



34th Annual Conference of the
Austrian Society of Agricultural Economics

CALL FOR PAPERS

Global challenges for European agri- food systems

September 19th-20th, 2024
at the University of Natural Resources and Life
Sciences, Vienna



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Global changes exert direct and indirect impacts on European and national agri-food systems, which are therefore under enormous pressure to adapt. These global changes include climate change caused, inter alia, by the agri-food systems as well as political agreements to limit these changes. Changing geo-strategic constellations affect global trade and influence the reliability of international supply chains. The way in which goods are produced is subject to regulatory frameworks and requirements that manifest themselves in increasingly divergent production standards. These changing conditions have an economic, ecological and social dimension and affect not only the people and companies involved in production, but also consumers. These challenges raise questions about the interdependence of agri-food systems and politics at global, European and national levels: *Which geostrategic changes influence global, European and national agri-food systems and in which direction? How can the current changes and challenges of agri-food systems be placed in a historical context? Which institutional dynamics and political processes accelerate or slow down the changes in the value networks of agri-food systems? Who shapes these processes of change and what are the tasks of science, professional practice and the education system?*

The 34th ÖGA Annual Conference intends to provide a platform for discussion of these questions and contributes to finding innovative answers. The keynote speakers of the conference highlight the general topic of the conference. The research and poster forums as well as the workshops of the conference are independent of the general topic.

This call addresses scholars from the field of rural studies, rural sociology, agricultural economics, agricultural policy, agrarian geography, rural history, agricultural law and other relevant academic fields to submit and present their current research results. The conference provides – especially for early career researchers – the opportunity to present their research to an international audience. Representatives of administration, policy, agricultural extension services and research are invited to organise workshops in order to extensively discuss questions of practical or scientific relevance with experts and stakeholders.

Submissions of short papers (two pages) or workshop outlines (one page) are welcome by 14th April 2024 in German or English (for templates see: <https://oega.boku.ac.at>). The submissions should be sent to oega_tagung@boku.ac.at.

1. Conference schedule

Thursday, 19 th September 2024	
Morning	Plenary session on the conference topic
Noon	Lunch
Afternoon	Parallel paper, poster and workshops sessions
Friday, 20 th September 2024	
Morning	Parallel paper, poster and workshops sessions
Afternoon	Field trip

2. Research sessions and workshops

The topics of the submitted short papers and also of the workshop outlines can be dedicated to the general theme of the conference or any other current topic related to agricultural economics, rural areas as well as rural society (e.g., organic farming, renewable energy, gender issues, impacts of current crises). Workshop organizers have the opportunity to organize a 90-minute session. All formats are welcome that bring the workshop topic closer to the participants and stimulate a constructive discussion.

3. Review process, publication of contributions and journal

The programme committee will review the short papers and workshop outlines submitted for the ÖGA conference (templates: <https://oega.boku.ac.at>; submission: oega_tagung@boku.ac.at). The authors of the accepted submissions will be invited to give a paper presentation, a poster presentation or to organise a workshop at the conference. Accepted short papers and workshop outlines will be published in the conference proceedings. In addition, full manuscripts (max. 4,000 words) can be submitted to the peer-reviewed Austrian Journal of Agricultural Economics and Rural Studies by 24th November 2024 (templates: <https://oega.boku.ac.at>; submission: oega_journal@boku.ac.at).

4. Conference languages and Best Presentation Award

Presentations during the plenary sessions are given in German or English. At least one of the contributed paper sessions per time slot shall be held in English throughout the conference. Speakers are asked to present in the language used in the submitted short paper or workshop outline. The audience will vote on the best presentations, which will be awarded the *Best Presentation Award*.

5. Conference fee and registration

Conference participants are asked to register by **1st September 2024** (registration form: <https://oega.boku.ac.at>). The **conference fee of € 120** has to be paid by bank transfer to the ÖGA's bank account (IBAN: AT81 1200 0251 1113 6100; BIC: BKAUATWW) by **1st September 2024**. The fee includes participation, lunch and refreshments. However, it does not include costs for accommodation and the field trip.

6. Important dates 2024

Date	Description
14 th April	Deadline for submitting short papers and workshop outlines
17 th June	Notification of acceptance of submissions
1 st Sep.	Deadline for conference registration Deadline for transferring the conference fee of € 120
19 th –20 th Sep.	ÖGA Annual Conference at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna
24 th Nov.	Deadline for submitting manuscripts to the Austrian Journal of Agricultural Economics and Rural Studies

7. Organising committee

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8. Contact and venue

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