



CALL FOR PAPERS

62ND GEWISOLA CONFERENCE IN HOHENHEIM 7– 9 SEPTEMBER 2022

University of Hohenheim – Faculty of Agricultural Sciences
Nürtingen-Geislingen University (NGU) – Faculty of Agricultural Sciences –
Economics and Management

The 62nd Annual Conference of the German Society of Economics and Social Sciences in Agriculture (GEWISOLA) will be held from Wednesday, 7 September to Friday, 9 September 2022 at the University of Hohenheim, Stuttgart. The conference theme is:

<p style="text-align: center;">RESILIENCE OF REGIONAL AND GLOBAL VALUE CHAINS OF THE AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD INDUSTRY</p>
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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 the agricultural and food industries.

In addition, current issues will be discussed in self-organized work-groups. Pre-conference activities may also be proposed. The Organizing Committee welcomes suggestions for both types of activities.

KEY DATES

- Submission of suggestions for self-organized work groups (organized sessions) and pre-conference activities by **Friday, 4 February 2022**
(confirmation of acceptance by 4 March 2022)
- Submission of papers by **Friday, 4 March 2022**
(confirmation of acceptance by 27 May 2022)
- Submission of poster contributions (written summary) by **Friday, 29 April 2022**
(confirmation of acceptance by 10 June 2022)
- Delivery of written papers revised in accordance with reviewers' comments for publication on the conference website and AgEconSearch by **Friday, 19 August 2022**
- Delivery of finalized posters for publication on the conference website and poster jurors (as pdf-file) by **Friday, 19 August 2022**

- Delivery of final papers and written summaries of posters for publication in the conference proceedings by **Friday, 4 November 2022**

THE CONFERENCE THEME

The climate crisis, technological and societal change, population growth and associated changes in demand as well as the dramatic loss of biodiversity and overexploitation of natural resources are the reasons for the agri-food sector to be under intense pressure to change.

In many places, the natural site conditions for agricultural land use are changing and, as a consequence, the basis for cultivation and animal husbandry systems as well as for yield potential and stability are also changing in the long term. As a result, the functionality and stability of sectoral value chains are also subject to increasing uncertainty. This is associated with far-reaching, regionally and globally effective ecological, economic and social changes, the direction and extent of which are often difficult to assess and which frequently occur as ecological and political crises.

This raises the question of the resilience of regional and global agri-food value chains, i.e. their ability to cope with change and disruption without losing key functions and services:

- How quickly and how well can individual value chains respond in the event of environmentally induced supply shocks?
- How vulnerable are value chains and their actors, especially across national borders and the boundaries of economic areas?
- How are the resulting risks, but also the capacities to act, distributed among the actors involved (agriculture, processing, trade, consumers and citizens in different social environments)?
- Which developments and influencing factors promote, respectively impair, the resilience of agricultural systems and value chains, and how can it be strengthened or secured by suitable (agricultural) policy instruments and other institutional arrangements?
- To what extent do tradeoffs arise between the substantial realization of provisioning ecosystem services, which continues to be necessary in the face of a globally growing population, on the one hand, and the sustainable guarantee of regulating and cultural services on the other hand, and how can such tradeoffs be mitigated?

In view of these questions, we would like to invite in particular, but not exclusively, the submission of both theoretical-conceptual as well as empirical contributions from the following thematic areas:

- ✓ Capturing, describing and explaining resilience in the agri-food sector and its potential threats:
 - Analysis of the resilience of various land use systems at different governance levels (e.g. conventional versus organic farming, comparison of differently diverse land use systems, regional versus supra- and transnational value chains, etc.)

- Importance of biodiversity and associated ecosystem services in maintaining yield potentials and ensuring resilience
- Distribution of food-related risks within society
- ✓ Contribution and importance of different actors in increasing the resilience of agri-food value chains:
 - Risk management in agriculture and upstream / downstream industries of value chains, especially in the face of the climate crisis and increasing weather extremes
 - Restructuring and necessary investments in livestock production to increase resilience
 - Restructuring and necessary investments in animal husbandry to increase resilience
 - Ensuring supply security, including relevant social aspects in this regard
- ✓ Social transformation processes to promote resilience in processing, trade and consumption of agricultural products:
 - Opportunities and limitations of digitalization to increase resilience in the agri-food sector
 - Education and extensions as factors influencing the resilience of agri-food value chains
 - Government support measures for increased resilience in agri-food value chains
 - Role of the Common Agricultural Policy in realizing and scaling up ecosystem services

We welcome contributions from (agricultural) economics and (agricultural) sociology as well as from other disciplines, such as communication studies, psychology, geography, and political science.

INFORMATION FOR CONTRIBUTORS

WRITTEN PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

The submitted written contributions must be fully elaborated, may not exceed 12 pages (incl. literature, excl. title page) and can be prepared in German or English. The formatting guidelines as well as the format templates can be found on the conference homepage <https://gewisola2022.uni-hohenheim.de>.

Manuscripts are to be submitted as PDF files via the conference homepage by 4 March, 2022. The number of papers is limited to one paper per speaker. In the case of jointly authored contributions, the person presenting the paper must be named. In the case of contributions in English, please indicate whether the presentation is to be given in English or German. If it is to be held in German, the English title must also be provided in German.

The evaluation of the contributions will be performed anonymously by two reviewers. The following criteria are used for the evaluation: relevance of the topic, originality of the contribution, appropriateness of the methodological approach and comprehensibility of the presentation. Accepted contributions will be presented in thematic working groups at

the annual conference and, where appropriate, published in the conference proceedings after the reviewers' comments have been incorporated.

By submitting a paper, authors agree that the written paper will be made available electronically to registered conference participants and posted on AgEconSearch.

ORGANISED SESSIONS

In the self-organized working groups, current issues in the economic and social sciences of agriculture are to be discussed with representatives from politics, business and civil society. The time frame is 90 minutes per work group. Proposals for work groups should explain the topic and describe the format (concept, time structure, contributions and speakers or discussion participants) on a maximum of four pages in German or English. Proposals should be submitted as a PDF file via the conference homepage by 4 February 2022. The program committee and the GEWISOLA board will jointly decide on the selection of the submitted proposals.

POSTER CONTRIBUTIONS

Proposals for poster contributions should present the problem, the method and the results of a research work on a maximum of two pages in German or English. Proposals will be evaluated for their quality and suitability for the conference. The templates for formatting can be found on the conference homepage. Proposals must be submitted as PDF files via the conference homepage by 29 April 2022. Accepted posters are to be prepared according to the instructions for posters provided on the conference homepage. The poster contributions will be grouped thematically and presented by the authors in parallel groups within a fixed time frame (max. 10 minutes for short talk and discussion per poster). Accepted and presented poster contributions will be published in the conference proceedings with a maximum two-page abstract.

PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Pre-conference activities can be organized on the morning of 7 September 2022. These may be workshops, meetings or discussion groups on topics of your choice. Proposals with details on content, structure, speakers and target group of participants can be submitted on a maximum of two pages in German or English as a PDF file via the conference homepage by 4 February 2022. The program committee and the GEWISOLA board will decide on the selection of the submitted proposals.

INFORMATION AND CONFERENCE OFFICE

For more information on the annual meeting, please visit <https://gewisola2022.uni-hohenheim.de>. If required, you may also contact the conference office by e-mail: gewisola2022@uni-hohenheim.de

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