

Sustainable Agroecology

Governance, practices, potentials, and tensions in a comparative perspective

1st workshop, GPN Workshop Series on Sustainable Agroecology

July 17 and 18, 2023, Witzenhausen

Conference Hotel Address: Stadt Witzenhausen, Am Sande 8, 37213 Witzenhausen

Sunday, July 16, 6.30 pm Dinner at „Chez Nadine”
Location: Next to the Werra Bridge, An der Schlagd, 37213 Witzenhausen

Day 1 - Monday, July 17

8.15 am REGISTRATION

Location: Klostergebäude (monastery building), ground floor, Zeichensaal
Steinstraße 19, 27213 Witzenhausen

8.30 am WELCOME, GETTING TO KNOW AND HOUSEKEEPING

Andreas Thiel, Elisabeth Tuidier, Ariane Götz, Louis Thiemann

9 pm PANEL 1

Polycentric agroecological governance?

Ariane Götz & Andreas Thiel
University of Kassel, Germany

Challenges of sustainable agriculture in the time of neoliberal capitalism:

An indian perspective

Praveen Jha
Jawaharlal Nehru University, India

Cooptation of agroecology in authoritarian settings

Louis Thiemann
University of Kassel, Germany

10.30 am Coffee break

11 am PANEL 2

Life or Death? – The Role of Academia in Negotiating Life-Affirming Concepts of Forests and Forestry as Part of an Agroecological Transformation

Miriam Knödler
Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden

Agroecology for sustainable development: A new approach for the transformation of agricultural systems in Brazil

Antônio Andrioli
University of Hamburg, Germany

**The Mayan philosophical thought in the productive processes of the solar:
a contribution to the de-facto local agroecological sustainability**

Paulina Martínez Isidro
Autonomous University of Yucatan, Mexico

1.30 pm Lunch: Catering from café “Ringelnatz”

1.30 pm PANEL 3

**Transforming Agriculture in Sub-Saharan Africa: Opportunities, Challenges, and
Pathways for Agroecology**

SuwilANJI Sinyangwe
FANRPAN Pretoria, South Africa

**Indigenous knowledge systems as agroecology for rural farmers enhanced food
security amid climate change in southern Zimbabwe**

Vuyisile Precious Moyo
Stellenbosch University, South Africa

**Policies, Practices and Challenges in Transitioning to Sustainable Agriculture:
Selected cases from East Africa**

Fekadu Beyene & Andreas Thiel
Haramaya University, Ethiopia, University of Kassel, Germany

3 pm Coffee break

3.30 pm PANEL 4

Tunisian agriculture and climate change: towards a more ecological approach

Jihène Ben Yahmed
National Agronomic Institute of Tunisia, Tunisia

**Transformations of Tunisian farming systems and resilience to drought:
case of Nadhour-Zaghuan region**

Amira Sansa
National Agronomic Institute of Tunisia, Tunisia

**Institutional framework to prepare an agroecological transformation?
Case study on sustainable land management in Tunisia**

Nora Schütze, Andreas Thiel, Ariane Götz & Annabelle Buhrow
University of Kassel, Germany

5 pm Break

5.30 pm KEY NOTE

**Transdisciplinary research for agricultural transformation in Indonesia:
results - challenges – reflections**

Martina Padmanabhan
University of Passau, Germany
Location: Kleine Aula, Campus Nordbahnhofstraße
Nordbahnhofstraße 1a, 37213 Witzenhausen

7.30 pm Dinner at Restaurant „Ringelnatz“
Location: Steinstraße 12, 37213 Witzenhausen

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8.30 am PANEL 5

A process for participatory co-design of “Agroecological Transition Pathways” at the landscape and food system levels: A possible articulation of action-research activities and lessons learned from early implementation

Aymen Frija
ICARDA Tunis, Tunisia

Incremental vs radical perspectives for promoting agroecology: an illustration from crop livestock integration under conservation agriculture in North Africa

Hatem Cheikh M'hamed
National Agronomic Institute of Tunisia, Tunisia

Rehabilitating family farming: a condition for agroecological transition in Tunisia

Mostapha Jouili
National Institute of Agricultural Research, Tunisia

Research in agri-food transitions in times of crisis, polarization and societal conflict: sensitivity, reflexion and responsibility on the example of agri-plastics

Bettina König
University of Kassel, Germany

10.30 am Coffee Break

11 am PANEL 6

The management of the Mayan food production system, economy, and public policy in the context of climate change and a hyper-globalized world

Javier Becerril
Autonomous University of Yucatan, Mexico

Women, agroecology and the state: New perspectives on scaling-up agroecology based on a field research in Chile

Andreas Braun & Ina Sieber
University of Kassel

Agroecology and sustainability of transhumance livestock socio-ecological systems in Chile

Francisco Lagos Susaeta
University of Córdoba, Spain

1.30 pm Lunch: Catering from café "Ringelnatz"

1.30 pm PANEL 7

Assessing the Sustainability of Indigenous Food Production Systems and its Impact on Indigenous Food Sovereignty and Food Security: Insights from a study involving the Jah Hut Sub-Group of Orang Asli in the Krau Forest and Wildlife Reserve

Vishalini Arumugam
Uni Nottingham Malaysia, Malaysia

How to measure the agroecological transition? The life, death, and revival of a French "dashboard"

Léo Magnin
CNRS Paris, France

Co-construction of agroecology indicators with local populations: the challenges and perspectives for accurate measurement and evaluation of agroecological transition

Haithem Bari
National Research Institute for Rural Engineering, Water, and Forestry, Tunisia

3 pm coffee break

3.30 pm CONCLUSION AND NEXT STEPS

5 pm walk to key note

5.30 pm KEY NOTE

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Once again: Peasant agriculture
Jan Douwe van der Ploeg
Wageningen University, Netherlands

7.30 pm Dinner at Restaurant „Schinckels“
Location: Oberburgstraße 10, 37213 Witzenhausen

OPTIONAL: DAY 3 - WED, JULY 19 EXCURSION TO FRANKENHAUSEN

Departure: 8 am Hotel Stadt Witzenhausen
Am Sande 8, 37213 Witzenhausen

End: between 12.30 & 1.30 pm (upon agreement; Train Station Kassel Wilhelmshöhe)
Afterwards: Transfer back to Witzenhausen
Please, notify the organizing team if you want to participate.

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