



## **CONNECTIONS AND MISSING LINKS WITHIN URBAN AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FOOD SYSTEMS**

### **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

This call for abstracts intends to select papers that will be presented during a scientific event evolving around three sessions and that is organised by *Universidade Nova de Lisboa*<sup>1</sup> with the participation of RUAFF<sup>2</sup> scholars on the 26th of April 2018.

We encourage submission from all disciplines and stages of research (on-going work, concluded results, etc.) and PhDs and Professionals from all stages and fields.

### **THEMATIC FOCUS OF THE CALL**

So far urban agriculture - UA and food have been increasingly part of various research programs and activities and at the same time leading Portuguese institutions in these fields have been organising scientific events with significant production. What seems missing though, and this is normal with such a vibrant dynamics, is to better connect the different fields of knowledge and disciplines that have been involved so far. Therefore the focus of this call and its expected added value, is to offer an open platform to engage debates on how to connect the various disciplines and different sectors that have been implicated on food and UA so far and that are contributing, from their own perspective and driving logics to a better understanding of the field.

Contributions should fall under one of the following topics:

### **TOPIC 1 – Connections and missing links between Food related fields of research**

The scope of the papers that will be presented during the first session is to discuss what are the must needed links and disciplines that should be articulated in order to think UA and food as part of the food system. As a potential approach to this question, we invite papers to address, primarily but not exclusively the following issues:

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<sup>1</sup> Universidade Nova de Lisboa <http://www.unl.pt/en> - Faculdade de Ciências Sociais e Humanas  
[http://fcsh.unl.pt/?set\\_language=en](http://fcsh.unl.pt/?set_language=en)

<sup>2</sup> RUAFF Foundations is a global partnership on sustainable Urban Agriculture and Food Systems  
<http://www.ruaf.org/about-ruaf>



- Challenges and opportunities to develop a multi-disciplinary approach for UA and food.
- Significant linkages, connections and scales existing between food related fields of research.
- Concepts and approaches to connect the missing links between UA and food related fields of research grounded on examples.

## **TOPIC 2 – LINKING UP ACTORS AND SCALES**

The scope of the papers that will be presented during the second session refers to actors and spatial scales that should be articulated and linked up in order to include UA and food as part of the urban food system. As a potential approach to this question we invite authors to address the following issues:

- Scales (and actors) that must be articulated in order have UA and food as part of an urban food system.
- Challenges and opportunities to make those links sustainable through time.
- Methods and approaches to build and strengthen powerful and fluid links among actors and between spatial scales [from street to neighbourhood, to city scale and city region].

## **TOPIC 3 – SHIFTING FROM UA AND FOOD PROJECTS TO POLICIES**

The scope of the papers that will be presented during the third session focuses upon the driving factors to develop a Food Policy. As a potential approach to this question, we invite authors to consider the following issues:

- Critical points enabling the shifting from projects to policies.
- Approaches to address the shifting from projects to policies.
- Critical revision of existing food policies.

## **IMPORTANT DATES - SUBMISSION DEADLINES AND GUIDELINES FOR THE CALL**

- Deadline for submission of 300 to 500 words abstract: 7th January 2018.
- Notification of selected potential papers: 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018
- Deadline for submission of full contribution: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2018
- Notification of outcome: 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018
- Deadline for final submissions (if needed): 5th April 2018



Abstracts and short papers should be sent through email to [uafoodlinks.lisbon2018@gmail.com](mailto:uafoodlinks.lisbon2018@gmail.com).

A brief author biography (up to 80 words) is welcome.

Abstracts and short papers should be submitted in English. Contributions to short-papers are expected to contain between 1000 and 1200 words, and should be written in a nontechnical, simple, clear and concise manner. Short paper will be published in electronic format as an e-booklet.

The scientific event will take place on Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> (presentations and debate) and Friday morning 27<sup>th</sup> (field visit – to be confirmed), 2018 at *Universidade Nova de Lisboa –Faculdade de Ciências Sociais e Humanas, Av. De Berna, 26-C, Lisbon, Portugal*.

The number of participants will be limited in order to ensure time to share presentations and discussion among all participants. Participants will have to pay a minor fee that includes coffee breaks and lunch. Dinner is optional and on own expenses.

**We are looking forward to welcoming you in Lisbon on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April 2018!**