



Community shepherding in Poland: network dynamics and temporal territorialization



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Contemporary community shepherding in Poland is a curious case of an archaic approach towards land usage, based on long lasting, hundreds years old patterns. What differs it from other agricultural activities is the half-nomadic way of living that shepherds still cultivate, accompanied with numerous idiosyncratic customs, beliefs and practices.

Basing on fieldwork conducted in 2016-2017 I will present the phenomena from the perspective of actor-network theory, concentrating on the role of law and institutions and therefore seeking the arguments for replacing the "trial of strength" as a key concept explaining dynamics within networks. I will also focus on the process of territorialization, that is inherently different in that form of land usage that is based not only on spatial but temporal grounds.

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