

NEW TERRITORIES OF FOODSCAPES

International Scientific Conference in Warsaw

New Territories of Foodscapes

Urban-Rural Landscapes and Feeding Territories

09-10 October 2026

Warsaw: ZODIAK Warsaw Architecture Pavilion, MOST Urban Cooperative Farm

Conference hours: Friday, 9 October 2026: 09:30-18:30 | Saturday, 10 October 2026: 09:45-17:25

OVERVIEW

The conference focuses on how contemporary cities are “fed” - spatially, politically and imaginatively. It asks how we can move from a city geared towards consumption to a city-as-organism, in which urban form, infrastructure and public policies recognise food as a key dimension of spatial planning.

The Warsaw edition of the “New Territories of Foodscapes” conference, “Urban-Rural Landscapes and Feeding Territories”, develops the theme of urban-rural hybrids. It explores how these visions translate today into concrete processes: the urbanisation of the countryside, the logic of metropolitan regions absorbing agricultural land, but also the “ruralisation” of the city - the return of fields, orchards and gardens into urbanised space.

“New Territories of Foodscapes” is intended as a meeting place for researchers, planners, artists, activists, and practitioners who see food as more than an agribusiness-driven economic sector - rather as a lens through which to trace transformations in urban-rural relations, environmental crises, and the possibilities of designing more just, resilient and productive urban landscapes. The conference aims not only to offer a diagnosis, but also to assemble a repertoire of scenarios and tools: from critical analyses of urban policies to bold visions of the future feeding zones of cities.

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

- Nadia Casabella, La Cambre, Horta Faculty of Architecture
- Dr Joanna Erbel, PLZ Spółdzielnia, Coop Tech Hub
- Prof. David Fanfani, Architecture Department, Florence University
- Dr hab. inż. Beata Gawryszewska, Landscape Architecture Department, Warsaw University of Life Sciences (WULS)
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- Dr hab. Barbara Maćkiewicz, Uniwersytet Adama Mickiewicza
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- Prof. Marcelle Rabinowicz, La Cambre, Horta Faculty of Architecture
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- Prof. Marian Simon, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid
- Dr hab. Wojciech Sroka, Uniwersytet Rolniczy w Krakowie
- Dr hab. inż. arch. Agnieszka Starzyk, Architecture Department. Warsaw University of Life Sciences (WULS)
- Dr Roxana Triboi, LE:NOTRE Institute, AESOP Sustainable Food Planning Group
- Ir. Jeroen de Vries, LE:NOTRE Institute, AESOP Sustainable Food Planning Group
- D.p.l.g mgr inż. arch. Aleksandra Wasilkowska, Shadow Architecture

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POST-CONFERENCE PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

Authors presenting at the conference will be invited to submit full manuscripts for consideration in:

- an edited volume to be published by Routledge (Taylor & Francis);
- or a peer-reviewed scientific journal (publication charges may apply in accordance with the publisher's policy; further details will be provided following the conference).

FRIDAY | 9 OCTOBER 2026

ZODIAK Warsaw Architecture Pavilion

09:30-09:45 | REGISTRATION & COFFEE

09:45-10:00 | WELCOME & OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

10:00-11:30 | KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

10:00-10:45 **David Fanfani**
Florence University
A new foodscape to reconnect urban and rural domains. A bioregional planning prospect

10:45-11:30 **Aleksandra Wasilkowska**
Shadow Architecture
Shadow Architecture: Food Infrastructure Beyond Formal Planning

11:30-11:45 | COFFEE BREAK

11:45-12:45 | URZECZE PROJECT

11:45-12:45 **Urban Feeding Zone: Professions of the Future at the Interface of City and Countryside**
Maciej Łepkowski - Warsaw University of Life Sciences (WULS-SGGW); Aleksandra Nowysz - Warsaw University of Life Sciences (WULS-SGGW); Joanna Erbel - PLZ Spółdzielnia, Coop Tech Hub

12:45-13:00 | SHORT DISCUSSION ON URZECZE & HOLOBIONT TASTING

Discussion with the keynote speakers and audience

13:00-14:10 | LUNCH BREAK - lunch at participants' own expense

14:10-14:30 | FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION

Nurturing Visions - Tini Martyna Dubicka
Glass Natura (2019) | (re)Cultivating Relationships (2024) | Lazarus Feeds (2025)

14:30-16:15 | SESSION 1
GOVERNING URBAN FOOD SYSTEMS: NETWORKS, CIRCULARITY AND AGROECOLOGICAL TRANSITIONS

TIME	SPEAKER	PRESENTATION
14:30-14:45	Balance Phala ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability	Bridging the Rural-Urban Divide: How ICLEI Is Transforming Urban Food Systems for Global Impact
14:45-15:00	Agnes Kirabo Food Rights Alliance	Strengthening Inclusive Urban Food System Planning through Integrated Multi-stakeholder Platform Approaches: The Case of the Mbale City Good Food Parliament
15:00-15:05		Questions
15:05-15:20	Rosemary Olive Mbone Enie BizLinkage SME Global	The Role of SMEs in Rural-Urban Food Systems in the Global South
15:20-15:35	Junior Nuwandinda Coetzee Organic (U) Ltd	Bridging Urban Demand and Rural Production: Cooperative Organic Food Networks as Emerging Feeding Territories in East Africa
15:35-15:40		Questions
15:40-15:55	Natalia Pakula <i>Jagiellonian University (UJ)</i>	Modelling the Transition of Food Supply Chains towards a Circular Economy: An Agent-Based Approach
15:55-16:10	Kakha Nadiradze AFRD Georgia	Transforming Food Systems in Georgia through Agroecological Practices: The Role of Biochar and Composting in Building Resilient Feeding Territories
16:10-16:15		Questions

16:15-16:25 | COFFEE BREAK

16:25-16:40 | AUTOPORTRET MAGAZINE
Presentation of the special issue of Autoportret dedicated to Foodscapes

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16:45-18:30 | SESSION 2

URBAN-RURAL COMMONS: PRODUCTIVE LANDSCAPES, COMMUNITY PRACTICES AND RESILIENCE

TIME	SPEAKER	PRESENTATION
16:45-17:00	Edyta Skiba Lodz University of Technology	Conceptualising Seven Cycles for Nature-Informed Spatial Planning for Urban-Rural Landscapes
17:00-17:15	Roxana Maria Triboi	Urban Pastoralism as a Part of Bucharest's New Foodscape
17:15-17:20		Questions
17:20-17:35	Barbora Duzi, Jan Vavra, Petr Dvorak The Czech Academy of Sciences, Institute of Geonics	The Edible City: Assessing the Potential of Urban and Peri-Urban Space for Gardening
17:35-17:50	Ruta Spiewak, Adam Czarnecki Institute of Rural and Agricultural Development, Polish Academy of Sciences	Who Gets to Grow? A Prison Garden as a Contested Territory of the Urban Foodscape
17:50-17:55		Questions
17:55-18:10	Anna Galecka-Drozda, Agnieszka Wilkaniec, Magdalena Szczepanska Poznan University of Life Sciences / Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan	Community Gardens in Post-Socialist Cities: Ephemerality, Food Production, and Non-Productive Functions - Case Studies of Poznan and Bratislava
18:10-18:25	Anna Wilczynska Riga Stradins University / Abo Akademi University	Gardens as Productive and Social Infrastructure in Temporary Housing Neighbourhoods. Lessons from Post-War Finnish Prefabricated Housing in Southern Poland for Future Crisis Resilience
18:25-18:30		Questions

18:30 | END OF FRIDAY PROGRAMME

SATURDAY | 10 OCTOBER 2026

ZODIAK Warsaw Architecture Pavilion + MOST Urban Cooperative Farm

09:45-10:00 | REGISTRATION & COFFEE

10:00-11:45 | SESSION 3

BLUE-GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE FOR PRODUCTIVE CITIES: FOOD, WATER AND GARDENS

TIME	SPEAKER	PRESENTATION
10:00-10:15	Monika Trojanowska <i>Warsaw University of Life Sciences (WULS-SGGW)</i>	Longing for the "Garden of Eden". Ruralisation of Contemporary Metropolis
10:15-10:30	Kinga Rybak-Niedziolka <i>Warsaw University of Life Sciences (WULS-SGGW)</i>	Edible Plants in the Urban Landscape
10:30-10:35		Questions
10:35-10:50	Medine Çelik, Agata Cieszewska, Hasan Yilmaz <i>Atatürk University / Warsaw University of Life Sciences (WULS-SGGW)</i>	Climate Change Adaptation and Urban Resilience in Mediterranean Cities: The Case of Mardin
10:50-11:05	Lukasz Chmielewski <i>Warsaw University of Life Sciences (WULS-SGGW)</i>	Water Retention and Food Production in the Urban Landscape of Urzecze: Design Adaptation Strategies Towards the Sponge City Concept
11:05-11:10		Questions
11:10-11:25	Grazyna Wiejak-Roy, Rafal Mazur, Owen Cranshaw, Johann Weiss <i>UWE / Warsaw University of Life Sciences (WULS-SGGW) / University of Regensburg</i>	Plurality of Value in Allotment Gardens in Europe
11:25-11:40	Alicja Kozarzewska <i>Warsaw University of Life Sciences (WULS-SGGW)</i>	The Shrinking Garden: The Loss of Private Outdoor Space in Developer-Led Housing
11:40-11:45		Questions

11:45-11:55 | COFFEE BREAK

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11:55-13:25 | SESSION 4

DESIGNING FOR URBAN FARMING: ARCHITECTURE, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PRODUCTIVE SPACE

TIME	SPEAKER	PRESENTATION
11:55-12:10	Malgorzata Marczak Warsaw University of Technology	The Growing City - Warsaw: Reimagining the Post-Airport Landscape as a Food-Oriented District
12:10-12:25	Barbara Mackiewicz, Raul Puente-Asuero, Paulina Jeziorek Adam Mickiewicz University / University of Seville / Nicolaus Copernicus University	Integrating Urban Agriculture and Food Narratives into Museum Space
12:25-12:30		Questions
12:30-12:45	Justyna Juchimiuk Warsaw University of Life Sciences (WULS-SGGW)	Inclusive Design in Urban Agriculture Infrastructure: Spatial, Technological, and Social Integration for Urban Resilience
12:45-13:00	Agnieszka Lewandowska Warsaw University of Life Sciences (WULS-SGGW)	Buildings That Feed the City: Vernacular Lessons for Permacultural Urban Design
13:00-13:15	Michal Golanski Warsaw University of Life Sciences (WULS-SGGW)	Rooftop Agriculture on Large-Panel Housing Estates: A Comparative Structural, Spatial, and Accessibility Assessment of Polish Prefab Systems (1960-1990)
13:15-13:25		Questions

13:25-13:35 | COFFEE BREAK

13:35-14:25 | CLOSING RESEARCH & NETWORKING SESSION

TOWARDS COMMON RESEARCH AGENDAS

13:35-14:15	Moderated working session Joint research projects and future international collaboration	• urban and peri-urban feeding territories • productive landscapes as metropolitan infrastructure • food security, urban resilience and landscape commons • food systems governance and spatial planning • water-soil-food relations and circular urban food systems • social and spatial justice • comparative research on European and Global South foodscapes • research-by-design and experimental urban food infrastructures
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14:15-14:25	Session conclusions	Invitation to the field trip
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14:30-15:30 | LUNCH BREAK - lunch at participants' own expense

16:00-17:30 | FIELD TRIP - MOST URBAN COOPERATIVE FARM

16:00-16:45	Guided Visit to MOST Urban Cooperative Farm
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16:45-17:30	Informal On-site Discussion and Networking
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