



Call for Papers

64th GEWISOLA Conference in Giessen 25th – 27th September 2024

The 64th Annual conference of the Society for Economic and Social Sciences of Agriculture (GEWISOLA) will take place from Wednesday, 25 September to Friday, 27 September 2024 at the Justus Liebig University (JLU) Giessen.

The Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Nutritional Sciences, and Environmental Management, in cooperation with the newly founded Center for Sustainable Food Systems (ZNE) at JLU Giessen, and Geisenheim University invite for participation and paper submission on the topic:

Innovative concepts for sustainable agri-food systems

The Organizing Committee invites the submission of contributed papers related to this conference theme to be presented during the conference. Poster contributions are equally welcome. Contributions to other topics may also be submitted if they are conducive to the state of knowledge regarding economic and social issues in agri-food systems. In addition, there will be the opportunity for pre-conference activities and discussion of current issues in self-organized working groups. Proposals are also requested for both event formats.

The conference theme

Innovations play a major role on the path to more sustainable agri-food systems. To meet the challenges of environmental and resource protection as well as the preservation of biodiversity, viable concepts are needed that help to build a more resilient agri-food system in times of climate change and other man-made crises.

The 64th Annual Conference of GEWISOLA offers space to engage with research dedicated to the development and testing of innovative technologies, products and processes in the agricultural and food sector, investigations for new operating and business models. The design and transformation of value chains should be considered from the perspective of different actors. Hence, innovations are understood broadly: They can take place at all levels of the agri-food system and combine technological with social, organisational and cultural new features. The call also includes papers that deal with questions of diffusion of innovations in the agricultural and food sector and address, for example, the role of niche innovations, knowledge transfer and consulting services.

In addition, contributions that look at innovative concepts from two other perspectives are welcome: First, the question arises how **educational arrangements** must be rethought and redesigned to effectively shape teaching and learning strategies as well as competence promotion in times of constant change and socio-technical change processes. This also includes diverse non-university educational concepts, programs and new qualification approaches. Second, new and creative ways of **knowledge generation** are needed for the development and investigation of socio-technical innovation processes. Therefore, contributions dealing with innovative research methods and designs to examine agri-food systems from a system perspective are also welcome.

We cordially invite you to submit theoretical-conceptual or empirical contributions on the following research areas:

Development, investigation and testing of innovative concepts

Dissemination of innovations

Innovative competence transfer and educational concepts

Innovative research methods

We welcome contributions from agricultural and food economics and sociology as well as neighbouring disciplines with recognisable links to the above-mentioned research areas.

Event location

Main building of JLU Giessen
Ludwigstrasse 23
35390 Giessen

Dates

- Submission of proposals for self-organized working groups and pre-conference activities by Monday, **12th February 2024** (notification of acceptance by 6th March 2024)
- Submission of written contributions by Monday **4th March 2024** (notification of acceptance by 26th June 2024)
- Submission of poster papers by Monday, **13th May 2024** (notification of acceptance by 24th July 2024)
- Submission of written contributions revised according to reviewer instructions for publication on the conference homepage and at AgEcon-Search by 26th August 2024
- Submission of the final version of written contributions and summary of posters for publication in the conference proceedings by 18th November 2024

Further information about the conference, as well as instructions and templates for submitting conference papers, can be found on the conference page

<https://www.uni-giessen.de/64.gewisolajahrestagung>

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