

Global Food Systems – Sovereignty or Trade Rules – or Both

Friday, 09. to Sunday, 11. May 2025

The seminar is dedicated to the second goal of the SDGs, food security, and aims to double agricultural productivity and eliminate trade barriers. In the seminar, we ask ourselves why there is not enough food—or at least not enough healthy food—in some parts of the world, while in other parts, food is produced in abundance. Although enough food is produced worldwide to feed everyone, food shortages and famines continue to occur. The causes are complex and diverse. They are linked to human-induced climate change, but also to corruption, armed conflicts, and unstable markets.

How can we still create the conditions for food sovereignty?

According to the World Agriculture Report, food sovereignty is defined as the right of people and sovereign states to determine their own agricultural and food policies in a democratic way. The cultivation of quinoa in Ecuador serves as an example of local food sovereignty. Since 2011, there has been a rapid increase in the demand for quinoa, leading to its cultivation in 50 countries today. The example of Ecuador reveals the negative consequences that an explosive rise in demand for a product can have on the regions where it is grown, as quinoa is increasingly being cultivated in monocultures. An alternative solution is the international alliance of small farmers, "La Vía Campesina." This initiative coined the term "food sovereignty" and introduced it at the 1996 World Food Summit in Rome as an anti-colonial critique of the external control of states through the international trade regulations of the WTO and the neoliberal loan conditions of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. La Vía Campesina offers small farmers a degree of self-determination and independence from large corporations such as Monsanto. The project promotes fair trade and the traditional cultivation of crops.

Together, we reflect: What responsibility do we, as consumers, bear in achieving a sustainable way of life? To what extent should/can small-scale producers from the Global South feed Western countries? At the same time, we must ask why consumers throw away millions of tons of food every year. In addition to the issue of food waste in the Global North, we want to learn how post-harvest losses in the Global South can be reduced by improving supply chains. What are resilient agricultural methods that increase productivity and yield while also contributing to the preservation of ecosystems?

Program

Friday, 9th May 2025

Arrival until 17:30

18:00 *Dinner*

19:00 **Welcome and Introduction**
Speaker: Leo Winnubst, STUBE Hessen

20:00 **Get-together**

Saturday, 10th May 2025

9:30 **Field Trip: Die Kooperative - Regional Solutions for a Global Food System**
Guide: David Delto, Die Kooperative eG

12:30 *Lunch and Break*

15:00 **Workshop: „Who Feeds the World? Power, Policy, and the Future of Global Food Systems“**
Speaker: Prof. Dr. Martin Petrick, Professor of agricultural, food and environmental policy at Justus Liebig University Giessen

18:15 *Dinner*

Sunday, 11th May 2025

9:30 **Workshop: Agriculture, Trade, and Development: The Role of German Development Cooperation**
Speaker: Kathrin Cordes, Advisor Agricultural Trade - Sector Project Agriculture at the GIZ

12:00 *Seminar evaluation*

12:30 *Lunch, departure afterwards*

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Field of Study / semester:

English speaking study course: Yes ☐ No ☐

Desired university degree (e.g. BA, MA):

Scholarship holder: Yes ☐ No ☐

Vegetarian: Yes ☐ No ☐

Vegan: Yes ☐ No ☐

(For non-vegetarians we always provide for meals without pork!)

I am involved in development oriented, intercultural or social projects (non-profit): No ☐ Yes ☐ If yes, Please specify: _____

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Weekend seminar
for students from
Africa, Asia and Latin-America,
studying in Hessen

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Location of the seminar:
Frankfurt

Seminar will be held in English!

