



International Research Network for Food Quality and Health

Seminar May 19th, from 9-10 am CE(S)T at ZOOM

Individual and communal outcomes of Organic Food Systems

The workshop is free of charge, but you have to sign up at shb@nexs.ku.dk, just write FQH as subject and you will receive a zoom link for the meeting

Program:

9.00-9.05 Welcome by FQH president Carola Strassner

9.05 – 9.35 " Individual and communal outcomes of Organic Food Systems" by Dr. Lilliana Stefanovic



Lilliana is a Postdoc fellow at the Department of Organic Food Quality of the University of Kassel in Witzenhausen (Germany). She completed her PhD thesis on the topic "Basis for monitoring the UN Sustainable Development Goals in organic food systems: a first approximation". In her PhD research, Lilliana focused on the transformation processes in organic food systems with regard to the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals at the target level. Her current research foci include the outcomes of and synergies in alternative food systems and sustainable food public procurement. Lilliana has a ten-year teaching experience in the fields of "Consumer Science and Sustainable Consumption", "Sustainable Diets"/"Sustainable Nutrition" and "Recent Developments in Food and Nutritional Sciences" for the cooperative international Master degree programs of the University of Kassel, University of Göttingen and Fulda University of Applied Sciences. Between November 2020 and July 2022 Lilliana has been coordinating a research project "[How can organic/biodynamic food systems contribute to the societal transformation towards sustainability?](#)". Since October 2022, she coordinates the international research project [SysOrg](#) of the SUSFOOD2/CORE Organic call 2019 funded by the H2020 ERA-NET SUSFOOD2 and the CORE Organic Co-Fund.

9.35-9.55 Discussions in plenum or break-out rooms dependent on number of attendants

9.55-10.00 Wrap-up, presentation of next workshop and goodbye

Abstract

Individual and communal outcomes of Organic Food Systems

Eleven case studies of Organic Food Systems (OFSs) in different part of the world were documented between February 2019 and January 2020. The documentation took place as part of the research project “How can organic/biodynamic food systems contribute to the societal transformation towards sustainability?” carried out by the project team at the University of Kassel in Witzenhausen and financially supported by the Software AG Foundation. All eleven case studies represent territorial OFSs encompassing a variety of key actors – from actors of the value chain through local administration, international donors and NGOs to research and academia and others. Following an actor-oriented approach, the key actors have been placed in the center of investigation to disclose the perceived outcomes of the documented OFSs, which has been accomplished through semi-structured face-to-face interviews. A broad variety of outcomes have been revealed, with individual and communal outcomes having been most prominently represented. At individual level, health- and well-being related outcomes clearly stood out, regardless of the case study. Among the communal outcomes, solidarity and increased participation, tighter producer-consumer links, knowledge dissemination and networking were disclosed as a results of organic having become a ‘system’, even though the extent and the context of the individual communal outcomes tends to vary between the cases.