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Michael Woods is Professor of Human Geography at Aberystwyth University and Co-Director of the Wales Institute of Social and Economic Research, Data and Methods (WISERD). His main research interests concern change in contemporary rural societies and localities, especially questions around how globalization works through rural places to create an emergent 'global countryside', which he has been exploring in a European Research Council Advanced Grant, GLOBAL-RURAL, involving research in 14 countries around the world. He is also currently involved in research on civil society and communities (ESRC WISERD/Civil Society research centre), territorial inequalities and spatial justice (IMAJINE project) and rural-urban synergies (ROBUST project). He is Editor of the Journal of Rural Studies and has written or edited a number of books including; *Contesting Rurality: Contemporary Rural Politics in Britain* (Ashgate, 2005); and the textbooks, *Rural Geography* (Sage, 2005) and *Rural* (Routledge, 2011).