

NW45 Conceptualising Food Systems		
Exam:	LV.-No.:	ECTS-Points: 5 CP
Recommended Semester: Semester	Module: optional	Language: English
Responsible lecturer: Dr. Carola Strassner	Cycle: Summer Term	Registration information:
Lecturer in charge: Prof. Dr. Xikombiso Mbhenyane (Stellenbosch University/SA)		
Learning outcomes	Students are able <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to provide a systematic perspective on the issue of food security, as an outcome of a complex food system • to read the food systems and food security literature critically • have basic understanding about future trends affecting food systems globally • sketch out the global shifts in food security and food system thinking given climatic variabilities experienced now • develop a well-grounded perspective of how your own work can contribute to these debates practically and professionally • Conceptualization of a food systems research problem 	
Form of exam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral presentation in groups for last learning outcome 	
Form of teaching	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lecture • Discussions, teamwork • Literature analysis 	
Course contents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic understanding about the evolution of thinking about food systems • Basic understanding about future trends affecting food systems, particularly in Sub-Saharan Africa • Conceptualising of a research problem, and oral presentation 	
Workload	Presence (2 SWS): Preparation and Follow-up: Sum:	60 h 90 h 150 h
Requirements	English language skills at B1-Level	
Literature	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. High Level Panel of Experts. 2020. Food Security and Nutrition: Building a Global Narrative Towards 2030. http://www.fao.org/3/ca9731en/ca9731en.pdf 2. Misleh, D., 2022. Moving beyond the impasse in geographies of 'alternative' food networks. <i>Progress in human geography</i>, 46(4), pp.1028-1046. 3. Jehlička, P., Grīviņš, M., Visser, O. and Balázs, B., 2020. Thinking food like an East European: A critical reflection on the framing of food systems. <i>Journal of Rural Studies</i>, 76, pp.286-295. 4. Doherty, B., Ensor, J., Heron, T. and Prado, P., 2023. Food systems resilience: towards an interdisciplinary research agenda. <i>Emerald Open Research</i>, 1(10). 	

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