

7th EAAE PhD Workshop

“Challenges for young agro-food and natural resource economists facing the future”

Castelldefels (Barcelona, Spain) November 8th – 10th, 2017

BACKGROUND

During the last few decades, food diets have transformed substantially as a result of multiple factors from which farm policies (including farms commodity programs (subsidies) and public agricultural research and development - R+D) have played a pivotal role. In fact, such policies have contributed to the modernization of the food chain and to increase productivity and have resulted in four major consequences: 1) increasing excess supply and decreasing real food prices; 2) a deep industrialization of agrarian societies helping them to accumulate capital, free up labor and provide more nutritious and value added food; 3) a substantial transformation of citizens' lifestyles as a consequence of rising income, urbanization and changes in food sector (globalization of the food industry and retailing sectors, fast-food, e-commerce,...); and 4) a global trend towards decreasing undernourishment.

Since the price spikes of 2007-08 and the global economic crisis the food sector is facing new critical challenges which are related to: 1) meeting the future demand for food while conserving the current natural capital (water, soil and habitats); 2) improving nutrition and public health by reducing the inequalities in food access; and 3) strengthening the rural sector by empowerment of farmers, rural workers and rural communities. Agricultural and natural resource economists should address their research to give answers to these challenges in a new environment of access to academic and social network information.

In this context, the 7th EAAE PhD Workshop aims at offering to the future agro-food and natural resource economists a space for debate, discussion and knowledge exchange on topics related to food markets future challenges. As in previous workshops, PhD students will have also the opportunity to interact with senior economists about their research progresses.

PhD participants will benefit from 3 Plenary Sessions in which keynote speakers from different sectors of the civil society (academic institutions, international institutions and the private sector) will share their views on what are, from their particular perspective, the required skills for future economists to success in the agro-food, environmental and development economic domains.

Finally, two additional Plenary Sessions will be addressed to the Giovanni Anania Lecture (topic to be decided) and to traditional topic on how to publish in Agricultural, Food and Natural Resources Economics

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Local Organising Committee invites European PhD students at any stage of their PhD, as well as students who complete their PhD in 2017 to participate in the Workshop by submitting a contributed paper proposal (around two pages, single space and standard Arial 11 point type) which should include at least the motivation and the methodological framework plus an outline of main results.

Please, name your file with the last name of the first author. **All documents should be submitted in PDF format (name-abstract.pdf) using the CREDA's web site: www.creda.es/PhDworkshop.** Be sure to review the PDF file you have created before sending it to check that text and formulas (if any) have transferred correctly.

Deadline for paper proposal submission: May 15th, 2017

Proposals will be evaluated by two referees following a standard double-blind process. Referees will be suggested by the Steering Committee. Authors from accepted proposals will be notified by **June 15th, 2017**.

Authors from accepted proposals will be requested to send the full paper by September 22nd, 2017. In the notification letter the Organizing Committee will provide guidelines for paper submission.

Accepted papers will be classified either as oral presentation or short oral presentation mainly based on the progress status of the research. Presenters of accepted papers should be prepared to act as discussants of other papers during the Workshop. Papers will be made available to discussants one month before starting the Workshop.

Both in the case of oral or short oral presentations, parallel 90-minute sessions will be scheduled. In oral presentations each presenter will have 20 minutes for presentation followed for discussant comments (5 min) and general discussion (5 min). In short oral presentations, the timing will be 10-3-2 minutes for presentation, discussant comments and general discussion, respectively.

ORGANIZATION

The EAAE PhD workshop will be co-organized by the Spanish Association of Agricultural Economics (AEEA) and the Centre for Research in Agrofood and Development Economics-UPC-IRTA (CREDA), with the support of the EAAE and the EAAEP Foundation.

VENUE, TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

The Workshop will be held in the *Escola Superior d'Agricultura de Barcelona (ESAB)*, at the **Politechnic University of Catalonia**, in Castelldefels, 30 minutes far by train from Barcelona city centre. Information on venue, travel arrangements and accommodation will be provided in due course through the web site: www.creda.es/PhDworkshop (available by March, 2017)

REGISTRATION FEES

PhD student's: 100€

Regular participants: 140€

The fee covers documentation, lunches, workshop dinner and coffee breaks and should be paid before 20th October, 2017.

Note 1: Contrary to other EAAE events, PhD students do not have to be a member of the EAAE to be able to participate in the EAAE PhD workshop. In addition, PhD students attending the EAAE PhD workshop benefit from a free EAAE membership for one year. Regular participants *have to be member* of the EAAE at the time of registration for the workshop. For becoming member of the EAAE, the EAAE membership fee is 120 Euro for the triennial period 2017 – 2019 to be paid in advance of registration via the website of the EAAE www.eaae.org.

Note 2: Up to 8 grants of 400 Euros will be available from students coming from developing countries. The conditions to apply for the grants will be announced when notifying the acceptance of proposals

IMPORTANT DATES

May 15 th , 2017:	Deadline for proposal submission
June 15 th , 2017:	Notification of acceptance
September 22 nd , 2017:	Deadline for full paper submission
October 20 th	Deadline for registration
November 8 th – 10 th , 2017:	EAAE PhD Workshop

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