
Call for papers

58th GEWISOLA annual conference, 12-14 September 2018 Hosted by the University of Kiel

The 58th annual conference of the Gesellschaft für Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaften des Landbaues e.V. (GEWISOLA) will be held from Wednesday 12 September 2018 to Friday 14 September 2018 at the University of Kiel. The conference theme is:

Visions for an agriculture and food policy after 2020

The Organising Committee invites the submission of contributed papers on this conference topic for presentation at the conference. Poster contributions are also welcome. Contributions on the conference theme are invited from the fields of agricultural economics, social sciences and related disciplines.

Papers on other themes may also be submitted if their content or methodology enhances knowledge in the areas of agricultural economics and rural sociology. Both theoretically based and empirical studies are welcome.

Current issues are also to be discussed at the annual conference in self-organised work groups. Pre-conference activities are also a possibility. The organising committee would welcome suggestions for both kinds of activity.

Key dates

- Submission of suggestions for self-organised work groups/pre-conference activities by Thursday **1 February 2018** (confirmation of acceptance by 1 March 2018)
- Submission of written papers by Thursday **1 March 2018** (confirmation of acceptance by 31 May 2018)
- Submission of poster contributions by Monday **3 April 2018** (confirmation of acceptance by 29 June 2018)
- Delivery of written papers revised in accordance with reviewers' comments for publication on the conference website and AgEconSearch by Wednesday **15 August 2018**
- Delivery of the final version of written papers and the summary of posters for publication in the conference proceedings by Monday **5 November 2018**

Explanations about the conference theme

Some of the most important global challenges of our time are being influenced by the framework conditions set by agriculture and food policies. Examples of these challenges include climate change, the conservation of biodiversity, the fight against hunger, poverty and poverty-linked migration, as well as a reduction in diet-related diseases.

Decision-makers in politics, industry associations and the private sector are dependent on relevant analyses and scientifically substantiated recommendations for action.

Making such recommendations is a key objective of economics and social sciences in the agricultural and food sector. These should aim at the long-term maximisation of macroeconomic welfare through the sustainable management of natural resources. The key issues at the annual conference will be:

- Which agricultural and food policy interventions are needed in certain markets, and why?
- What should the future priorities of the EU's Common Agricultural Policy be?
- What food policy measures are suitable for generating more sustainable consumption patterns?
- How can buying behaviour and societal policy goals be reconciled more effectively?
- What role can new technologies (e.g. digitisation) play in the sustainable use of resources along value chains?
- What new scientific theories and methods appear to be particularly well suited to meeting the above challenges?

Information for contributors

Written papers and presentations

The written submissions must be completely finished, may not exceed 12 pages (including literature but excluding the title page) and can be written in either German or English. The formatting requirements and format templates can also be found on the conference homepage www.gewisola2018.uni-kiel.de

Manuscripts are to be submitted by **1 March 2018** as a **PDF file** via the conference homepage. The number of accepted presentations on submitted papers is limited to one presentation per speaker. With the submission of papers written by more than one author, the intended speaker should be named. With papers submitted in English, it should be stated whether the talk is to be given in English or German. If it is to be given in German, the English title of the paper is to be given in German as well.

Evaluations are carried out anonymously by two reviewers against the following criteria: relevance of the topic, originality of the paper, appropriateness of the methodical approach and comprehensibility of the presentation. Positively evaluated papers are presented at the annual conference in theme-based work groups and, where applicable, following the incorporation of the reviewers' comments, published in the conference

proceedings.

With their submission, the authors agree that their written contribution will be electronically distributed to the registered participants of the conference.

Self-organised work groups

Current issues in agricultural economics and social sciences are to be discussed in self-organised work groups with representatives from the areas of politics, economics and society. The timescale is 90 minutes per working group. Proposals for these working groups should explain the theme on a maximum of four pages in either German or English, and outline the format: concept, timings, papers and speakers or panellists. Proposals are to be submitted by **1 February 2018** as a **PDF file** via the conference homepage. The organising committee and board of GEWISOLA shall decide on the selection of the submitted proposals.

Poster contributions

Suggestions for poster contributions should be on a maximum of two pages in either German or English giving the problem statement, the methods and the results of a piece of research. Submitted proposals are evaluated for their quality and the suitability of the content for the conference. Formatting templates can be found on the conference homepage. The proposals are to be submitted by **3 April 2018** as a **PDF file** via the conference homepage. Accepted posters are to be produced according to the information about posters on the conference homepage. The poster contributions will be grouped by topic and presented by their authors within a fixed timeframe in groups run in parallel (max. 10 minutes for a short presentation and discussion per poster). Accepted and presented poster contributions will be published with a maximum two-page summary in the conference proceedings.

Pre-conference activities

There is a possibility of pre-conference activities being organised during the morning of 12 September 2018. These can be workshops, meetings or discussion groups on self-selected themes. Proposals with information about their content, structure, speakers and participants may be submitted on a maximum of two pages in either German or English by **1 February 2018** as a **PDF file** via the conference homepage. The organising committee and board of GEWISOLA shall decide on the selection of the submitted proposals.

Information and conference office

More information about the annual conference can be found on the conference homepage www.gewisola2018.uni-kiel.de. If required, you may contact the conference office:

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