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PRAISE FOR *RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS*

“Revolutions are born from the bottom up, growing in a small group of people to explode and change reality. It is the people, their charisma and ideas that change the established paradigms of development, and the role of good researchers is to capture these processes, name and document them, and lead us to consider their effects in the future. This is the case with this book, as it proves that social movements, which have been the subject of research for decades, are still an important part of how economies and societies change and progress. This very timely book is written from the perspective of experienced researchers and sensitive observers of rural change, and it is worth reading because it describes the processes that have brought about the green transformation and are now changing not only rural areas but the entire global economy.”

—Dr. Paweł Chmieliński, *President of the European Rural Development Network and Professor at the Institute of Rural and Agricultural Development, Polish Academy of Sciences*

“This monograph is a timely and significant call to take a new look at numbers of already matured and ongoing innovations in rural areas around the world. Authors of the book masterfully use the grounding of the social movements’ theory to the ongoing processes in rural areas, thus proposing a brand-new consideration of the rural paradigm shift. To disclose the reasoning behind the social movements, the monograph takes focus on actors of change and gets deeper into the context of

ongoing organized changes in rural areas, distinguishing between the industrial paradigm grounded rural social movements and new post-industrial change-focused rural social movements, putting them into the general context of European Union Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) and European Green Deal (EGD) principles. This monograph is based on a holistic approach. Systematic, evolutionary, and actor methodologies were used. Finally, in-depth illustrations of ongoing processes using multiple case studies of rural social movements significantly add to the existing body of knowledge in this field of science.”

—Prof. Dr. Maria Nijnik, *Principal Scientist of The James Hutton Institute, UK, Coordinator of H2020 SIMRA project “Social Innovation in marginalised rural areas”*

“The remarkable book, which applying a rich methodological apparatus of qualitative research step by step reveals the role of individual and territorial social capital for the post-industrial transformation of rural territories, it offers more questions than answers. The holistic approach used by authors simply does not allow to formulate unambiguous answers in the context of the investigated causes of genesis and impacts of (new) social movements on innovative, sustainable, and inclusive rural development. There does not exist only one generally valid and accepted model of explanation and assessment for changes induced by spatial redistribution of population, uneven diffusion of new types of knowledge and practical involvement of local actors with different interests and interpretations of rural development. Through tacit and/or explicitly formulated questions, the authors ‘play an exciting game’ that will delight anyone interested in a deeper understanding of the ongoing transformation of the European countryside.”

—Dr. Vladimír Székely, *senior researcher of Institute of Geography, Slovak Academy of Sciences*

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ABBREVIATIONS

AIC	Agricultural Industries Confederation
ARC	Agricultural and Rural Convention
CAP	Common Agricultural Policy
CELCAA	European Liaison Committee for Agricultural and Agri-Food Trade
CLLD	Community-Led Local Development
COGECA	General Committee for Agricultural Cooperation in the European Union
COPA	Committee of Professional Agricultural Organizations
COPA-COGECA	Joint Organization of Committee of Professional Agricultural Organizations and General Committee for Agricultural Cooperation in the European Union
EC	European Commission
ECOVAST	European Council for the Village and Small Town
EGD	European Green Deal
EIP	European Innovations Partnerships
ELARD	European LEADER Association for Rural Development
ELO	European Landowners' Organization
ENRD	European Network for Rural Development
ERCA	European Rural Community Alliance
ERDN	European Rural Development Network
ERP	European Rural
ESIN	European Small Islands Federation
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
GEN	The Global Ecovillage Network

GMO	Genetically Modified Organisms
ITMN	Indigenous Terra Madre Network
LAG	Local Actions Group
LAG Network	Local Action Group Network
LEADER	(in French: ‘Liaison Entre Actions de Développement de l’Économie Rurale’; in English: ‘Links between activities for the development of rural economy’)—EU support scheme for the rural economy through local leaders.
LFFU	Lithuanian Family Farmers’ Union
LFU	Lithuanian Farmers’ Union
LRP	Lithuanian Rural Parliament
LURC	Lithuanian Union of Rural Communities
LVC	La Via Campesina International Peasants’ Movement
NGO	Non-governmental Organization
NRN	National Rural Network
NSM	New Social Movement
OECD	Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development
RDP	Rural Development Programme
SDG	United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
SFYN	Slow Food Youth Network
UIPI	International Union of Property Owners
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on the Climate Change
URGENCI	Community-Supported Agriculture and Forum Synergies platform
WFO	World Farmers’ Organization
WTO	World Trade Organization

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