

Innovation and Sustainable Development in Agriculture and Food

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Session Proposal

Title: About territorial development and local innovations

This session will deal with the importance of spatial issues on the sustainability of farms, with a focus on the impact of territorial innovations (institutional innovations, tools and methods of governance, technical innovation) on the evolution of practices and strategies in agricultural activities and their place in the dynamics of rural and suburban areas.

Several questions could be addressed:

- Which forms of governance for integrating agricultural activities in territories development project and their impact on spatial organization in rural and suburban areas?
- Which forms of articulation between market regulation and institutional arrangements in definition of property rights and land use on rural and suburban areas?
- Which forms of technical and technological innovations at the territorial level?
- To what extent technical innovations in management of agricultural land promote new forms of organization of farm activities?
- To what extent the increasing interest on the question of nature in the city raises in a new way the question on farmland ownership and management, but also on how to supply food products

This session deals with hot topic n°4: Acting collectively: what kinds of institutions, policies, and forms of governance can strengthen society's capacity for resilience?

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