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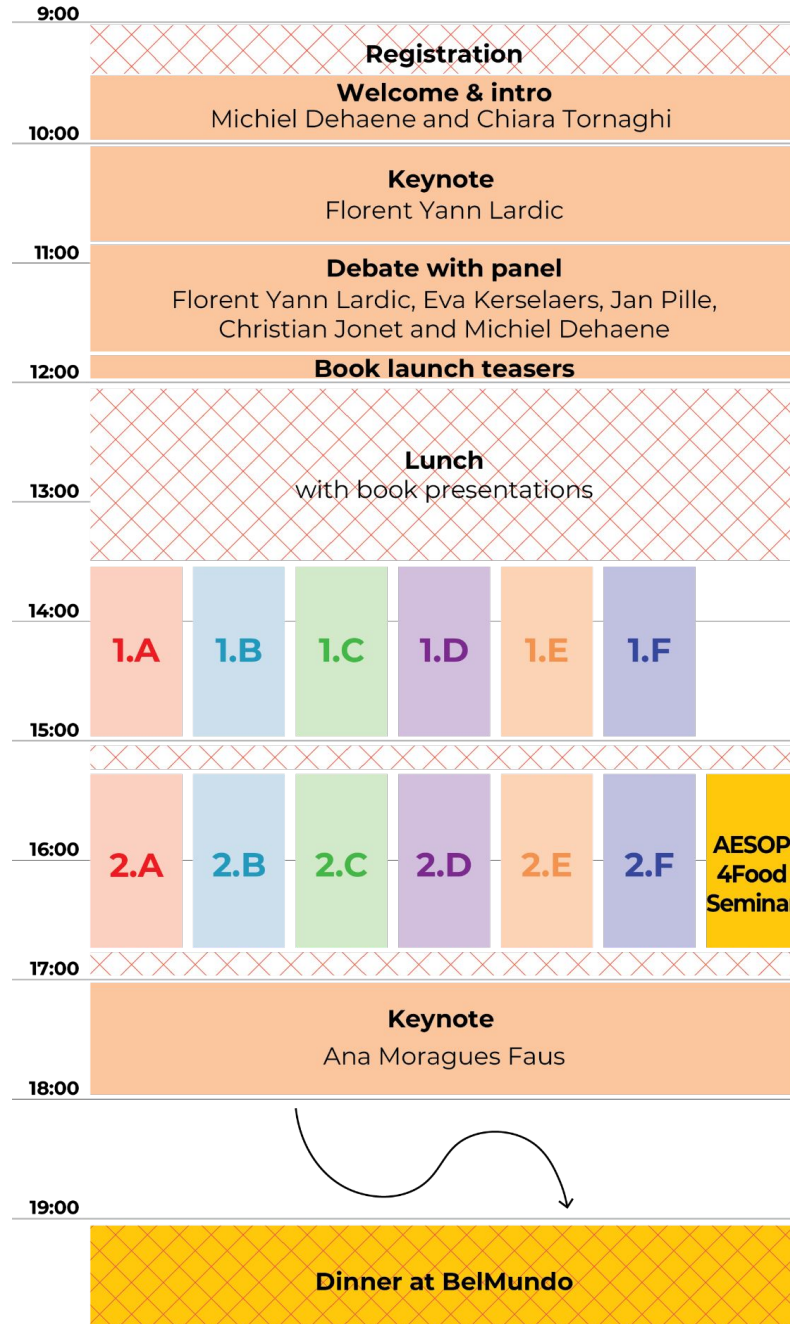
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19-22.06.2024  
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# Thursday 20.06



# **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

**“20 Years of Sustainable  
Food Planning”**

**Chiara Tornaghi  
Michiel Dehaene**



**When the food planning group says “we”.**

**How transformative are we?**

***What do we consider transformative ?***

***Where do we place our hopes  
regarding the different social movements that  
can carry a socio-ecological transition?***

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# Friday 21.06

# Saturday 22.06

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**Meeting point**

10:00

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Michiel Dehaene and Chiara Tornaghi

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Hans Vandermaelen

**Fieldtrip**  
in Neerpede,  
with Catherine Fierens

11:00

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Florent Yann Lardic

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# — 8 statements for the co-creative session

- 1** What can food planning do to support a transition to an affordable and sustainable food system? How can we overcome the tension between affordability and sustainability that now divides urban food movements?
- 2** To make sustainable food planning (even) more transformative, we must address local communities' issues and change our research approach. How do we break out of disciplinary and sectorial silos?
- 3** Place-based sustainable food planning has the potential to bring together public policies inspired by global commitments and emergent models pioneered by grassroots movements. Which changes in narratives and relations of power can begin to realize that transformative potential?

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- 4** What kind of infrastructure helps sustainable food planning to be genuinely transformative, either in sustaining or in transforming?
- 5** To remain transformative, sustainable food planning research must enable all communities – from bottom to top – to jointly agree on truly desirable food futures. How do we make more space for normative discussions in food planning?
- 6** Food sustainability and food justice are not the same thing. How can sustainable food planning participate in the just food transition? How can we be actively involved in building just food systems?

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**7** What if “food” was not the one we grow commercially and buy in shops, but the one we forage in the urban commons?

**8** In times of climate emergency, links and synergies between urban food and climate justice agendas should be better valorised. How can climate justice targets reinforce the role of food in the urban agenda and viceversa?

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Announcements



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**Each statement has a group  
where you can add comments,  
remarks, insights...**



**There is also a general  
Announcements group, where  
we will post updates on the  
program.**



**Lastly, there is also a 'questions &  
remarks' group.**

— Everything you need to know is in the Conference Manual!



— A question? Ask us!

# KEYNOTE

**“Local food systems in France: is food transforming local public policies?”**

**Florent Yann Lardic**



# **DEBATE**

**on challenges for  
agriculture policy and  
visioning in  
metropolitan regions in  
France and Belgium**

**Florent Yann Lardic  
Jan Pille  
Eva Kerselaers  
Christian Jonet  
Michiel Dehaene**



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# OBJECTIVES OF THE GHENT FOOD STRATEGY

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## Ghent food strategy (since 2013)

The 3 strategic objectives

- A short, sustainable food chain
- Sustainable food for everyone
- No food waste

More information in the brochure or via [this link](#)



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## Ghent vision on agriculture

(since 2023)

### 6 policy goals

1. Improve the farms' economic viability, resilience and farmers' welfare
2. Preserve farmland for professional sustainable and city oriented agriculture
3. Stimulate a short and sustainable food supply chain, fair price for fair product
4. Encourage nature inclusive agriculture and cooperate with farmers in nature areas
5. Stimulate climate robust agriculture and a farm's positive contribution to climate
6. Facilitate the farms' social added value



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# Planning for Equitable Urban Agriculture

A book honoring Jerome L. Kaufman's legacy of research,  
teaching, and practice

Samina Raja · Marcia Caton Campbell  
Alexandra Judelsohn · Branden Born  
Alfonso Morales *Editors*

## Planning for Equitable Urban Agriculture in the United States

Future Directions for a New Ethic in City  
Building

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American Planning Association  
**Food Systems Division**

*Creating Great Communities for All*



University at Buffalo  
Food Systems Planning and  
Healthy Communities Lab  
School of Architecture and Planning

# Five key points

1. Inspired by Jerome Kaufman's work on food systems and ethics, the book explores the role of planning in facilitating (or, hindering) **equitable urban agriculture**
2. Written by teams of scholars and practitioners book contains five sections (and 30 chapters) following the introduction: theory and foundations, practical ethics (addressing community-led agriculture), local public policy responses to urban agriculture, pedagogy of capacity-building through UA, and a concluding section that explores future directions
3. Planning for urban agriculture has come a long way since Kaufman's call in early 2000s, but continues to neglect questions of ethics and equity; there is limited focus on (racial) equity and justice in how local governments are engaging in planning for equitable urban agriculture
4. Book includes case examples of how communities and local governments are strengthening urban agriculture
5. Authors propose a framework for **planning (for urban agriculture) as public nurturance** as a way forward

Urban Food Mapping: Making visible the Edible City has been edited by Katrin Bohn and Mikey Tomkins. Richly explored, using over 200 mapping images in 25 selected chapters, this book identifies urban food mapping as a distinct activity and area of research that enables a more nuanced way of understanding the multiple issues facing contemporary urbanism and the manifold roles food spaces play within it.

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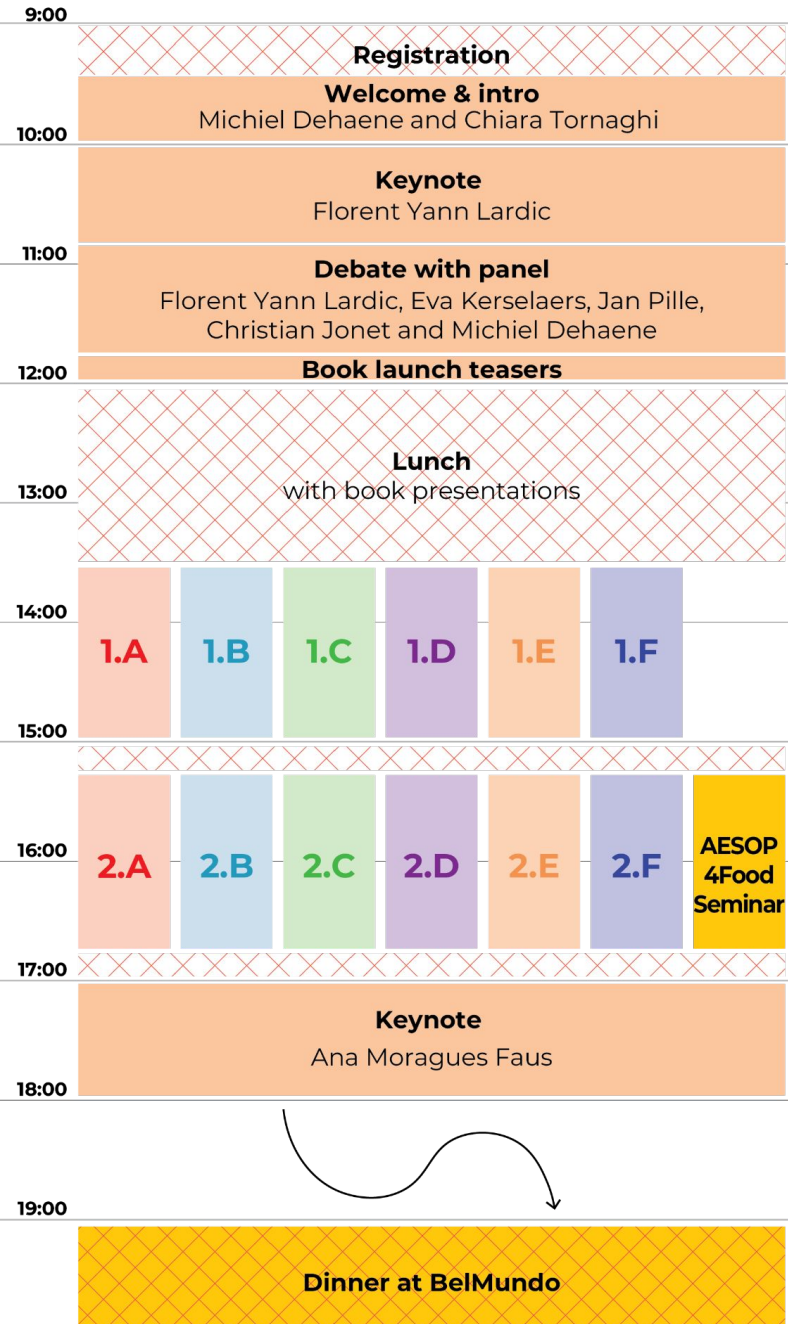
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with book presentations

— **13:30 Start paper session round 1**  
check Conference Manual or poster in the  
lunchroom for division

— **15:00 Break in 00.07 Polyvalente Ruimte**

— **15:15 Start paper session round 2**

— **17:00 Keynote Ana Moragues Faus**  
We meet back in the Auditorium!

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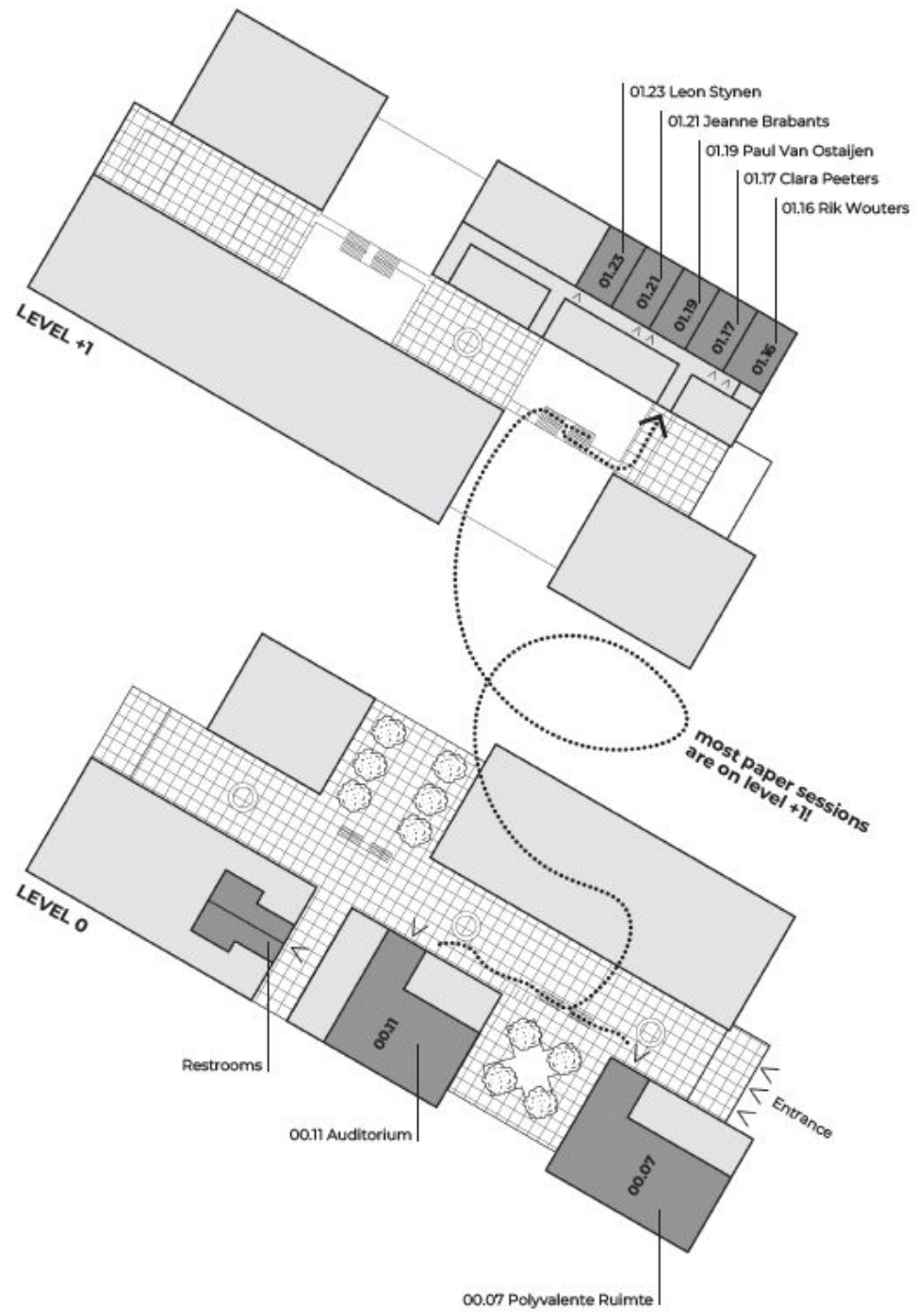
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- 01.23 Leon Stynen
- 01.21 Jeanne Brabants
- 01.19 Paul Van Ostaljen
- 01.17 Clara Peeters
- 01.16 Rik Wouters

most paper sessions are on level +1!

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Restrooms

00.11 Auditorium

00.07 Polyvalente Ruimte

Entrance





# Transdisciplinary and Participatory Learning and Research Approach for food system resilience

***Multiplier Event  
June 20, 2024, Brussels***

ir. Jeroen de Vries  
Dr. Roxana Triboi  
AESOP4food ERASMUS+  
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**AESOP SFP Conference  
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Roger Raveel, Voor een blauw gelijnde akker en een grijze lucht, 1975

# AESOP4Food team



## Mission of AESOP's SFP group

Bringing together academics, policy-makers and practitioners from an international audience

<https://aesopsfp.wordpress.com/>

Providing a forum for discussion and development of sustainable food systems.



European consortium from various fields of **expertise and experience of food planning.**

Group of **academics** from various disciplines ranging from the social sciences, agronomy to spatial planning (*urban planning, spatial planning, landscape architecture, architecture*) and **professionals** (working in NGOs or Local Authorities' Public Officers) with expertise in bottom-up approaches in sustainable food planning.



# main content of the phases

## 1 Exploring the field of play

main challenges, theoretical frameworks, approaches and methods: PAR, living labs, analysing methods, defining your position and values

## 2 Analysing your local foodscape

mapping a food system; power mapping, SWOT analysis

## 3 Collaborative goals and vision

collaborative goal setting; defining the challenges; coordination

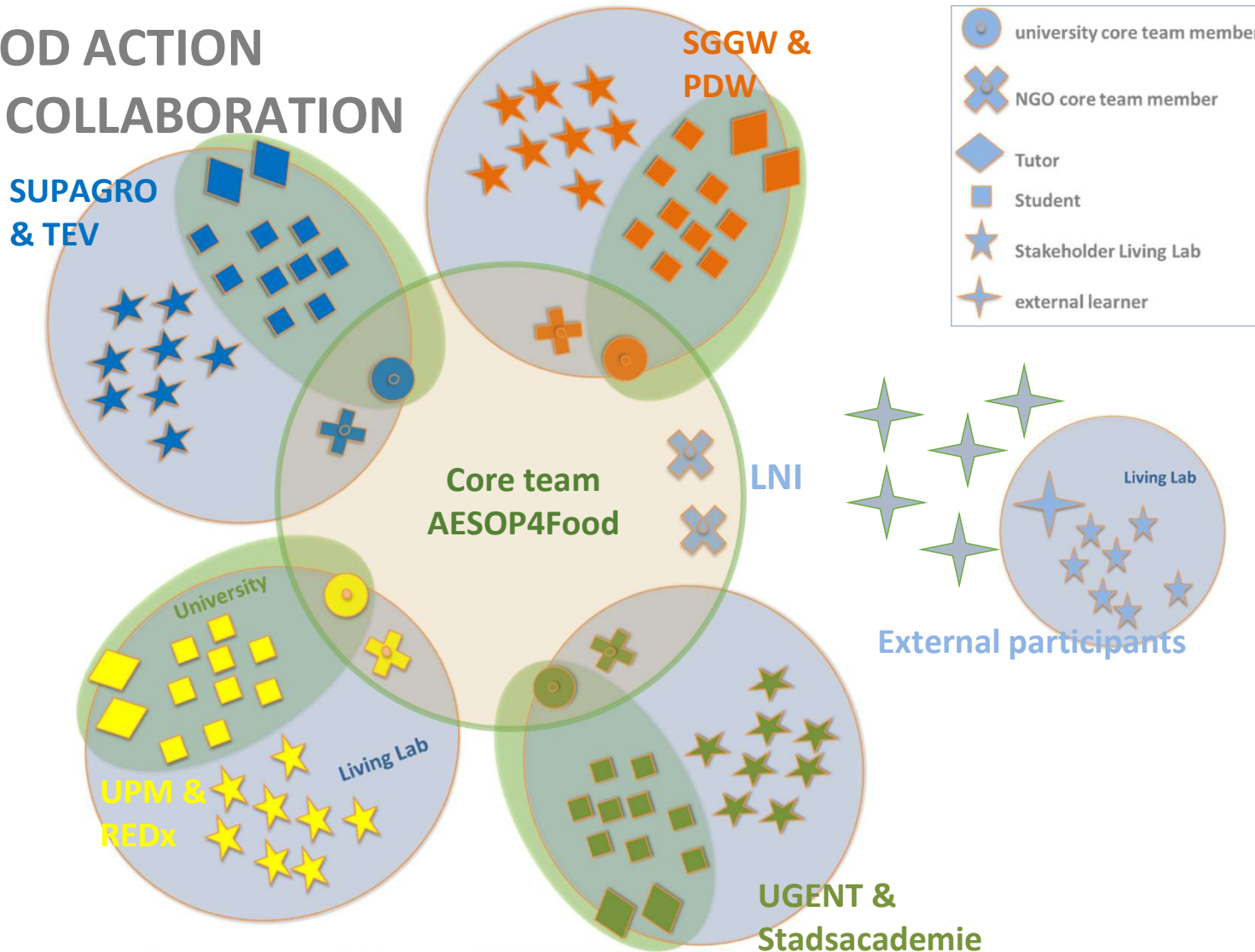
## 4 Strategy and interventions

formulating your strategy, designing an intervention. scenarios, prototyping

## 5 Evaluation & monitoring

Indicators, collaborative monitoring, cases of impact of territorial food strategies

# AESOP4FOOD ACTION LEARNING COLLABORATION



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# The guidance report is for:

developing a new food planning curriculum

adapting existing educational modules to integrate the aspect of food planning

creating a deeper awareness of the current development of the production and consumption of food

organising a living lab where universities and other parties work together

applying the methods and tools for practice oriented workshops and collaborative work in a community

## *Interactive event on sustainable food planning*

*Fostering Transformation through Blended Learning*

*Thu 20.06 - 15:15-16:45 in 00.07 Polyvalente Ruimte*

*Influence how the AESOP4Food wiki  
can best serve you, your  
organization, and beyond.*

Evaluate and discuss, give suggestions for improvement...

*Share your ideas on the draft  
guidance for learning and teaching /  
capacity building.*

Does it work for your students, organisation, staff,  
food activists...

*Do you want to be part of the 2025  
activities?*

Shape future activities, present your case studies,  
share research, collaborate on new initiatives...

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THE PROJECT



FEEDBACK



# KEYNOTE

**"A critical reflection on  
urban food governance  
“transformations”"**

**Ana Moragues Faus**



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# A CRITICAL REFLECTION ON URBAN FOOD GOVERNANCE “TRANSFORMATIONS”



Valencia, From the field to the square

Dr. Ana Moragues Faus  
University of Barcelona

XI AESOP Sustainable Food Planning  
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Brussels 20<sup>th</sup> of June 2024

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# COMPOUNDING CRISIS

Environmental emergencies

Climate change

Inequalities

Political polarization

Human rights

*Planetary urbanisation and food systems lens*



50% of people living in urban areas, 79% in UPU

76% of moderate or severe food insecure live in UPU

<70% of food consumed in urban areas

Urban diets higher environmental impact: animal products and UPFs

Right to food and right to the city

# EXPANSION OF URBAN FOOD GOVERNANCE FIELD



Milan Urban Food Policy Pact

More than 280 cities, representing a total of 460 million inhabitants

# RISE OF CITIES IN THE FOOD POLICY AGENDA

- Role of urban areas in aggravating current socio-ecological and malnutrition challenges
- Increased political and symbolic power of urban areas across the globe
- Lack of national leadership on food system reform
- Deployment of complex systems-thinking
- Capacity of cities to develop innovative co-governance processes with civil society, the public and private sector

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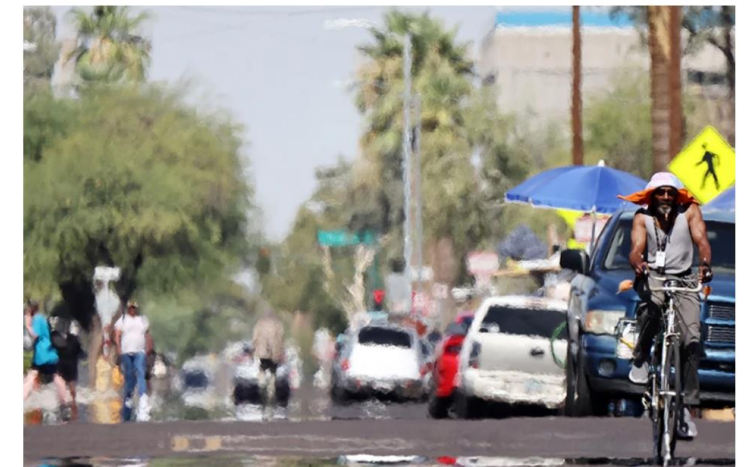
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EDITORIAL | 22 August 2023

## Want a sustainable future? Then look to the world's cities

In a rapidly urbanizing world, what happens in cities matters – and sustainability success stories show what can be achieved when researchers and policymakers work together.



# GLOBAL AND LOCAL FOOD GOVERNANCE: AGENDAS AND FRAMEWORKS



Figure 26.1 Long arc of convergence between global and local/regional food governance 1970s–2015

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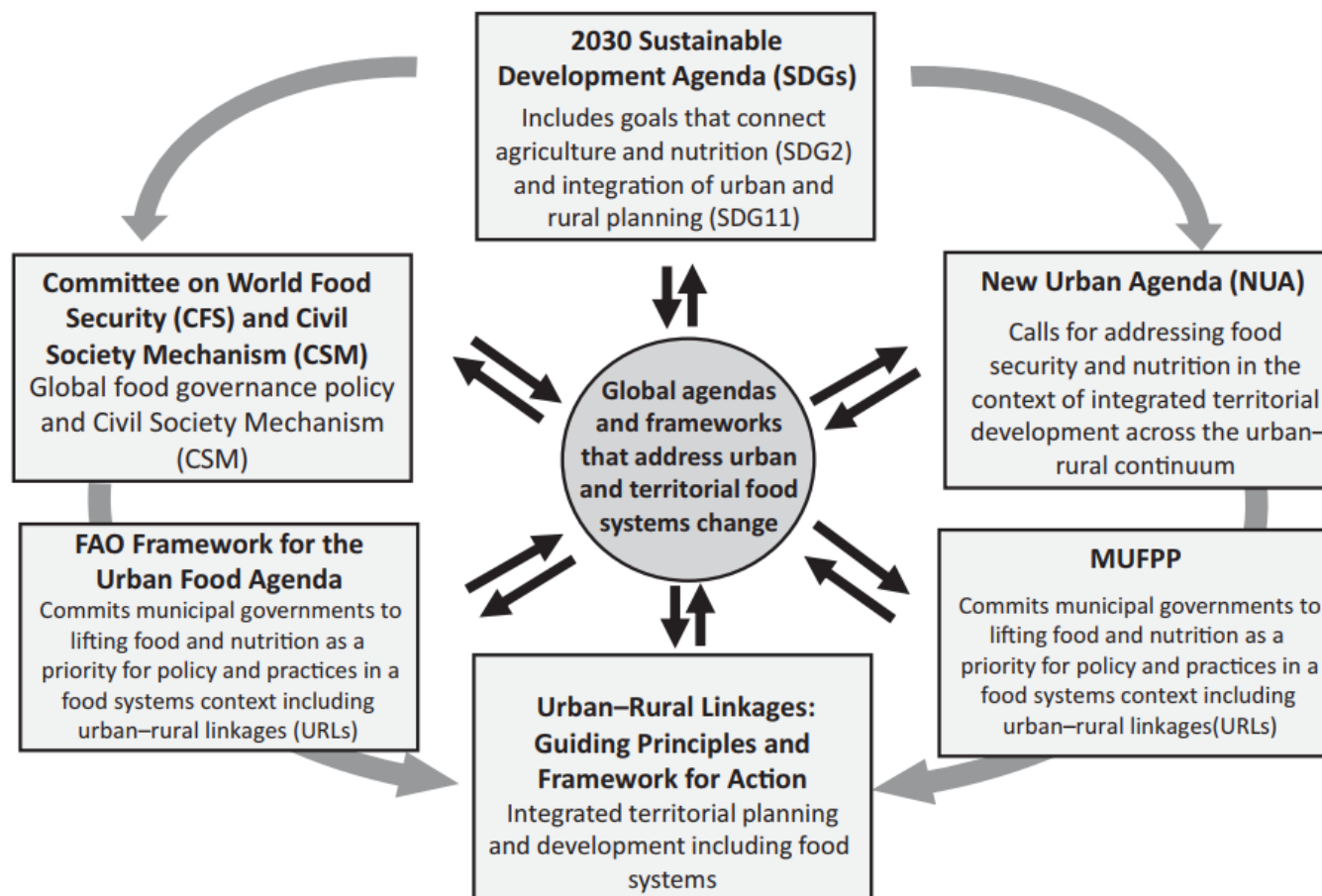


Figure 26.3 Global agendas and frameworks that address urban and territorial food systems change

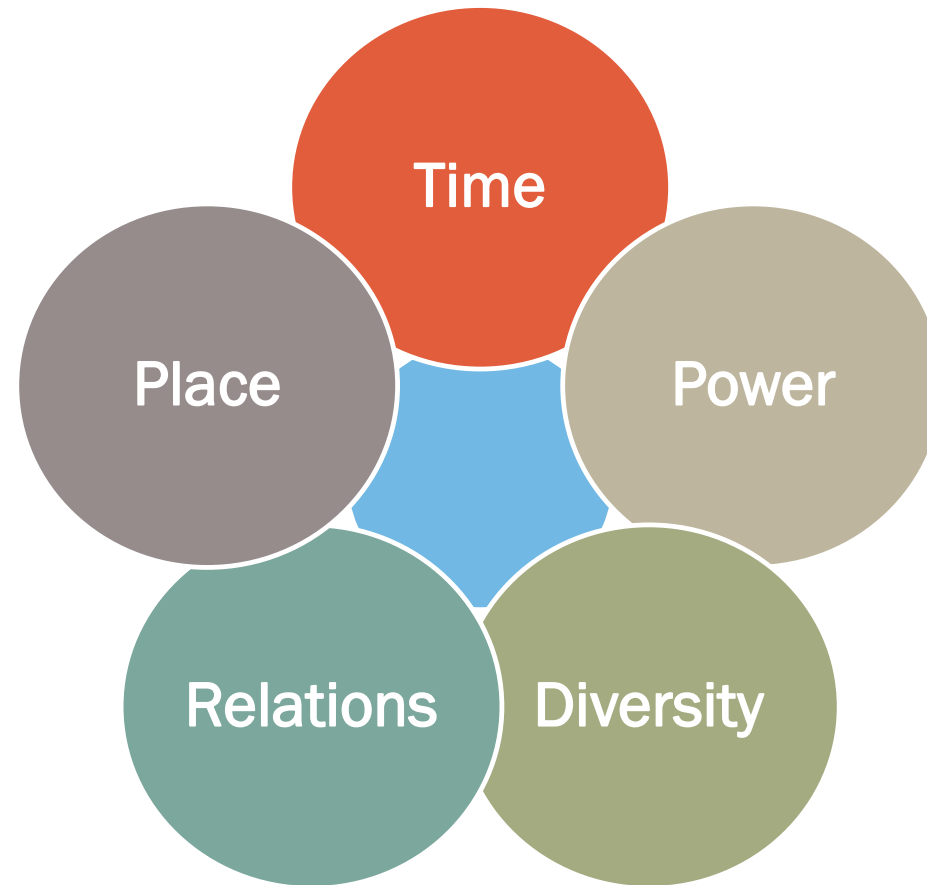
# KEY CURRENT INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS

- 2021 UN Food Systems Summit – The Urban Food Systems Coalition, Stocktacking events
- Urban Agenda for the European Union (2024) – Partnership on Food
- HLPE-CFS report on “Strengthening urban and peri-urban food systems to achieve food security and nutrition in the context of urbanization and rural transformation” (2023-2024)



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# REFLECTING TOGETHER: KEY SHIFTS AND PERMANENCIES IN URBAN FOOD GOVERNANCE DYNAMICS



# TIME-SENSITIVE PERSPECTIVE

Global and local layers of history impact current and future urban food dynamics and also condition what we understand as progress or transformation

- Historical relations result in different roles for cities
- Recognize the colonial and racist histories, practices and discourses at play in cities: modify interventions and re-assess Western-centric frames
- Types of interventions as innovative or radical





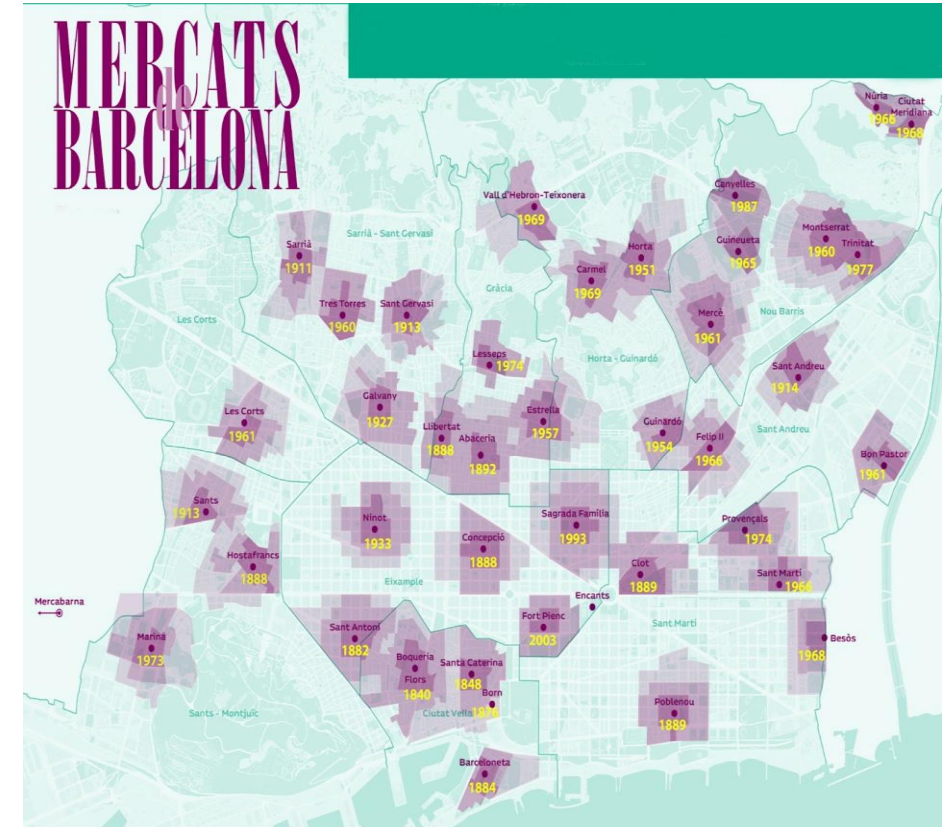
# A HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE ON BARCELONA'S FOOD POLICY



Food provisioning spaces in Barcelona in 1697, AHCBC.



Engraving showing the burning down of convents in 1835



Current distribution of food municipal markets

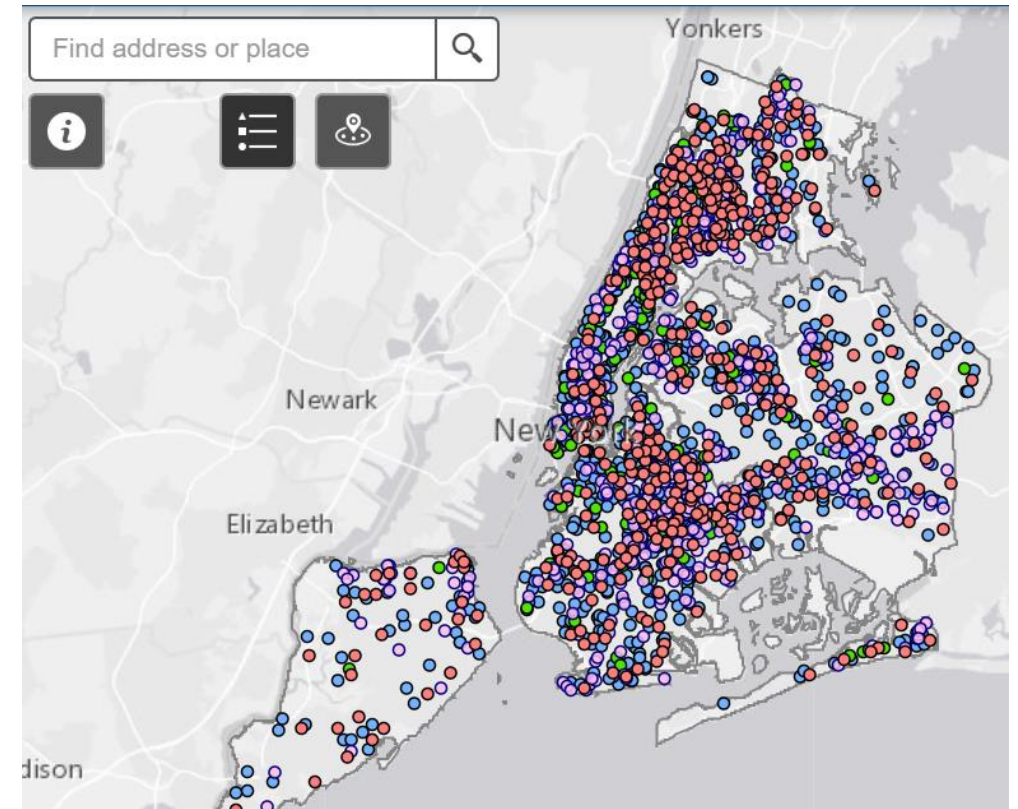
# COVID-19: EXPANDING THE POLITICS OF THE POSSIBLE

COVID exposed the essentials of life: food, community, public services

Embrace interdependencies to address planetary health challenges

Unprecedented public policies: freezing mortgage repayments, taking over private infrastructures

What is possible in policy-making?



A worker distributes grab-and-go lunch bags at Pace High School in Manhattan's Chinatown, Aug. 21, 2020. | Hiram Alejandro Durán/THE CITY

Grab-and-Go Meals at NYC Schools ...

# TIME SENSITIVE PERSPECTIVE

How do we want to design and develop future food systems?

- 70% of people are expected to live in urban areas by 2050 (UN, 2023); some areas are unbuilt yet!
- What do we want to do differently? How are AI and digital technologies going to affect urban food systems and governance?
- Engage with the future in participatory ways
- Anticipatory governance

Fiammetta Ghedini



Desirable Future Scenario ©

Business As Usual Scenario

Technical Fix Scenario ©





# PLACE – BASED APPROACH

To analysis, policy-making and implementation processes

Hundreds of good practices from across the globe and analysis



**GOVERNANCE**  
51 practices

-  A New York City Framework for Good Food Purchasing  
New York, US
-  Plan Araraquara without hunger  
Araraquara, Brazil
-  A city that sows,  
Mouans-Sartoux, France
-  Vancouver Plan:  
Food Systems  
Vancouver, Canada






**SUSTAINABLE  
DIETS & NUTRITION**  
61 practices

-  Addis Ababa school feeding program  
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
-  The power of public food procurement  
Copenhagen, Denmark
-  Third Plan Alimentation Durable  
Paris, France
-  School Meals - the local network  
Torres Vedras, Portugal



**SOCIAL & ECONOMIC  
EQUITY**  
37 practices

-  E-Cool Mandi  
Rourkela, India
-  Healthy Neighborhood Market Network program  
Los Angeles, US
-  Community Food Relief 2021 - 2025  
Melbourne, Australia
-  Refugees in the food system of a medium-sized city  
Wroclaw, Poland







**FOOD  
PRODUCTION**  
47 practices

-  Agro-ecological food production  
Rosario, Argentina
-  Integrated City Food Security  
Bandung, Indonesia
-  Urban Farm  
Curitiba, Brazil
-  Chinampera School  
Mexico City, Mexico



**FOOD SUPPLY  
& DISTRIBUTION**  
21 practices

-  Strategy for securing our talents and small farms  
Yeosu, South Korea
-  COVID-19 Emergency Food Response  
Baltimore, US
-  Green Commerce,  
Barcelona, Spain
-  Relocating the diet of the inhabitants  
Lyon, France



**FOOD WASTE**  
34 practices

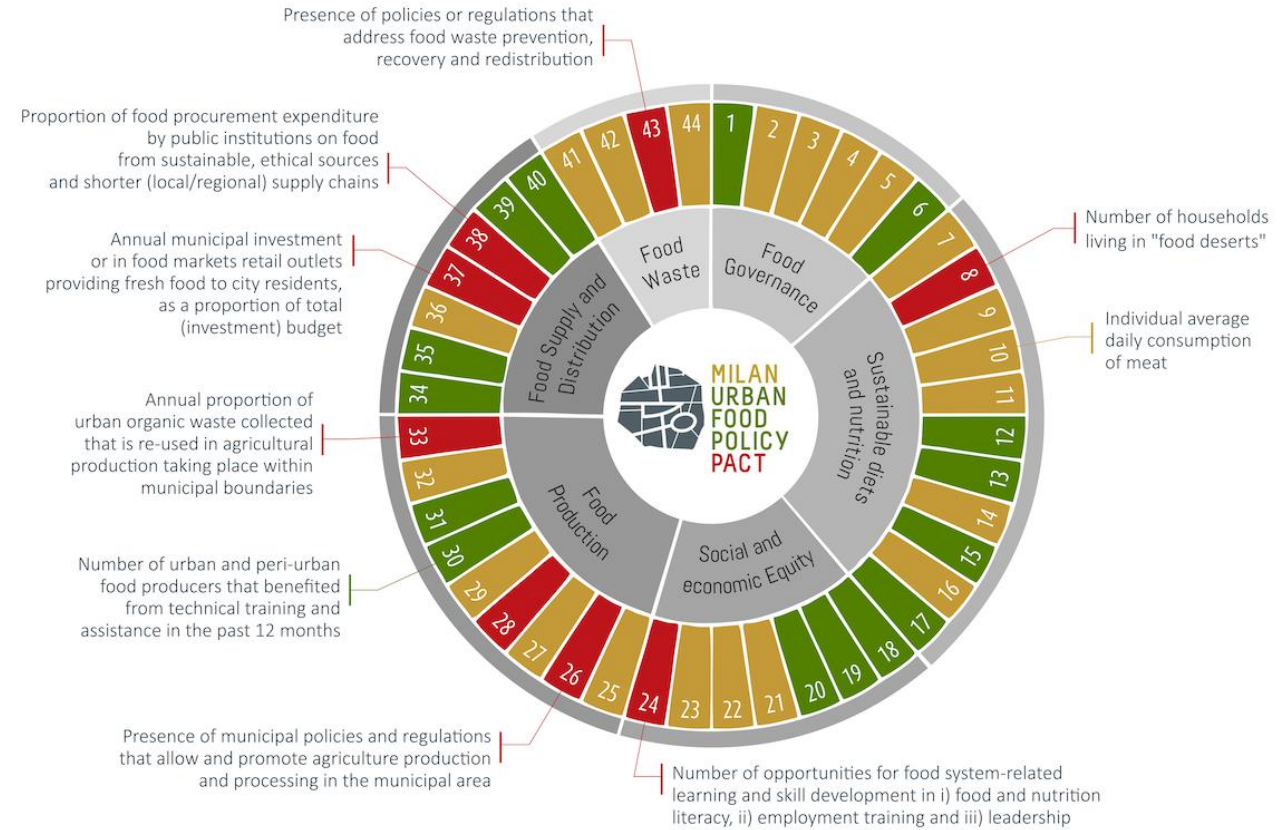
-  London's food waste reduction programme  
London, United Kingdom
-  Food Waste Cincinnati  
Cincinnati, US
-  Consolidated IC&I Food Rescue & Waste Diversion  
Guelph, Canada
-  Quellimane Municipality Compost Centre  
Quellimane, Mozambique

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What is progress for London? Valencia? or Bergamo?

From best practices to a more place-sensitive approach that builds on territorial processes and opportunities

*I felt like ‘oh my God’ how can I go to these meetings without feeling like a failure because of my area and the inherent limitations (...). We (the food partnership) look at something that they’re doing in Brighton or London and say ‘well that’s all very good for them.’”(FPC4)*



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Resituate food within wider and specific place-based dynamics; make it relevant!

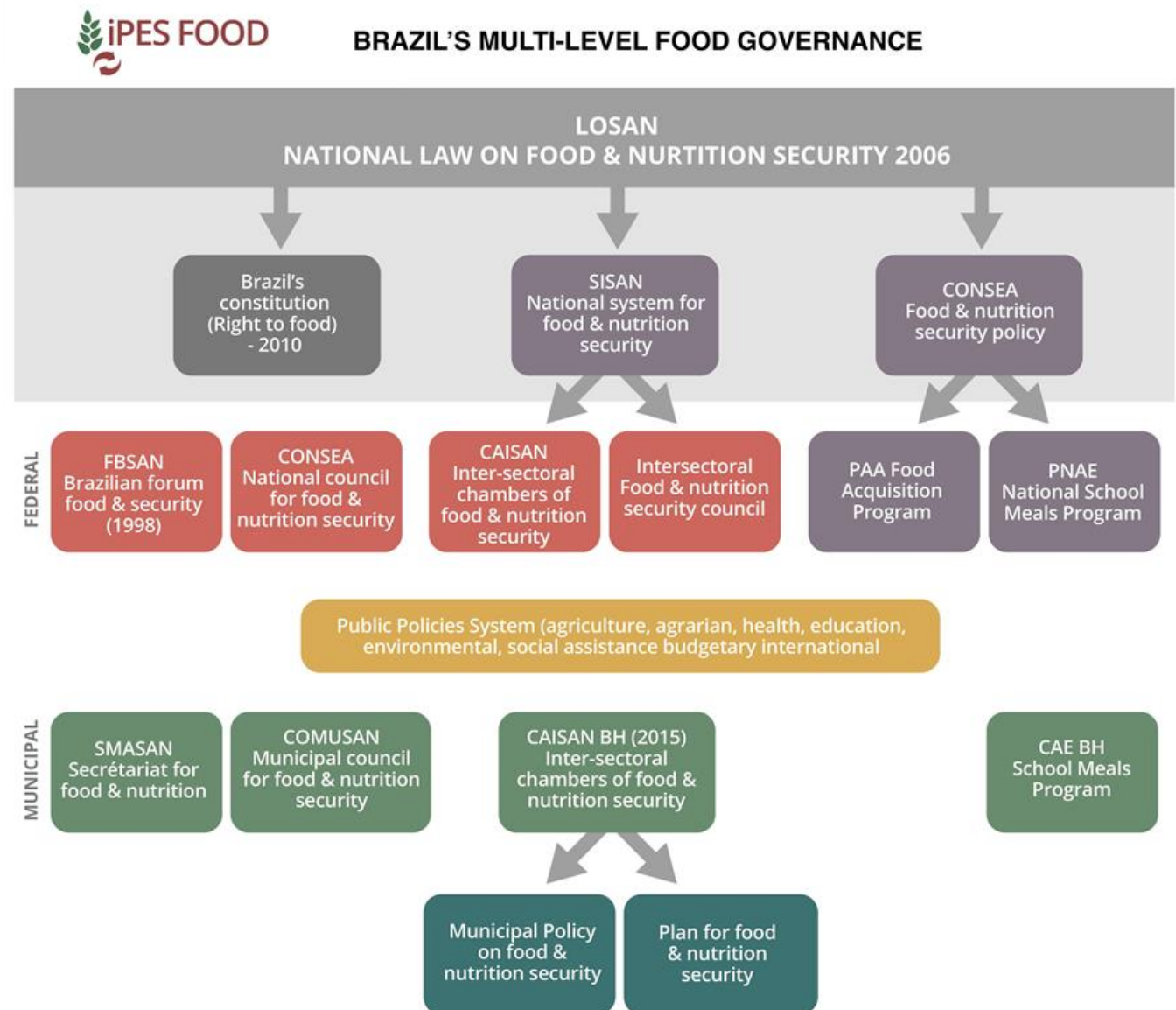
- Urban socio-ecological approaches
- Right to the city and right to food: housing and tourism
- How to keep food in the political (urban) agenda?  
Food as a shared responsibility?



# RELATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

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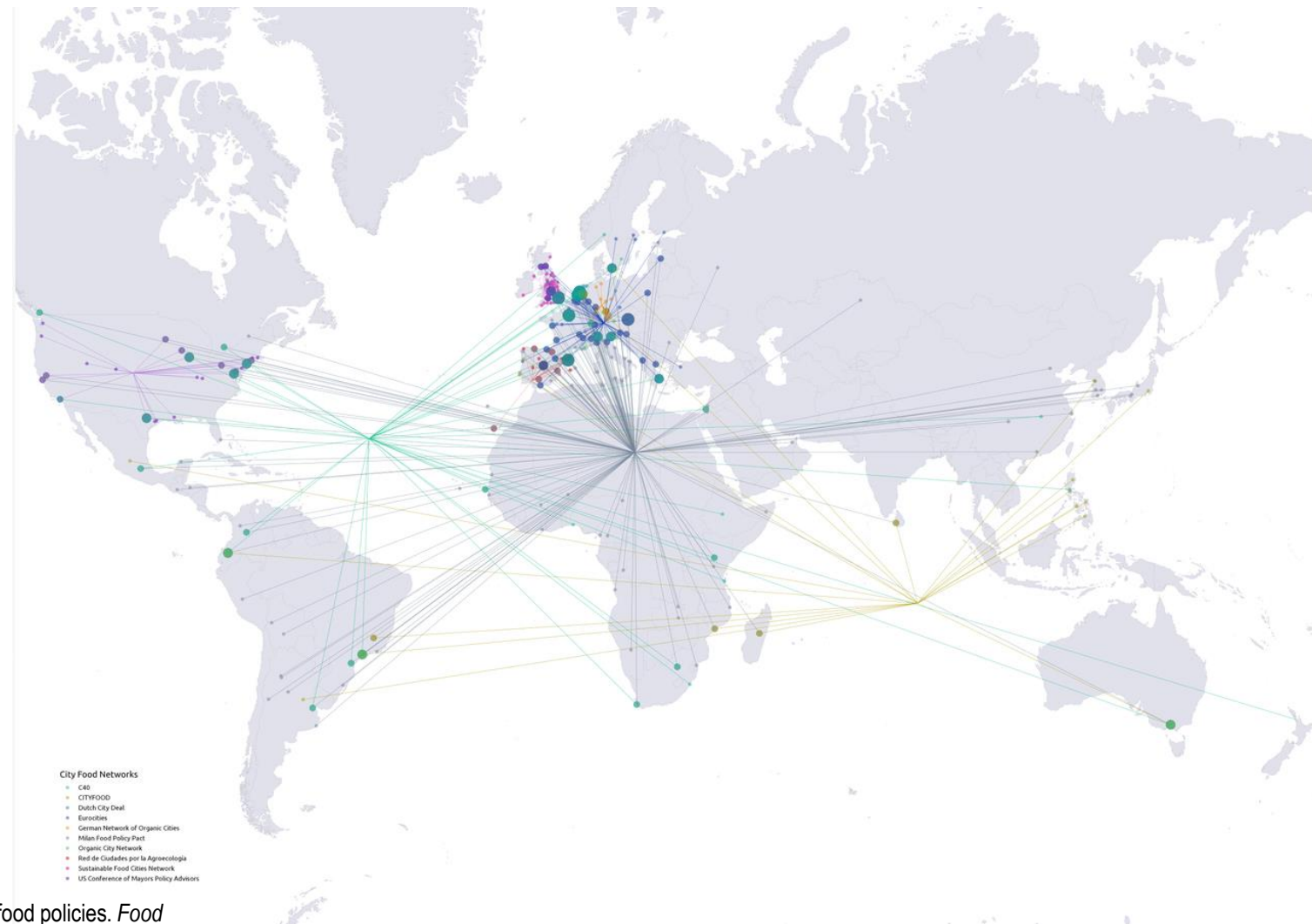
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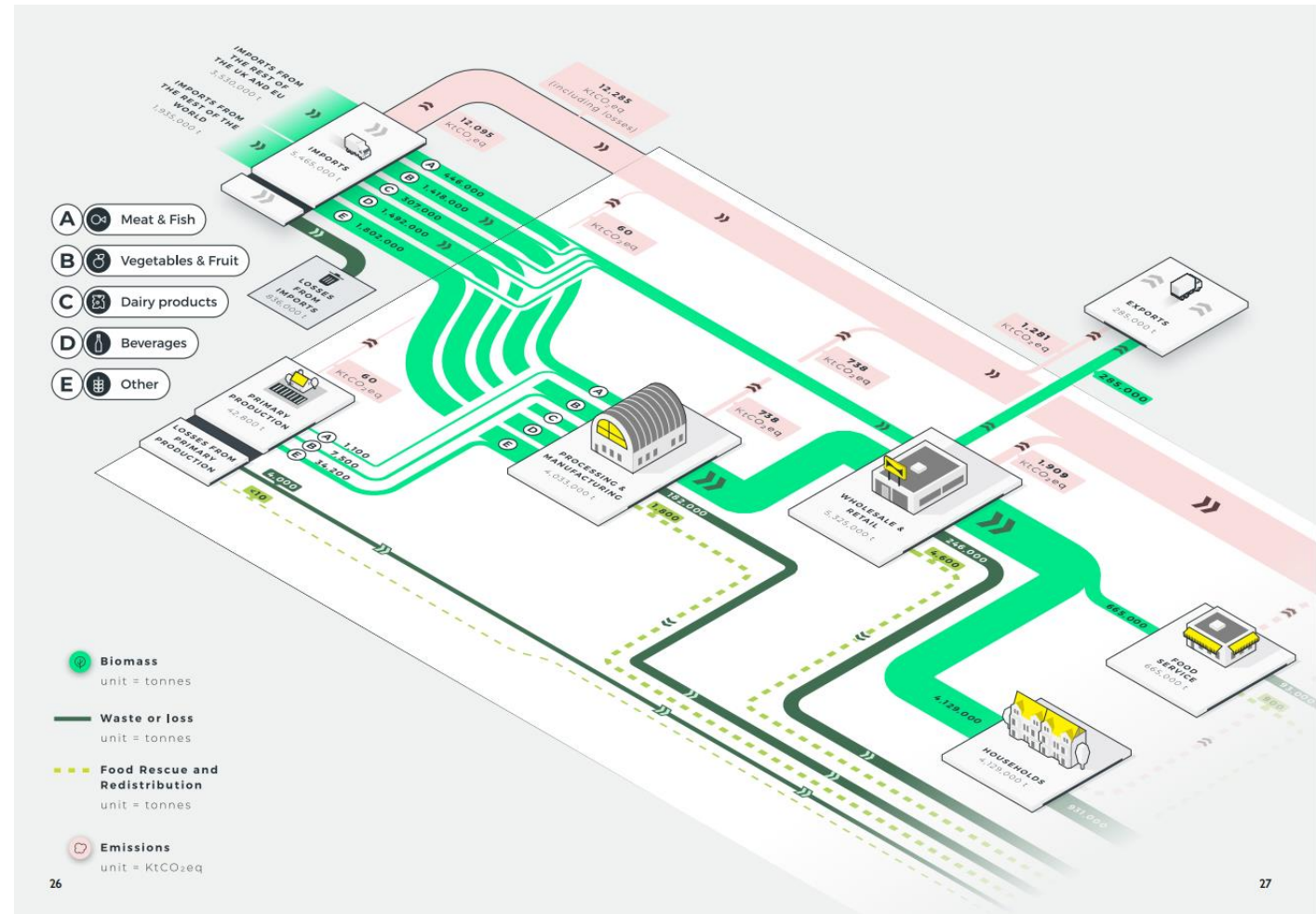
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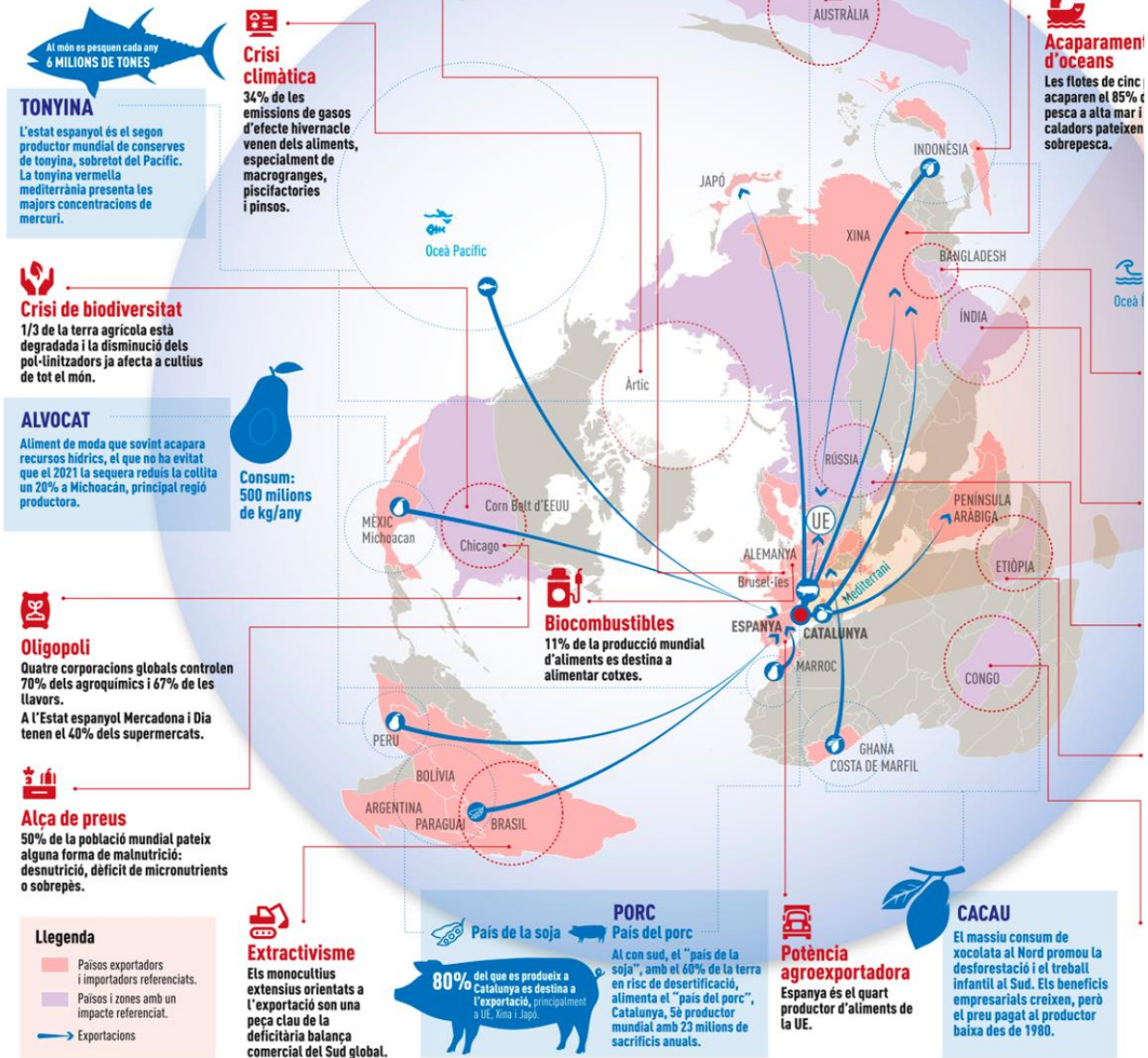
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## COM S'ALIMENTA BARCELONA?

2022 MAPA DE JUSTÍCIA GLOBAL

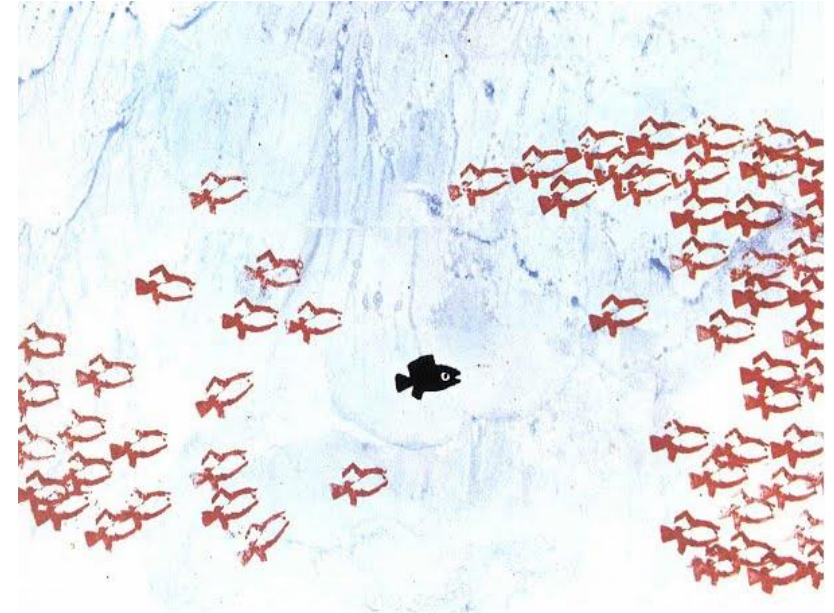


# RELATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Different agencies in the urban food realm are co-constituted

- Actors shape each other capacities
- Hybrid actors

Structural but also fluid interactions and non-formal governance tools: assemblages



Leo Lionni. Nadarin

# DIVERSITY MATTERS

- We are embracing a *diversity* of concepts and practices to deal with complexity and co-produce new political possibilities.
- Co-productive approach to knowledge: dialogue across concepts, actors and lived experiences
- Generation of diverse and inclusive spaces of interaction - such as local interventions, policy councils, research projects, international committees or frameworks
- Attentive how spaces that we create generate inequalities



# DIVERSITY MATTERS IN KNOWLEDGE CO-CREATION

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# WHAT ABOUT POWER

Power needs to be central in our analysis and interventions:  
Understand the capacities to act of different agents

Uncovering invisible forms of power that shape narratives, agendas  
and ring-fence decision-making powers to specific groups.

Examples: Collaborative multistakeholder processes do actually  
shift power towards more vulnerable groups or reproduce existing  
inequities in food systems?

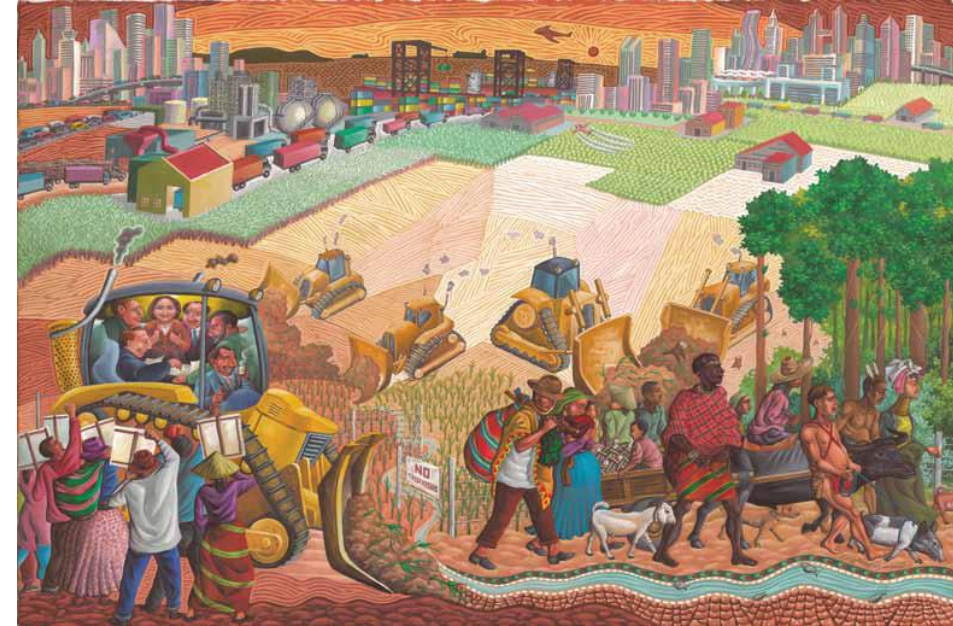


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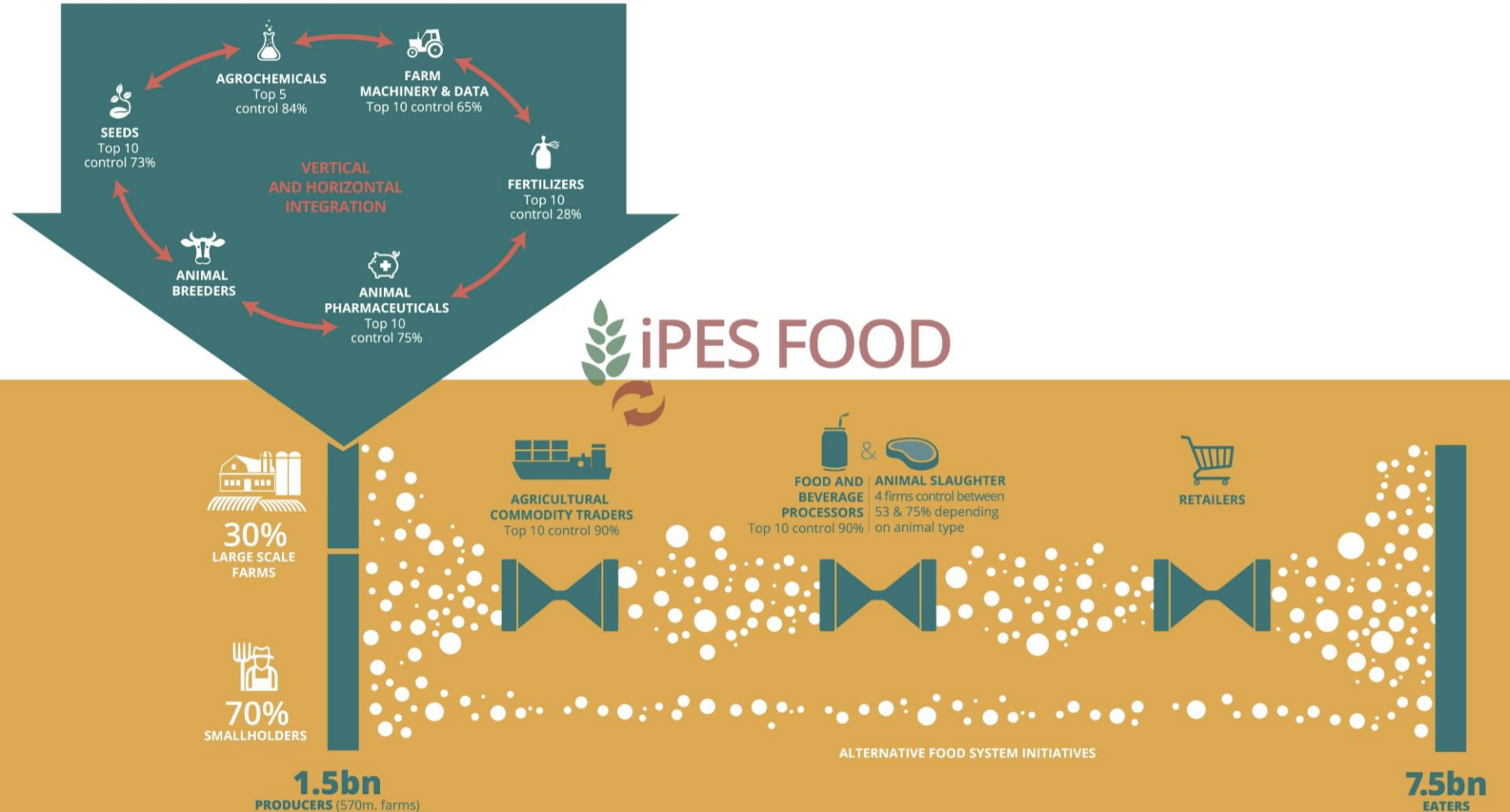
## URBAN FOOD GOVERNANCE OR URBAN FOOD POLICY?

Urban food governance as all modes of governing encompassing activities carried out by different actors to guide, steer, control, or manage the pursuance of food system outcomes in a specific urban area.

Urban food policies: the deliberate process endorsed by the public sector of developing or approving urban interventions to address food system challenges.

(Moragues-Faus and Battersby, 2021)

# POWER CONCENTRATION IN THE FOOD SYSTEM



Power concentration (Clapp, 2021):

- Shapes markets: prices, options, labor
- Innovation and technological agendas : property rights and Access to innovations
- Governance and Policy frameworks: promote specific regulations, influence public discourse, or structural power (number of employees)

IPES-Food. 2017. Too big to feed: Exploring the impacts of mega-mergers, concentration and concentration of power in the agri-food sector.

Clapp, J., 2021. The problem with growing corporate concentration and power in the global food system. Nature Food 1–5. doi:10.1038/s43016-021-00297-7.

# EXAMPLE

## ULTRA-PROCESSED FOODSTUFFS

“This study shows that Multi-stakeholder Institutions involving the UPF industry privilege the interests of corporations located near exclusively in the Global North, draw legitimacy through affiliations with multi-lateral agencies, civil society groups and research institutions, and represent diverse corporate interests involved in UPF supply chains. Corporate-anchored multi-stakeholderism, as a form of Global Food Governance governance, raises challenges for achieving food systems transformation, including the control and reduction of UPFs in human diets.”


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# MULTISTAKEHOLDERISM UNDER QUESTION

## OPINION

### The UN Food Systems Summit: How Not to Respond to the Urgency of Reform

By Michael Fakhri, Hilal Elver and Olivier De Schutter

*'We will be told that the outcomes have been endorsed by the civil society groups who took part, with 'solutions' crowd-sourced from tens of thousands of people around the world.*

*And if other solutions are not there, we will be told that this is because their proponents refused to come to the table.'*

*'The multi-stakeholder model of governance is problematic because it sounds very inclusive.*

*But in fact we are worried about the concealing of power asymmetries, without having a clear rule in terms of accountability.*

*What is the rule here — who decides?*

Sofia Monsalve, FIAN





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- RUPA MARYA

# ALL AFFECTED OR MOST AFFECTED PRINCIPLE?

## ALL-AFFECTED PRINCIPLE

*‘All who are affected by a decision should have a right to participate into making it’*

*(Dahl 1970, p. 64)*

## MOST-AFFECTED PRINCIPLE

Deliberately prioritize those most marginalized by society, and most affected by hunger and food insecurity in debates and decision-making



# WHAT ABOUT POWER

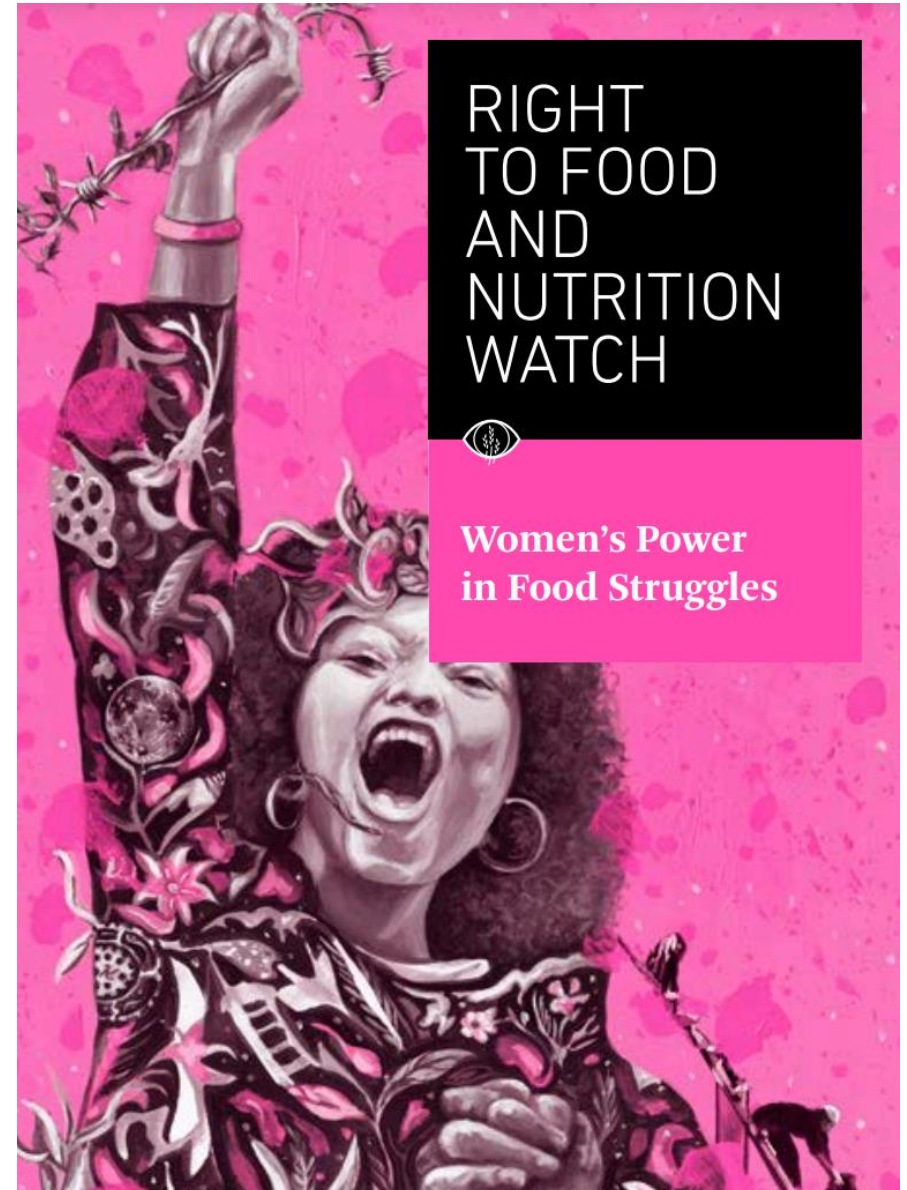
Embrace dissent and conflict,

Unveil and redistribute power within governance processes (from local activities to the development of multistakeholder bodies or policies)

Interrogate the values shaping governance processes

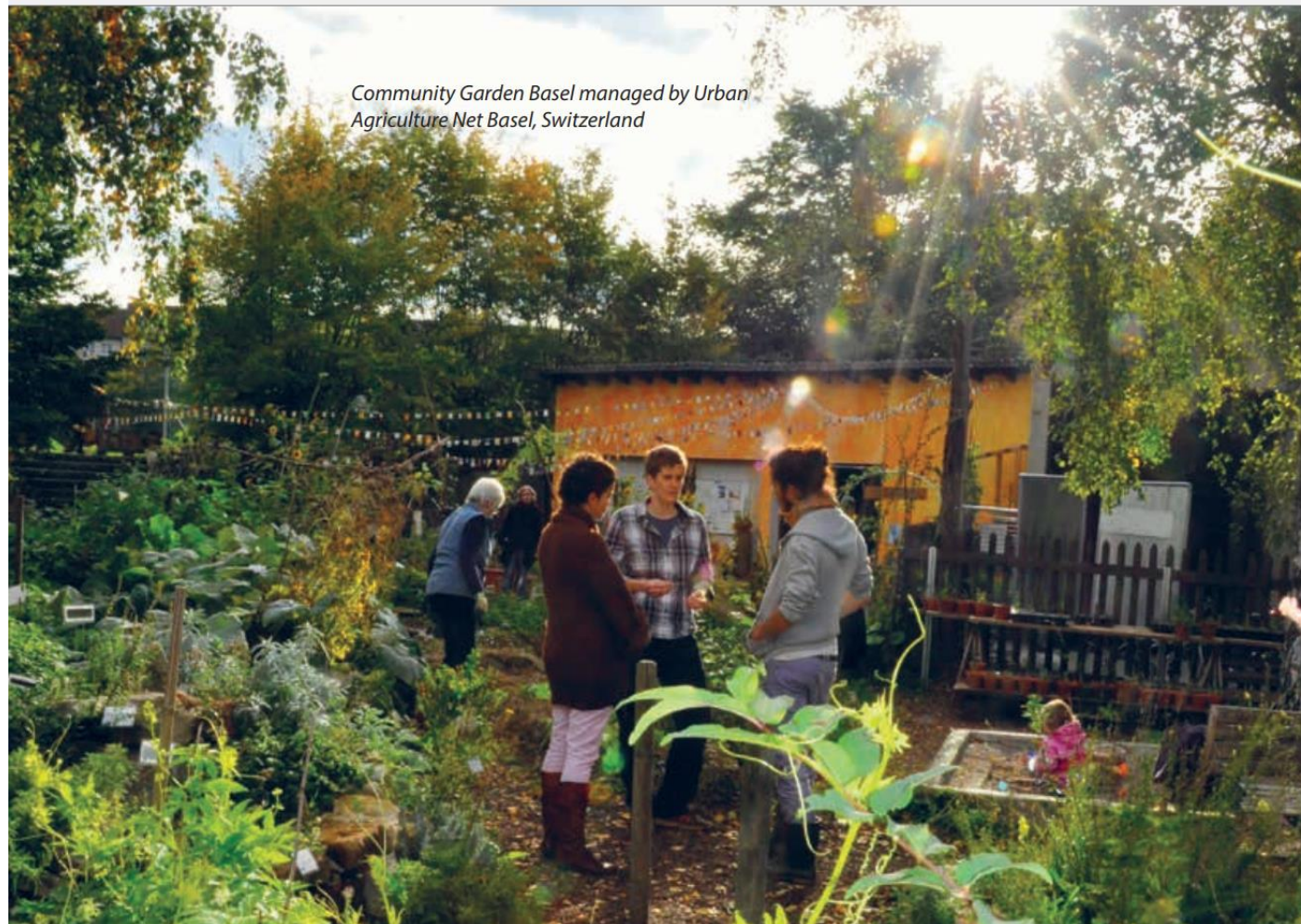
Discursive and material changes: budgets for urban food policies?

Mobilise a human rights approach in defining participation mechanisms





# STAYING WITH THE TROUBLE



*Community Garden Basel managed by Urban  
Agriculture Net Basel, Switzerland*

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# THANKS!



Valencia, From the field to the square

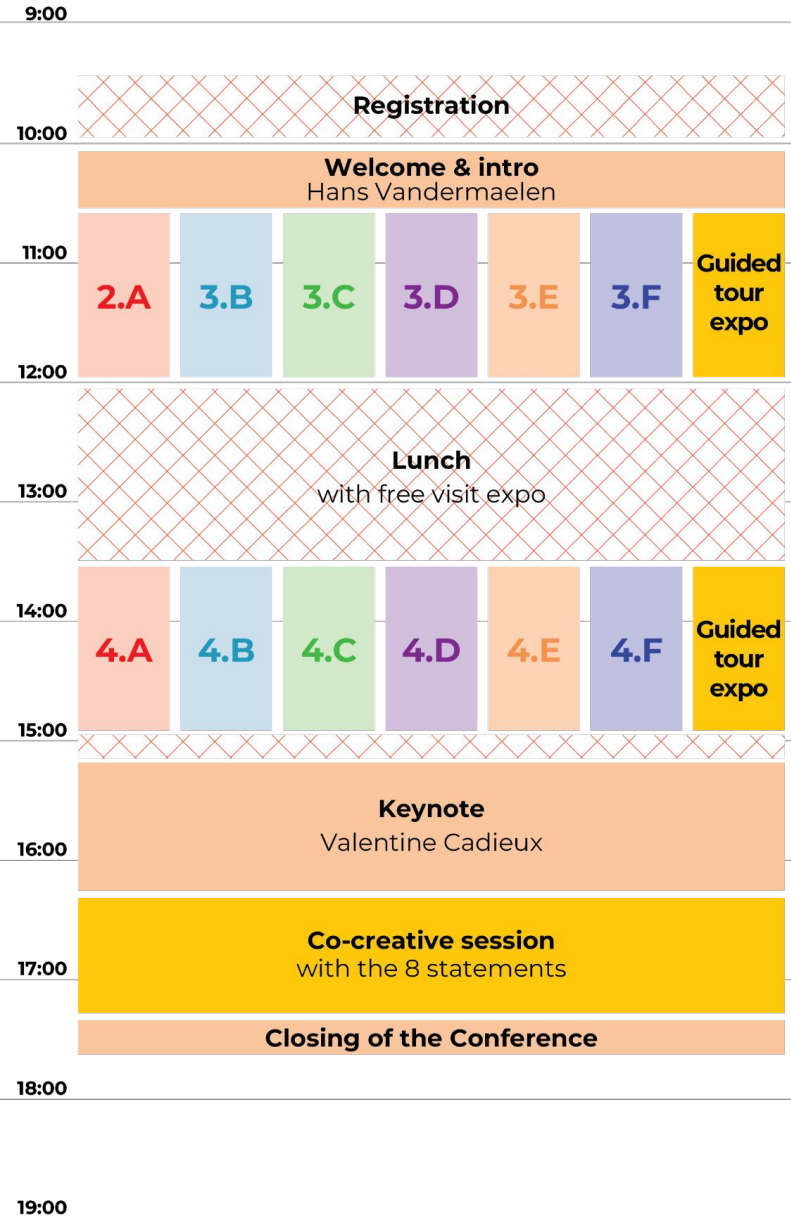
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# Friday 21.06



— **Travel from Brussels to Ghent**  
check [www.nmbs.be](http://www.nmbs.be) for train hours,  
more info on p. 22-23 in Conference Manual

— **15 minutes walk**  
Gent-Sint-Pieters station to STAM  
Other means of transport? Info on p. 22-23  
in Conference Manual

— **9:30 — Registration**  
at STAM, Godshuizenlaan 2, Ghent

— **10:00 — First presentation**  
Please arrive on time!

Part of the sessions (starting 10:30) will take place at campus Rommelaere UGent, Jozef Kluyskensstraat 29. Ghent. You will be guided towards the right locations.

— **17:30 — Closing of the Conference**

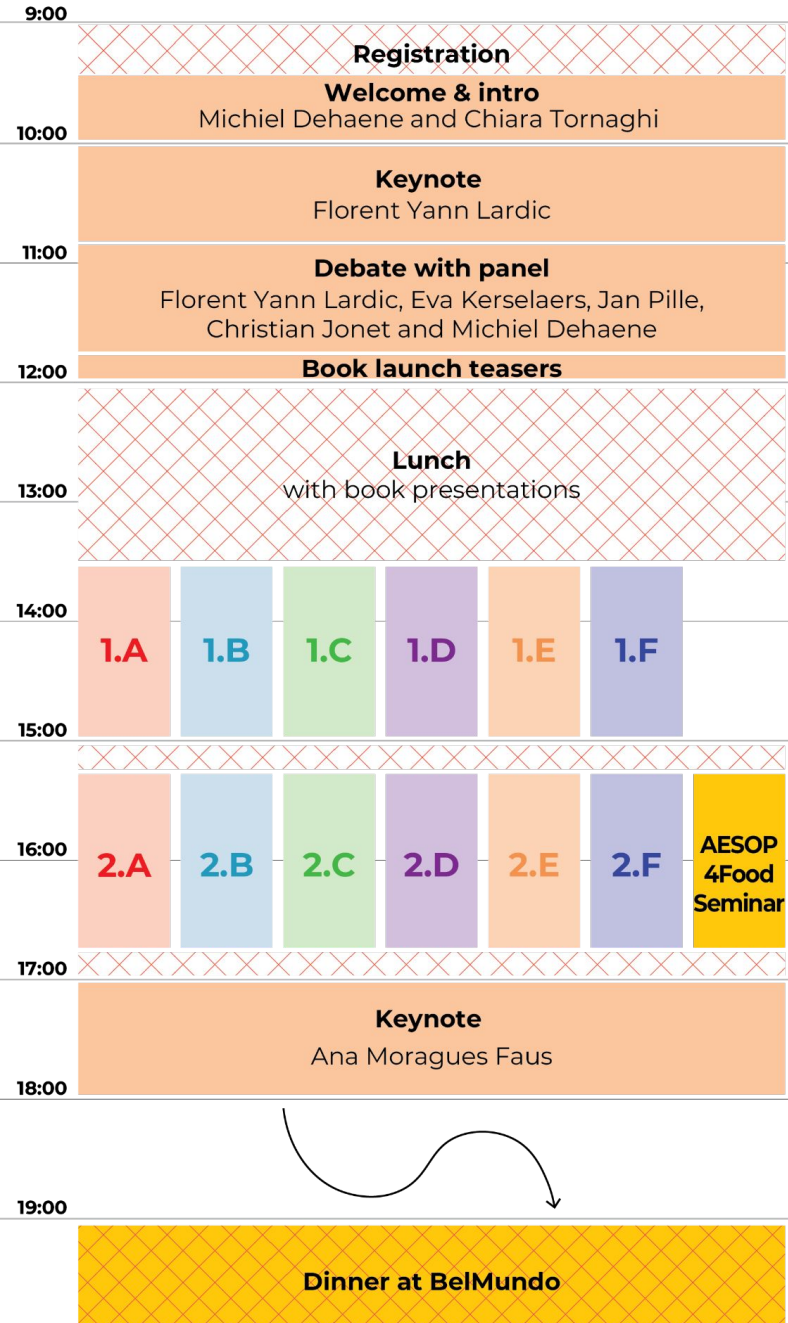


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DE BIJLOKE STADS MUSEUM GENT HOGESCHOOL GENT



# Thursday 20.06



— **18:20** — **Travel from Herman Teirlinck to BelMundo**

Michiel, Elke and Alessandra leave on foot at 18:20 (30 minute walk)

Other means of transport? Info on p. 22-23 in Conference Manual

— **19:00** — **Conference Dinner at BelMundo**

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