

To the
Participants of the lecture "Food and Agriculture", WS 2017/18

Dear Participants,

Please find our questions to be used for drafting your papers below.

For those who need to prepare the paper, please select 1 (2 ETCS), 2 (4 ETCS) or 3 (6 ETCS) questions/ topics from the following list. Please find further information in the Introduction ppt. <https://ecodevelopment.jimdo.com>

1. Please analyse the causes of hunger and malnutrition. Why is a growing number of people chronically hungry while the global food production has increased and exceeds the need? Please refer also to the internationally agreed Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Do the SDGs really target the causes or are they only scratching the surface and deal with the symptoms? Please, take a global perspective underpinned by experiences from case studies.
2. Do you think Foreign Direct Investment in land and agriculture can contribute to fight hunger? And if so, under which conditions? Please, take a global perspective underpinned by case studies.
3. Please analyse the process of power concentration of food and agriculture related co-operations and its impact on small and / or organic farmers and eco-systems. How do you assess the role of transnational companies operating globally in the food and agriculture sector? Is there a way to reverse the process and make the power return to the hands of small farmers and to organic farming? And if so, which one?
4. Please analyse the European Agrarian Policy regarding a) implementing the internationally agreed Right to Adequate Food, b) supporting small-holder farmers and organic agriculture, c) supporting food security in developing countries?
5. Please analyse and discuss some traditional agricultural systems and compare them with modernized systems. What are the characteristics, advantages and limits? Do you think traditional systems are able to respond to the need to produce adequate food for all? How could the traditional systems be improved and revalued?
7. How must a label look like which attracts producers to produce and consumers to buy products which are environmentally, human health and animal friendly as well as just and fair? Be creative.

In case of questions please don't hesitate to contact me. Wish you success! Best regards

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