

Panel proposal

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Abstract

Transforming productivist economies: Inter- and transdisciplinary perspectives on organic farming in Southeast Asia

Single session

The last decades have witnessed an emerge of alternative agriculture against the background of an all-encompassing green revolution in Southeast Asia. Under the names of “Organic” “Healthy” or “Natural food” different concepts, practices and strategies present themselves as better ways to produce food in an environmental friendly way, consider social as well as economic needs of farm-households and express other notions of human-nature relationships. The framing of organic farming as lifestyle, health concern, social or environmental movement furthermore shapes assessment of local and state policies on the new institutions. In this panel we invite disciplinary, inter- and transdisciplinary contributions to spell out organic farming and investigate the current trends of alternative agriculture in Asia. While we are interested in research on the philosophies and worldviews of organic pioneers, we likewise aim to understand farmers’ and consumers’ decision making patterns.

We invite contribution from a wide range of disciplines from anthropology to economics, from ethics to sociology to question the societal transformation towards alternative farming

1. What potential does organic agriculture hold as an alternative model in Southeast Asia?
2. What are the underlying belief systems, economic situations and institutional structures of alternative farming in Southeast Asia?
3. What promising types and technologies of organic farming are adapted to the context at hand?
4. What framework conditions support the organic movement and the establishment of producer-consumer relations?
5. What are the broader environmental and socio-economic impacts of organic farming?

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