

International Agri-food Lecture

Rural Development and Agri-food Dynamics in Brazil

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Food issues have become important drivers for social changes in Brazil and are at the basis of a renewed rural development pathway. The lecture will discuss these recent changes and highlight the role of civil society organizations and public policies. Brazil is developing a new approach of food security through a set of policies, ranging from public procurement, such as the school feeding program and the purchase food from family farmers, to water and agroecology management. The presentation will discuss the outcomes of these processes and the challenges to maintain them in a scenario of crisis and fiscal austerity.

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