

Plenary Session

"Agriculture and Food 2050 - Expectations and Issues for Action today in a changing world"

Student Initiatives Greening the University e.V. & Food Revitalization and Eco-Gastronomic Society of Hohenheim

"A land flowing with milk and honey, where all animals flying cooked in the air ready for eating, where houses are made of cake and instead of stones cheese is laying around..."

In this workshop, students as the coming generation will present their imaginations of the "land of milk and honey" and develop a vision for Agriculture and Food in the year 2050 considering the actual problems and developments in the agricultural and food sector. The basis of our vision are regional, small and creative solutions to international problems. Humans as social actors design their environment and create social structures and therefore their needs and attitudes are the centre of our contemplation. All action and decisions must be based in responsible and holistic reflection.

With the purpose to turn this vision into reality, we will discuss what actions and changes are necessary for today's generation. How can people become empowered to seize challenges that come along with the present food production? How can we make people reflect their consumption and approach sustainable food production? Which kinds of experiences and spaces for learning are necessary to get in contact with issues of food consumption and production? The Student Initiative "Greening the University e.V., Tübingen" sees a central approach in the concept of Education for Sustainable Development. This approach of a competence orientated education will be introduced and illustrated through the innovative and interdisciplinary seminar program for Sustainable Development at the University of Tübingen organized by the student initiative.

With the following questions a plenary discussion will be encouraged:

- What is necessary to realize the gathered vision?
- How can the approach of Education for Sustainable Development help?
- Which responsibility do today's students have? How can they seize challenges?
- How can scientists contribute?

The student initiative "Food Revitalization and Eco-Gastronomic Society of Hohenheim (FRESH)", based at the University of Stuttgart-Hohenheim will address the topic of the plenary workshop from perspectives of the agricultural sciences.