



INTERNATIONAL FOOD POLICY CONFERENCE 2026

Food Policy, Food Security and
Governance in Times of Global
Change

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Call for
papers



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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

The Faculty of Political Science and International Studies at the University of Warsaw invites submissions to the International Food Policy Conference, a two-day international academic event devoted to the political dimensions of food systems, food policy and food security.

Food policy has emerged as a crucial yet still under-theorised area of public policy and governance. Decisions concerning food production, distribution and consumption increasingly intersect with questions of security, public health, sustainability, technological change and international relations. At the same time, recent crises – including climate change, geopolitical conflicts and disruptions of global supply chains – have demonstrated that food security is not only a social or economic issue, but also a matter of political stability and resilience.

This first edition of the conference aims to create a high-quality international forum for scholars representing different disciplines and methodological approaches, while remaining open and inclusive in order to stimulate a broad and vibrant academic debate.

CONFERENCE FOCUS AND SCOPE

The conference approaches **food policy** as a field located at the intersection of three core disciplinary perspectives:

- **Political science and public policy** – institutions, governance, regulation and decision-making processes;
- **Security studies (with a focus on internal and societal security)** – food security, system resilience, crisis management;
- **International relations** – global and regional food regimes, geopolitics of food, international organisations and diplomacy.

The organisers particularly encourage **interdisciplinary contributions** that bridge these perspectives and engage with real-world policy challenges.

PANELS AND TRACKS

The conference will be organised around three main thematic tracks:

- 1. Food Policy and Governance**
- 2. Food Security and Resilience**
- 3. Food Policy in International and Global Perspective**

Within these tracks, paper and panel proposals may address, including but not limited to, the following topics:

- Food as a political concept and object of public policy
- Food security and insecurity at national, regional and global levels
- Food policy responses to climate change and environmental crises
- Governance of sustainable food systems
- Ethics of food production, distribution and consumption
- Food and human rights
- Food, labour and social inequalities
- Food and health policies
- Agroecology and alternative food systems
- Lobbying, interest groups and food politics
- Public communication and narratives on food
- Regulation of novel foods and food technologies
- Surveillance technologies and data in food systems
- Food, identity, gender and culture
- Food corruption and regulatory capture
- History of food in international relations
- Culinary diplomacy and soft power

TYPES OF SUBMISSIONS

The conference welcomes:

- Individual paper proposals
- Roundtable (3–4 panelists with a clear thematic focus)

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Abstracts should clearly indicate:
 - research question and relevance,
 - theoretical framework,
 - methodology (where applicable),
 - main contribution.

SUBMISSION FORM

IMPORTANT DATES & FEE

Call for Papers opens: 1 April 2026

Deadline for abstract submission: 1 June 2026

Notification of acceptance: 1 July 2026

Registration Early Birds Opens: 1 July 2026

Registration Regular Opens: 1 August 2026

Payment Deadline: 15 September 2026

Draft of program: 1 October 2026

Conference dates: 22–23 October 2026

Early Bird Fee:

Standard: 400 PLN (100 EUR)

Student/PhD: 300 PLN (70 EUR)

Regular Fee:

Standard: 500 PLN (120 EUR)

Student/PhD: 350 PLN (80 EUR)