

## Program of the 5<sup>th</sup> Swiss PhD Seminar in Agricultural Economics

Dear Budding Agricultural Economists in Switzerland,

It is with great pleasure that we extend an invitation to you and your institutions, requesting your participation at the upcoming Swiss PhD Seminar in Agricultural Economics that will take place on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024. The seminar will take place at the FiBL campus in Frick.

The guiding idea is that this should be a space for us fellow PhDs to network and learn from each other, as well as from experienced agricultural economists, in the context of what we are doing in our daily work. Therefore, we wish to foster an environment that encourages active, open participation and exchange between all attendees.

Please see below our planned schedule and an explanation of the different activities that will be offered. We very much look forward to welcoming you to the FiBL campus for some lively exchange on our PhD plans, associated projects and current results.

With warm wishes,

FiBL PhD LOC

### Schedule:

Time	Topic	Presenter	Where
09:00-09:30	Registration and welcome coffee	FSS PhDs	Foyer Alvarium
09:30-09:45	Kick-off Address	Jörn Sanders	Room Wien
09:45-10:00	Ice Breaker	Sabine Reinecke	Room Wien
10:00-10:15	<u>Research Plan 1: Economics and policy of landscape scale management for reconciling biodiversity, ecosystem services and food production.</u>	Viviane Fahrni (AECF ETHZ)	Room Wien
10:15-10:30	<u>Research Plan 2: Uptake and impact of arable soil protection measures in Switzerland.</u>	Charles Rees (FiBL & AECF ETHZ)	Room Wien
10:30-10:45	<u>Research Plan 3: Agricultural labour markets and policy in Europe.</u>	Marie Kammer (FSEP ETHZ)	Room Wien
10:45-11:00	Break		Foyer Alvarium
11:00-11:30	<u>Results Presentation 1: Keeping up with the Swiss Prosumer: Individual Experiences in Allotment Gardening and Community Supported Agriculture and their Influence on the Upkeep of Agricultural Prosumption Activities.</u>	Stefan Galley (Agroscope)	Room Wien
11:30-12:00	<u>Results Presentation 2: Farmer behaviour towards herbicide free agriculture and soil conservation.</u>	Viviana Garcia Gomez (AECF ETHZ)	Room Wien
12:00-13:00	Lunch break		Mensa
13:00-14:00	FiBL-Farm Tour		FiBL-Farm
14:00-14:30	<u>Results Presentation 3: Uncovering sustainability perspectives: Exploring local definitions and criteria in</u>	Moritz Egger (FiBL & AET ETHZ)	Room Wien

	<i>Ecuadorian cocoa farming communities through a Photovoice action research process.</i>		
14:30-15:00	<u>Results Presentation 4: Environmental disaster and adaptation: A case study of the 1991 Pinatubo eruption and agriculture.</u>	Gary Lynam (Uni Genève)	Room Wien
15:00-15:15	Break		Foyer Alvarium
15:15-15:45	<u>Results Presentation 5: More and better jobs in local agri-food value chains—Evidence from Nigeria.</u>	Olayinka Aremu (FSEP ETHZ)	Room Wien
15:45-16:15	<u>Results Presentation 6: Economic losses due to suboptimal culling decisions in Swiss dairy farming.</u>	Simon Schlebusch (Agroscope)	Room Wien
16:15-16:30	Closing remarks	Jürn Sanders	Room Wien
16:30 Onwards	Apéro		Trotte

## Session Types:

### 1. Research Plan Pitch:

There will be five 15-minute sessions to kick off the core program for the day. In these sessions, four 1<sup>st</sup> year PhD students will have 10 minutes to present their research plan for their upcoming PhD, covering briefly the scope, research aims and planned execution. This will be followed by 5 minutes of questioning. The idea is that this will act as a dry run for PhDs who need to defend their research plan and give an opportunity for PhDs to reflect on areas for further development.

### 2. Results Presentation:

Lastly, there will be five half hour sessions where a seasoned PhD student from each institution will present the methods and results of one of their PhD papers (can be published or unpublished). Each presentation will be 20 minutes long followed by 10 minutes of questions.

## Key Logistical Information:

### Timings:

**Date:** Tuesday 23rd January 2024

**Arrival:** 09:00 – 09:30

**Moderated Sessions:** 09:30 until 16:30

**Apéro:** 16:30 onwards

## Refreshments:

**Snacks:** Tea, Coffee and water are available throughout the day along with a selection of snacks.

**Main Meal:** Additionally, a lunch produced solely from organic ingredients is available to you free of charge (with vegetarian and vegan options available).

**Apéro:** Lastly an Apéro will take place in the Trotte with wine and non-alcoholic drinks and light snacks.

In the very unlikely event that you wish to purchase any further food or drinks throughout the day, you may do so in the Mensa. Twint, cash and card accepted.

## Location:

**Place:** Ackerstrasse 113, 5070 Frick, Schweiz

**Reception and Seminar:** Main entrance of Alvarium Building / room Wien in Alvarium Building

**Apéro:** Trotte

## Travel:

**Accommodation:** To those travelling far and who still want to make the most of the networking opportunities, there are accommodation options in Frick. We would recommend the [Müllerhof](#).

**Shuttles:** The walk from the station to the offices takes approximately 20-30 minutes but FiBL offers regular shuttle buses from the station in Frick to the FiBL campus. The times of these may change in the new year so we will share exact details with you then. If you are unable to make a shuttle then we will put on transport from the railway station to the campus or vice versa. Please also contact us in this case.

**PhD Taxi Service:** Additionally, three attendees from FiBL have kindly offered to run an on-demand shuttle service between the FiBL and the station, should you not be able to make the official shuttle or not wish to walk/cycle. In the event that you wish to take up this offer, especially in the morning, please email [charles.rees@fibl.org](mailto:charles.rees@fibl.org) with numbers and intended arrival time at Frick Station, in order to optimise the shuttle runs.

**Car Parking:** plenty of parking is available free of charge directly on site.

**Bike Storage:** plenty of covered and uncovered bike storage is available directly on site. Given the rural location, bike theft is a very low risk but if you wish, please bring your own lock as these are not provided.

## Official Shuttle Times:

(assuming no amendments in 2024)

### Zurich/Basel → Frick

<b>Shuttle departure Frick train station to FiBL</b>	<b>Train arrival Frick (from Zurich)</b>	<b>Train arrival Frick (from Basel)</b>
<b>07:43</b>		07:41
<b>08:04</b>	07:57	08:02
<b>08:19</b>	08:17	
<b>08:43</b>		08:41

### Frick → Zurich/Basel

<b>Shuttle departure FiBL to Frick train station</b>	<b>Train departure Frick (train to Zurich)</b>	<b>Train departure Frick (train to Basel)</b>
<b>16:45</b>	17:03	16:57
<b>17:10</b>		17:18
<b>17:30</b>	17:42	
<b>17:45</b>	18.03	17:57

