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Introduction

Beste Lezer,

Het ruimen van bedrijven, emoties, en wantrouwen in beleid en wetenschap. Daar draait het om maandag 12 december: we draaien in Movie-W de film Mannenbroeders uit Kootjebroek. Met toelichting van Lau Jansen ([Stichting Onderzoek MKZ Crisis Kootwijkerbroek](#)) en Tjirk van der Ziel (schreef zijn [phd thesis](#) over deze zaak).

Maar eerst: de toekomst van de Europese boer: wat staat ons te wachten na 2013? Aanstaaende dinsdag, met Joop de Koeijer (medeoprichter Boerengroep) als akkerbouwer, een onderzoeker van het PBL, en twee dames die in Oostenrijk afgelopen zomer deelnamen aan een wereldwijd voedselsoevereiniteit forum. [Lees meer](#)

Een mooie winter toegewenst!

Klarien Klingen
coördinator Boerengroep

Dear International Reader,

After tonight ([global food security debate](#)), Food Farmers and Forks has only two Tuesday evenings left. Make sure you don't miss them!

December 6: [The Future of the EU Farmer: what will happen after 2013?](#)

December 13: [Agri-food Commodity Chains: resist or embrace?](#)

We are curious to hear how you liked the series Food Farmers and Forks. Did you become inspired? Would you like to organise something related? We would be happy to be informed about your feedback, ideas and initiatives!

We wish you happy holidays and lots of ice-skating and snow!

Klarien Kligen
coordinator Boerengroep

[The future of the EU farmer: what will happen after 2013?](#)

Changes in the Common Agriculture Policy ([CAP](#)) of Europe will have major impact on farming and food worldwide. What should the new policies look like? Nobody seems to agree. Join us to hear some critical perspectives about how Europe's agriculture is about to change...

Joop de Koeijer (arable farmer in the Netherlands) will explain the effects of the new policies will have on his farm. Ramona Langanki and Irma Beusink share with us a food sovereignty perspective, which is shared by numerous grassroots organisations worldwide (click [here](#) for a 4 minutes movie with more info). Henk van Zeijts (researcher at [Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency](#)) will give an introduction on the new CAP based on calculations his organisation made about the effects for the European agricultural landscape.

Time: December 6, at 19:30h

Place: [Forum building Wageningen](#)

Organisation: Boerengroep

Facilitation: Boudewijn Zuijderhoudt

Register: [here](#) to reserve a seat

[Read more](#)

[Mannenbroeders van Kootjebroek](#)

Het is nu 10 jaar geleden dat bedrijven werden geruimd in Kootwijkerbroek. Was het terecht? Die vraag speelt nog steeds! Evenals emoties, wantrouwen, en dus helaas nog geen duidelijke lessen voor de toekomst. Boerengroep draait in Movie-W de Film Mannenbroeders van Kootjebroek. Met toelichting van Lau Jansen ([Stichting Onderzoek MKZ Crisis Kootwijkerbroek](#)) en Tjirk van der Ziel (schreef zijn [phd thesis](#) over deze zaak).

Mannenbroeders van Kootjebroek is een portret van documentairemaker Geertjan Lassche over het Veluwe dorp Kootwijkerbroek. In het voorjaar van 2001 brak mond-en-klauwzeer uit. In maart 2001 wordt ook bij een kalf in Kootwijkerbroek MKZ vastgesteld. Inwoners van Kootwijkerbroek geloven niet dat de ziekte er is, omdat de besmetting niet leidt tot een uitbraak. Na hevige rellen worden de dieren toch geruimd. Tien jaar later zijn de massale ruimingën nog steeds een open zenuw. Nog steeds worden er processen gevoerd, nog steeds worstelt de geloofsgemeenschap met het verleden. ■ Tijdens deze filmavond wil Stichting Boerengroep terugblikken op de crisis van 10 jaar geleden. Na de vertoning wordt met een aantal betrokkenen en experts de gevolgen van de crisis besproken en lessen voor de toekomst bediscussieerd.

Maandag 12 december om 20:30 uur in [Movie-W](#). Toegang gratis.

Agri-food commodity chains: resist or embrace?

A step forward in development of small scale farmers is often assumed to be more market involvement. However, being more dependant on global commodity chains for revenues as well as for farm inputs, has its downsides too...

With speakers of the [Centre for Learning on Sustainable Development ILEA](#), the [Interchurch Organisation for Development Cooperation ICCO](#), and [Centre for Research on Multinational Corporations SOMO](#).

Time: December 13 at 19:30h

Place: Forum building Wageningen

Register: [here](#) to reserve a seat

Koffiemoment – Weekly Farmers Coffee Talk

Interested in agriculture? Wish to discuss some food security/feeding the world issue with us?

Every Tuesday morning from 10:30 to 11:30 we have coffee with a dairy farmer and some critical students, and often other participants who like to share their thoughts about important topics like food crises, sustainable farming, urban agriculture, etc.

Anyone interested in agriculture is welcome to join. To share your thoughts, drink some coffee, or maybe just to come by and listen if you prefer.

Farm work exchange

Would you like to work on a farm sometimes? We think this is the ultimate opportunity to actually experience many of the things you talk about during your Wageningen studies or (academic) work. This experience will increase your understanding and thereby improve your agriculture-related work. Besides: it's also great fun and a healthy exercise to do some physical outdoor work! On our [website](#) you can find farms where you can experience farmwork.

Activities by other organisations:

Global Food Security Debate – tonight!

Can organic agriculture feed the world? Is development aid outdated? Is hunger in the South due to excessive consumption in the west?

Students of the course "Global Food Security" ([YSD-50806](#)) prepare propositions to (dis)agree with. You are invited to join their discussion!

date: December 1

time: 20:00 h

place: canteen Leeuwenborgh

entrance: free (please be in time!)

Groentepakketten Wageningen

Nu nieuw van Tuinderij de Stroom uit Hemmen: Groentepakketten in Wageningen! Vanaf 1 persoons-pakketten mogelijk. [Lees meer](#).

Hunger, Food & (Agroecological) Alternatives

A day long colloquium at ISS

Co-organized by the **Transnational Institute (TNI)**, the **Initiatives in Critical Agrarian Studies (ICAS)** and the **Land Deal Politics Initiatives (LDPI)**, the Colloquium brings together some of the world's leading radical thinkers and activists around the issues of food and the future of farming.

Some of the questions this day-long colloquium will address are:

- Can we feed the world and achieve economic development while conserving ecosystems and improving the livelihoods of peasants and the rural poor?
- How do we understand and tackle the interlinked agrarian and environmental crises?
- What types of policies create sustainable development that guarantees justice, equality and autonomy for poor and marginalized communities?
- What types of food movements have emerged and why, and with what challenges?

How to register

[More info](#)

Food movements, agroecology, and the future of food and farming

What alternative policies can enable communities to realise their own food security in the face of environmental challenges, while also improving livelihoods, building resilience, and conserving ecosystems?

Speakers

- Tony Weis (Associate Professor of Geography at the University of Western Ontario);
- Miguel Altieri (Professor of Agroecology at the University of California, Berkeley) and
- Eric Holt-Giménez (Executive Director of Food First / Institute for Food and Development Policy).

Today, a billion people live in hunger. Peak oil and environmental degradation threaten the food security of billions more, particularly with half the world's population living in urban environments where they are dependent on industrially produced and imported food. A transition is urgently needed, but how? What alternative policies can enable communities to realise their own food security in the face of these environmental challenges, while also improving livelihoods, building resilience, and conserving ecosystems? Many food-related movements have already emerged around the world, but what ongoing challenges do they face? We will hear from 3 speakers, each with a long background of experience in activism and academic research on transdisciplinary but interconnected themes such as conservation, agro-ecology and sustainable farming, political economy and the social sciences.

Tony Weis, (Associate Professor of Geography at the University of Western Ontario and author of *The Global Food Economy: The Battle for the Future of Farming*) will discuss the economic and environmental problems of the dominant chemical-industrial food system; Miguel Altieri (Professor of Agroecology at the University of California, Berkeley and author of *Agroecology: The Science of Sustainable Agriculture*) will look at the alternatives offered by ecological, small scale, local and urban farming; and Eric Holt-Giménez (Executive Director of Food First / Institute for Food and Development Policy, and author of *Food Movements Unite!: Strategies to transform our food systems*) will look at the emergence of food movements from a global perspective, as well as the divisions between North and South, urban and rural.

This event is co-organised by Transnational Institute (TNI), Institute of Social Studies (ISS) and The Real World Economics group at the University of Amsterdam.

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