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Traditional animal production in the Argentinian Andes is characterised by transhumance (mainly goats). This type of farming is deeply embedded in the local culture, and influences the spatial occupation, the settlement structure and the use of natural resources. The seasonal movement of farmers and herds strongly links the lowlands and lower valleys with the highlands and high valleys, that are inaccessible during winter. In so doing, the so called “puesteros” (transhumant farmers) develop a special relationship with space and time, which is very different from that of other rural or urban areas.

Transhumance as a traditional livestock system is currently facing new challenges, including land use changes, rural youth exodus or the competition with other economic activities. Besides that, climate change and globalization represent new uncertainties for the future.

In this paper, we will reflect about current and future challenges for transhumance (both as a farming system and as a cultural practice) in western Argentina (south of Mendoza and north of Neuquén) with emphasis on local social actors, disputes with other economic activities as well as forms of governance for sustainable mountain development.