

Sustainable Food Systems Symposium 2024

Göttingen, September 17 – 18, 2024

Announcement and Call for Abstracts – Submission Deadline February 29, 2024

Global food demand is expected to further increase in the coming decades, due to continued population and income growth. Meeting this demand will require a major transformation of the global food system that is already confronted with multiple challenges. Notably, increasing agricultural output through land clearing and intensification is likely to entail trade-offs between food production, habitat protection, carbon storage, and freshwater supply. Concurrently, healthy, nutritious, and environmentally sustainable diets are unaffordable for a majority of the global population, contributing to a growing trend of both undernutrition and overweight, obesity, and associated non-communicable diseases. Furthermore, although a growing segment of consumers express heightened interest in ethical food products, increasing incomes and population growth are expected to lead to an increased demand for animal sourced products, considerably contributing to environmental and healthcare costs.

To identify pathways towards more sustainable food production and consumption in the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Sustainable Food Systems doctoral program at the University of Göttingen carries out research around the environmental, nutrition/health, and social dimensions of food systems, in collaboration with the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and KU Leuven.

The first cohort of the doctoral program is pleased to announce the call for abstracts for the first Sustainable Food Systems Symposium. We invite you to an event dedicated to exploring the dynamic and vital facets of the evolving field of sustainable agri-food systems, focussing on an economics and social science perspective. The event will take place on:

September 17 to 18, 2024 in Göttingen (Germany).

The Symposium's primary goal is to facilitate in-depth discussions on emerging research discoveries and policy dilemmas concerning the ongoing transformation of the global agri-food system. Over the course of two days, participants can look forward to engaging plenary sessions featuring distinguished speakers, contributed-paper sessions, and interactive poster presentations. We are excited to announce that several prominent speakers have already confirmed their participation, including Klaus Grunert (University of Aarhus), Maximo Torero (FAO) and Rob Vos (IFPRI).

We welcome submissions from an economics and/or social science perspective that cover the environmental, nutrition/health, and societal dimensions of sustainable food systems, together with

their interconnections and trade-offs. Specifically, submissions in the following areas, but not limited to, will be considered:

Food System – Environment interactions	Food System – Nutrition/Health interactions	Food System – Society interactions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welfare effects of food systems - Environmental policies and trade - Sustainability standards and market-based instruments - Climate change adaptation and mitigation - Resilient land-use systems - Eco-friendly farming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Food environments and markets - Urbanization and food consumption - Intra-household and gender-related food consumption patterns - Seasonality of food consumption - Social protection - Food security 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Socio-cultural consumer trade-offs - Dynamics of meat and alternative proteins - Relationships between urban food systems and regional economies and ecologies - Consumer attitudes towards novel foods - Indigenous food systems - Sustainability labels

All submissions must take the form of extended abstracts, limited to 1,000 words. Extended abstract should be structured to encompass: keywords, introduction, objective, method, findings, and conclusion. Details regarding the submission process are found at <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/call+for+abstracts/682244.html>. The submission deadline for all abstracts is **February 29, 2024 (11:59 pm CET)**. Please note that all submissions will undergo a single-blind peer-review process.

Participants are kindly requested to cover their own travel expenses, in addition to a 50 EUR registration fee. This fee includes access to all sessions, coffee breaks, lunches, and one conference dinner. We will try to offer financial support (travel stipends) for a limited number of doctoral students with accepted contributions, whose primary affiliation is in a developing country. Details regarding the eligibility of travel stipends will be published soon online.

For more information about the Sustainable Food Systems Symposium, please visit <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/symposium+2024/681014.html>. For questions, contact us at rtg.symposium@uni-goettingen.de.

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