



Organic Farming as Social Innovation

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Because they focus on ethical values and direct consumer–farmer relationships, organic food systems are often seen as social innovations. Social Innovation can be seen as both an innovation at farm level, as well as a societal change like a new form of food sovereignty. Social innovations are related to social, economic, or technological developments.

Exploring the multiple interrelationships between the concept of social innovation and organic farming could suggest insights into the social role of organic farming and its potential contribution to the transformation toward a more sustainable food system.

Therefore, this Special Issue invites scholars to offer theoretical and empirical contributions to better understand the social innovativeness of organic farming. In particular, we are looking for (i) contributions that present the state of the art and recent developments of social innovations in organic agriculture and food science, (ii) contributions to theoretical frameworks to better understand the social innovativeness of different forms of organic agriculture, (iii) and empirical case studies that showcase the social impacts of organic agriculture.





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