

Special Issue

Agriculture and Food Systems – Global and Local Comparisons

Message from the Guest Editors

The concept of food system has gained much prominence in recent years, to the point that it already replaces the focus on agriculture or trade in some of the discussions on food security, nutrition and environment (see e.g. HLPE 2017, Willett et al. 2019). This broadening in the attention of decision-makers and scholars' is legitimate. With more than half of the world population now living in peri- or urban centers and the vast majority of farmers (even in the most remote areas) being increasingly connected to and dependent on local and international supply chains, the food and nutritional security of the world population not just relies on the capacity of farmers to produce food, but on the capacity of the entire system to produce, process, transport and distribute safe, affordable and nutritious food, in ways that are socially and environmentally sustainable. In this special issue, we are interested in exploring and learning more about how food systems and agriculture are ultimately linked and interact with each at various scales (from local to global, from rural to urban) to deliver safe, affordable and nutritious food in a sustainable manner.

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