New Directions in Agri-Environmental Governance

Practices of inclusion, collaboration, reflexivity and reconfiguration

Public Workshop
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Increasing environmental concerns over the past decades have brought into food systems a variety of governance mechanisms that transcend traditional boundaries and produce new combinations of governance ideas, tools and actors at various scales. This workshop aims at engaging with current challenges and future directions of agri-environmental governance in a dialogue between research in social sciences and the actual practice of governance. Four topics have been identified as a framing for this discussion on agri-environmental governance: Inclusion, collaboration, reflexivity and reconfiguration. Together they open a set of useful questions to highlight and understand transformations unfolding in the agri-food system. Moreover, they arguably offer new perspectives to rethink and rejuvenate governance practices and processes oriented toward better agri-food futures.

28 May	**Workshop day 1: Practices of reflexivity and reconfiguration**
09:00 – 12:30	**Welcome and introduction**
	Food in the Anthropocene: sustainability, ethics and reflexive governance *(Damian Maye, University of Gloucestershire, UK)*
	Towards reconfiguration in European agriculture: Small changes with big effects? The case of Donausoja *(Dana Bentia, University of Neuchâtel, CH)*
	Agencing an innovative territorial trade scheme between crop and livestock farming: an actor-network theory perspective *(Ronan Le Velly, Montpellier SupAgro, F)*
13:45 – 17:00	**Mobilizing standards to advance accountability: a partial organization perspective** *(Nadine Arnold, University of Lucerne, CH)*
	Knowledge, autonomy and reflexivity in the IP-Suisse agri-environmental assemblage *(Jérémie Forney, University of Neuchâtel, CH)*
	Self-governance as a strategy for farm resilience *(Rike Stotten, University of Innsbruck, A)*
29 May	**Workshop day 2: Practices of inclusion and collaboration**
09:00 – 12:30	**Introduction to Day 2**
	Starting again: Rethinking agri-environmental governance in Brexit UK *(Michael Winter, University of Exeter, UK)*
	Co-producing better land management practices through collaborative governance? The case of Farm Herefordshire *(Thomas Vetter, University of Neuchâtel, CH)*
	Discourses and identities in collaborative agri-environmental governance: policy design and on-the-ground implementation *(Katrin Prager, University of Aberdeen, UK)*
13:45 – 16:30	**Agri-environmental Governance in New Zealand: Exploring Farmers' Responses to Local Government-led Policies** *(Ismaël Tall, University of Neuchâtel, CH)*
	Governance innovations for sustainability transformations: The case of multi-stakeholder platforms on oil palm concessions in Myanmar *(Christoph Oberlack, University of Bern, CH)*
	Overall conclusion

No registration needed – participation is free of charge

Costs for coffee and lunch are not covered for the audience. If you are interested in joining lunch at your own expense, please notify us by sending an email to coralia.bentia@unine.ch until May 22.