



Scaling Out Agroecology Practices in China

Time: April 27 and 28, 2019

Location: Nanjing University Xianlin Campus

Hosts:

School of Geographic and Oceanographic Sciences of Nanjing University

University of Waterloo

Geographical Society of Jiangsu Province

Conference agenda—Saturday (April 27th)

Time	Activities
08:45-09:00	Opening remarks from Dr. Steffanie Scott’s research team
09:00-09:40	Keynote Speech from Dr. Luo Shiming (South China Agricultural University): <i>Review of the History and Development of Ecological Agriculture in China</i>
09:40-10:00	Break
10:00-11:00	<p>Session One New farmers in ecological agriculture</p> <p>Session Chair: Si Zhenzhong</p> <p>Shi Yan (CSA Coalition): <i>CSA Coalition and New Farmers in China</i></p> <p>Yan Hairong (Hong Kong Polytechnic University): <i>Beginning with Creating New Commons: How are New Rural Collective Economies Possible in China Today?</i></p> <p>Dai Ning (University of Waterloo): <i>Disseminating Ecological Farming in China? Analyzing the Initial Stage of Sustainability Transition in Nanjing’s Food System from the Multi-Level Perspective</i></p> <p>Qi Danshu (University of Waterloo): <i>Sustainability Transition towards Ecological Agriculture: Case Study in Nanjing, China</i></p>
11:00-11:30	Panel discussion (audience can ask questions to the panel regarding their presentations and broadly on related issues)



11:30-13:30	Lunch Break
13:30-14:30	<p>Session Two Alternative food networks and urban-rural connections</p> <p>Session Chair: Dai Ning</p> <p>Steffanie Scott and Si Zhenzhong (University of Waterloo): <i>Sustainable Development Goals and Agroecology in China</i></p> <p>Chen Weiping (Renmin University): <i>Collective Action and Alternative Food Market Emergence: The case of China.</i></p> <p>Zhou Li and Fang Ping (Renmin University): <i>From Double De-embedding to Double Re-embedding: Studies on Transformation Mechanism in Food System of China.</i></p> <p>Zhang Li (China Agricultural University): <i>From 'Left Behind' to Leader: Gender, Justice, and Food Sovereignty in China</i></p>
14:30-15:00	Panel discussion (audience can ask questions to the panel regarding their presentations and broadly on related issues)
15:00-15:30	Break
15:30-17:00	<p>Thematic discussion one (in break-out groups)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the possible ways to bridge the knowledge (understandings and values) gap and enhance trust between different stakeholders engaged in agroecology, such as the lack of understandings between the state and civil society, natural scientists and social scientists, producers and consumers? 2. Is agroecology a viable solution to the crisis facing smallholders in the modernizing food system? How could we better engage smallholders in agroecology? What can each of us do in order to foster that? 3. How is ecological farming knowledge being transferred among ecological farmers and what changes are needed to better facilitate the network building among stakeholders?



Conference agenda—Sunday (April 28th)

Time	Activities
08:30-09:30	<p>Session Three Development of the ecological food sector in China</p> <p>Session chair: Chang Tianle</p> <p>Qiao Yuhui (China Agricultural University): <i>How to Better Push the Linkage between Smallholders and Market through Certification and Label?</i></p> <p>Sun Xiaoping (St Mary’s University): <i>Balancing Food Security and Eco-Security: The State and Mega Agribusiness in Developing China’s Sustainable Food System.</i></p> <p>Lu Shihua and Dong Yujiao (Sichuan Academy of Agricultural Sciences), Hilario Padilla and Joanne Li (Kadoorie Farm and Botanic Garden): <i>Sustainable rice intensification technology: Maintains high-stable yield, builds soil carbon, and curbs Nitrogen pollution.</i></p> <p>Seth Cook (International Institute for Environment and Development): <i>The Food and Land Use Coalition: An Overview and Initial Plans for Engagement in China.</i></p>
09:30-10:00	Panel discussion (audience can ask questions to the panel regarding their presentations and broadly on related issues)
10:00-10:30	Break



10:30-11:30	<p>Session Four Enhancing networking and partnerships for change</p> <p>Session chair: Sun Xiaoping</p> <p>Song Yiqing (Centre for Chinese Agricultural Policy): <i>From Seed to Table" initiatives</i></p> <p>Tianle Chang (Beijing Organic Farmer’s Market): <i>Infrastructure Building for Small Organic Farmers: Demands, Obstacles and Solutions</i></p> <p>Lanying Zhang (Southwest university): <i>Traditional wisdom and Youth development for Ecological Agriculture Development-Kunshan Practice</i></p> <p>Narumon Paiboonsittikun (): <i>Agroecology and Mindful Markets Network in Mekong Region: Towards Organic Asia</i></p>
11:30-12:00	Panel discussion (audience can ask questions to the panel regarding their presentations and broadly on related issues)
12:00-13:30	Lunch break
13:30-14:30	<p>Thematic discussion two (in break-out groups)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A major barrier for the scaling up of ecological production is the high food price. Is the current price of ecologically produced food reasonable and why? Will ecological food always be a niche product? Is lowering the price a goal for the ecological sector? 2. What kinds of infrastructure improvements are needed to facilitate short chain agriculture? 3. With more and more highly competitive big investors at work, small-scale farmers may find sustainable businesses even harder to nurture than sustainable crops. To what extent is the competition from big investors in organic/quality food retailing and production a threat to small scale ecological farms?
14:30-15:00	Concluding remarks by Dr. Steffanie Scott’s research team