

**SIEF 21st International Ethnological Food Research Conference  
Heidelberg, Germany. 31-Aug-2016 to 3-Sep-2016**

## **Call for papers**

The call for papers is now open and closes on **31<sup>st</sup>, December 2015**

The theme of the 21st International Ethnological Food Research Conference in September 2016 is “Places of Food Production. Origin, Identity, Imagination”. The aim of the conference is to analyse the interaction between food, self conceptions and region. Therefore, the conference will take a close look at places of food production. The Conference theme is divided into three thematic streams: Food and Region, Hidden/Visible Food and Imagination about Food, Alienation and the Handling of Food.

### *Food and Region*

Food production shapes the character and self-conception of regions. It is, therefore, of interest to ask the following questions: How does global food production affect the self-conception of regions? How should the relationship between global and regional eating be described? Is a region more or less a melting pot or a salad bowl?

### *Hidden/Visible Food and Imagination about Food*

In industrialized countries today, the food that is eaten is mostly ready, processed food. Therefore we ask: Where does our (convenience) food come from? What are the kinds of ingredients that are visible to consumers and which construct our imagination about food products and food production? What kinds of ingredients are hidden from consumers?

### *Alienation and the Handling of Food*

Industrialized food production has changed the relationship we have to our nutrition. A process of alienation is involved in this context. At the same time, traditional food production as depicted in food marketing, especially on TV advertising, is seen to symbolize “naturalness” and to promote the idea that it is “good for our body”. Many people believe that highly industrialized food is “unhealthy food”. But industrialized food production makes it possible to have safe food, food that is affordable and available almost everywhere – in short, industrialized food enables us to have a land of plenty. Therefore, the following questions are relevant for discussion: What does the alienation of food production mean for cultural identity? What kinds of expectations and what kinds of approaches to food production are to be found in regions in which family farming is dominant?

As interdisciplinary dialogue is an important element of our ethnological food research conference, abstracts from neighbouring disciplines are welcome.

## Presentations

The presentations will normally be of 30 minutes duration, including discussion.

## Submission of Abstracts

Participants, who would like to actively participate in the conference, are requested to submit an abstract or panel proposal for review by the Scientific Programme Committee.

The submission website for SIEF-21-EFR is <https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=sief21efr>

### Submission guidelines:

Download the form for the abstract from our submission website

- Proposals must be submitted only via EasyChair  
<https://easychair.org/conferences/?conf=sief21efr>
- Abstracts must be submitted by **31<sup>st</sup>, December 2015** (limit 300 words)
- The submitting author will receive an email message confirming the receipt of the abstract
- Participants who wish to be **panel conveners** should send their proposal by **1<sup>st</sup>, February 2016**

## Submission of Full papers for Publication

Deadline final version: 31<sup>th</sup>, July 2016. Authors Guidelines will follow.

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### Further Information for the conference will follow.

The conference has to pay for itself; so the cost can be decided when other factors are taken into account. Heidelberg Stadtmarketing offers hotels for special prices and conditions for the conference participants. Further details at

<http://germany.nethotels.com/info/heidelberg/events/SIEF>