



Call for Papers

63rd GEWISOLA Conference in Göttingen 20 – 22 September 2023

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University of Kassel, Faculty of Organic Agricultural Sciences
University of Osnabrück, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Landscape Architecture

The 63rd Annual Conference of the Society for Economic and Social Sciences of Agriculture (GEWISOLA) will take place from Wednesday, 20 September to Friday, 22 September 2023, at Georg-August-Universität Göttingen. The Universities of Göttingen (Faculty of Agricultural Sciences) and Kassel (Faculty of Organic Agricultural Sciences) as well as the Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences (Faculty of Agricultural Sciences and Landscape Architecture) hereby invite the participation and submission of contributions on the topic of

Sustainable food systems and land use change

We ask for written contributions on this topic, to be orally presented at the meeting. Posters to be displayed in short presentations are also welcome. Contributions on other topics may also be submitted if they advance the state of knowledge regarding economic and social aspects of agriculture and food. Furthermore, we invite proposals for self-organized working groups on topical issues as well as proposals for pre-conference activities.

Conference Theme

Multiple societal challenges such as malnutrition, climate crisis, biodiversity loss or soil degradation are converging around changing land use and food systems. In addition, this development is directly affected by accumulating shock events such as the COVID-19 pandemic or the Ukraine war, which further accelerate the transformation of land use and food systems. The challenges facing agri-food systems are increasingly

difficult to understand, let alone solve, through traditional sectoral and disciplinary approaches. Rather, there is a growing awareness in agricultural and food sciences that the problems mentioned above are closely interrelated.

Accordingly, integrative research directions that deal with the interactions of agricultural, forestry and other land use systems as well as with entire food systems (including all activities from production to consumption) are currently on the rise. Intensive engagement of agricultural and food sciences with a broad range of societal stakeholders is also becoming more important.

Therefore, the 63rd Annual Meeting of GEWISOLA addresses the analysis of land use and food change from a systems perspective. We cordially invite you to submit theoretical-conceptual or empirical contributions to the following research questions:

1. In what ways can **systems approaches** (e.g., “One Health”, “Water-Energy-Food Nexus”, “Integrated Landscape Management”) contribute to understanding and resolving multiple crises related to land use and food?
2. Which **development trends** can be observed in land use and food systems and what are their implications in terms of different sustainability dimensions?
3. What **synergies and trade-offs** arise from the transformation of land use and food systems?
4. In what ways can **policy instruments, economic/technical/societal innovations** and **individual behavioural** changes contribute to greater sustainability in land use and food systems?

5. What **barriers** hinder a transformation of land use and nutrition towards more sustainability and how can these be overcome?
6. How can agricultural and food science research support **societal transformations** toward more sustainable land use and food systems?

We welcome contributions from (agricultural) economics and (agricultural) sociology as well as from other subjects dealing with issues of sustainability of food systems and land use change.

Key dates

- Submission of proposals for self-organized working groups and pre-conference activities by **Monday, 6 February 2023** (notification of acceptance by Monday, 27 February 2023).
- Submission of written contributions by Monday, **6 March 2023** (notification of acceptance by Wednesday, 21 June 2023).
- Submission of poster papers by Monday, **8 May 2023** (notification of acceptance by Wednesday, 19 July 2023).
- Submission of written contributions revised according to reviewer instructions for publication on the conference homepage and at AgEconSearch by Monday, **21 August 2023**.
- Submission of the final version of written contributions and summary of posters for publication in the conference proceedings by Monday, **13 November 2023**.

Selection procedure

Self-organised working groups

In the self-organized working groups, current issues in the economic and social sciences of agriculture are to be discussed with representatives from politics, industry and society. The time frame is 90 minutes. Proposals for such working groups should explain the topic and describe the format on a maximum of 4 pages in German or English: Concept, time structure, contributions and speakers or discussants. Proposals should be submitted as a PDF file via the conference website by **6 February 2023**. The organizing committee and the board of GEWISOLA will decide on the selection of the submitted proposals.

Written contributions and presentations

The submitted written contributions must be completely elaborated, may not exceed 12 pages (incl. literature, excl. title page) and can be written in German or English. The guidelines for formatting as well

as format templates can be found at the conference website. Manuscripts are to be submitted as PDF files via the conference homepage by **6 March 2023**. The number of accepted presentations of submitted papers is usually limited to one presentation per speaker. For multi-authored paper submissions, the intended speaker must be named.

The evaluation will be performed anonymously by two reviewers. The following criteria will be used for the evaluation: Relevance of the topic, originality of the contribution, appropriateness of the methodological approach and comprehensibility of the presentation. Positively evaluated contributions will be presented in thematic working groups at the annual conference and, if necessary, published in the conference proceedings after the reviewers' comments have been incorporated.

Poster contributions

Proposals for poster contributions should present the problem, the method and the results of a research work on a maximum of 2 pages in German or English. Submitted proposals will be evaluated by two reviewers with regard to their suitability for the conference. The templates for formatting can be found at the conference website. Proposals must be submitted as a PDF file via the conference homepage by **8 May 2023**. Accepted posters are to be prepared according to the instructions for posters provided on the conference homepage. They will be presented by the authors in poster sessions during the conference. Accepted and presented poster contributions will appear in the conference proceedings with a summary of a maximum of two pages.

Pre-conference activities

It is possible to organise pre-conference activities on the morning of 20 September 2023. These can be workshops, meetings or discussion groups on topics of your choice. Proposals with details on content, structure, speakers and participants can be submitted on max. 2 pages in German or English as a **PDF file** via the conference website by **6 February 2023**. The organising committee and the board of GEWISOLA will decide on the selection of the submitted proposals.

Information and conference office

Further information on the annual conference can be found at <http://www.uni-goettingen.de/gewisola2023>. You may also contact the conference secretariat via E-Mail: gewisola2023@uni-goettingen.de.

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