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: 08:30-18:50 | Saturday, 10 October 2026: 12:00-14:00

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.

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FRIDAY | 9 OCTOBER 2026

ZODIAK Warsaw Architecture Pavilion

08:30-08:45 | REGISTRATION & COFFEE

08:45-09:00 | WELCOME & OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

09:00-10:10 | SESSION 1

EDIBLE CITIES AND PRODUCTIVE LANDSCAPES: PLANTS, GARDENS AND NATURE-INFORMED PLANNING

TIME	SPEAKER	PRESENTATION
09:00-09:15	Monika Trojanowska *Warsaw University of Life Sciences (WULS-SGGW)*	Longing for the "Garden of Eden". Ruralisation of Contemporary Metropolis
09:15-09:30	Kinga Rybak-Niedziolka *Warsaw University of Life Sciences (WULS-SGGW)*	Edible Plants in the Urban Landscape
09:30-09:45	Edyta Skiba *Lodz University of Technology*	Conceptualising Seven Cycles for Nature-Informed Spatial Planning for Urban-Rural Landscapes
09:45-10:00	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
10:00-10:10		Questions

10:10-10:20 | COFFEE BREAK

10:20-11:50 | SESSION 2

URBAN AGRICULTURE AS SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE: COMMONS AND RESILIENCE

TIME	SPEAKER	PRESENTATION
10:20-10:35	Malgorzata Marczak *Warsaw University of Technology*	The Growing City - Warsaw: Reimagining the Post-Airport Landscape as a Food-Oriented District
10:35-10:50	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
10:50-11:05	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
11:05-11:15		Questions
11:15-11:30	Anna Wilczyńska *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
11:30-11:45	Anna Gałecka-Drozda, Agnieszka Wilkaniec, Magdalena Szczepańska *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
11:45-11:50		Questions

11:50-12:00 | COFFEE BREAK

12:00-12:40 | URZECZE PROJECT

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

12:40-12:50 | HOLOBIONT BREAK

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12:50-14:10 | KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

12:50-13:30	David Fanfani *Florence University*	A new foodscape to reconnect urban and rural domains. A bioregional planning prospect
13:30-14:10	Aleksandra Wasilkowska *Shadow Architecture*	Shadow Architecture: Food Infrastructure Beyond Formal Planning

14:10-15:10 | LUNCH BREAK - lunch at participants' own expense

15:10-15:30 | FILM SCREENING

Nurturing Visions - Tini Martyna Dubicka

Glass Natura (2019) | (re)Cultivating Relationships (2024) | Lazarus Feeds (2025)

15:30-17:15 | SESSION 3

URBAN-RURAL FOOD SYSTEMS AND RESILIENCE: INFRASTRUCTURE, WATER AND PRODUCTIVE LANDSCAPES

TIME	SPEAKER	PRESENTATION
15:30-15:45	Balance Phala *ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability*	Bridging the Rural-Urban Divide: How ICLEI Is Transforming Urban Food Systems for Global Impact
15:45-16:00	Roxana Maria Triboi *LE:NOTRE Institute, AESOP Sustainable Food Planning Group*	Urban Pastoralism as a Part of Bucharest's New Foodscape
16:00-16:05		Questions
16:05-16:20	Medine Çelik, Agata Cieszewska, Hasan Yılmaz *Atatürk University / Warsaw University of Life Sciences (WULS-SGGW)*	Climate Change Adaptation and Urban Resilience in Mediterranean Cities: The Case of Mardin
16:20-16:35	Lukasz Chmielewski *Warsaw University of Life Sciences (WULS-SGGW)*	Water Retention and Food Production in the Urban Landscape of Urzecze: Design Adaptation Strategies Towards the Sponge City Concept
16:35-16:40		Questions
16:40-16:55	Grazyna Wiejak-Roy, Rafal Mazur, Owen Cranshaw, Johann Weiss *UWE / Warsaw University of Life Sciences (WULS-SGGW) / University of Regensburg*	Plurality of Value in Allotment Gardens in Europe
16:55-17:10	Alicja Kozarzewska *Warsaw University of Life Sciences (WULS-SGGW)*	The Shrinking Garden: The Loss of Private Outdoor Space in Developer-Led Housing
17:10-17:15		Questions

17:15-17:30 | COFFEE BREAK BY KOBIETY WĘDROWNE - COLLECTIVE PRESENTATION

17:30-17:45 | AUTOPORTRET MAGAZINE

Presentation of the special issue of Autoportret dedicated to Foodscapes

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17:45-18:40 | SESSION 4

ARCHITECTURE FOR URBAN FARMING: BUILDINGS, ROOFTOPS AND PRODUCTIVE SPACE

TIME	SPEAKER	PRESENTATION
17:45-18:00	Justyna Juchimiuk *Warsaw University of Life Sciences (WULS-SGGW)*	Inclusive Design in Urban Agriculture Infrastructure: Spatial, Technological, and Social Integration for Urban Resilience
18:00-18:15	Agnieszka Lewandowska *Warsaw University of Life Sciences (WULS-SGGW)*	Buildings That Feed the City: Vernacular Lessons for Permacultural Urban Design
18:15-18:30	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)
18:30-18:40		Questions

18:40-18:50 | OPEN CLOSING OF DAY 1

21:00 | INFORMAL GET-TOGETHER - CAFE KULTURALNA

Address: Pl. Defilad 1, 00-901 Warszawa

An informal evening gathering for conference participants, networking and integration.

SATURDAY | 10 OCTOBER 2026

MOST Urban Cooperative Farm

12:00-13:00 | FIELD TRIP - MOST URBAN COOPERATIVE FARM

Guided tour of MOST Urban Cooperative Farm

13:00-14:00 | CLOSING RESEARCH & NETWORKING SESSION ON THE FARM

TOWARDS COMMON RESEARCH AGENDAS

13:00-13:50	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
13:50-14:00	Session conclusions	Closing remarks and next steps for collaboration

PATRONAGE & CONFERENCE CONTEXT

The conference is held under the Honorary Patronage of the Rector of the Warsaw University of Life Sciences (WULS-SGGW) and the Honorary Patronage of the National Institute of Architecture and Urban Planning (NIAiU).

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RESEARCH PROJECT

The Warsaw edition of New Territories of Foodscapes forms part of the research project Urban Feeding Zone: Professions of the Future at the Interface of City and Countryside, carried out by the Warsaw University of Life Sciences (WULS-SGGW) and funded by the Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education.

TWO COMPLEMENTARY EDITIONS

New Territories of Foodscapes is an international conference organised in two complementary editions: the Warsaw edition (9-10 October 2026) and the Brussels edition (30-31 October 2026).

ACCOMPANYING PUBLICATION

The conference is also accompanied by a special issue of Autoportret magazine dedicated to the theme of Foodscapes, bringing together critical perspectives on food, landscape, architecture and urbanism.

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