusepol.2019.104232>.

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