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On the theme

“Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation in Agriculture and Food Systems”

Call for Research Papers, Reports and Analysis, and Book Reviews

Over the last decades it has become increasingly clear that anthropogenic climate change poses an immense threat not only to ecosystems, but also to human societies. Agriculture and food systems are among the sectors that are most affected. Droughts, soil erosion, forest fires, floods, and extreme weather events deeply affect farming and food production. While small-scale farming in the Global South is threatened in its existence in many locales, food production is obstructed world wide through climatic extremes, as California's extreme droughts in 2014/15 have illustrated.

Paradoxically, farming is also a major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions. Overuse of fertilizers, land use change, mechanization, animal husbandry all contribute to climate change.

In December 2015, the international community has gathered again under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The Conference of the Parties 21 (COP21) in Paris has agreed on a binding treaty, a follow-up to the Kyoto Protocol, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions internationally. Beyond the negotiations, one thing is clear: It depends on decisive and encompassing implementations to leave the destructive path to an accelerating climate catastrophe. A host of studies show that under a “business-as-usual”-scenario, life on earth will become unbearable in many locations.

Future of Food: Journal on Food, Agriculture and Society (FOFJ) will devote an issue to the question of Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Production. The journal invites submissions that deal with climate change mitigation and adaptation in farming and food systems.

Topics may include but are not confined to climate-smart agriculture, the water-food-energy-nexus, climate-resilient seeds and water-effective irrigation, the role of international trade and local food systems in mitigation efforts, climate-conscious consumer behaviour (100-miles-diet etc.) and the impact of climate change on global fisheries.

Submissions open until March 30, 2016

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