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Food System Transitions

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We live in exciting times: all around us new ideas, projects and movements are developing in response to the pressing issues with our food system.

The aim of this course is to explore the various responses to unsustainability in the food system and critical thinking skills to contextualize and assess these responses. Participants will engage with and critique food system transitions (including governance, policy and ideological positions) within the context of food security and food system sustainability.

After completion of the course the participant will be able to:

- Identify the intersection between food system transitions and broader global transitions;
- Apply food systems thinking;
- Identify various ideological positions in food debates;
- Analyse food policy and governance practices.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Post-graduate students, professionals and practitioners working in government, corporate or civil society sectors who would like to interrogate the various 'solutions' that are being offered or tried in practice in the search for sustainable food systems. This course offers an overview of various responses, places them in the context of broader global transitions and provides some frameworks to guide analysis.

VENUE AND TIME

This course will be presented at the Sustainability Institute at Lynedoch Ecovillage, Lynedoch Rd (off R310 Baden Powell Drive), Stellenbosch. It will run Monday to Friday from 08:15 to 17:15 and Saturday from 09:00 to 13:00. Directions can be obtained from Google maps or www.sustainabilityinstitute.net.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation and travel are for your own account. Accommodation is available directly adjacent to the venue in the heart of Lynedoch Ecovillage at Drie Gewels Guesthouse. For bookings and rates please see our website, contact +27 (0)21 881 3196 or email hospitality.si@sustainabilityinstitute.net.

APPLICATION

Contact the Short Course Administrator, Carrie Kerns, at cakerns@usb-ed.com or +27 (0) 11 460 6987 to receive this information. Applications close strictly 2 working days prior to course commencing, accompanied by full payment of course fees.

COURSE FEES

R9 500 per short course including lunches and tea breaks (Mon - Fri).

CERTIFICATION

Attendees who satisfy the minimum performance requirements i.e. attendance of the full 6-day course, full participation and contribution to class and group projects, will be awarded a Certificate of Attendance from the Sustainability Institute.

PRESENTERS

CANDICE KELLY

Candice Kelly is conducting doctoral research on people leading food system transitions in South Africa. She completed her MPhil at the SI and in 2009, she started working at the SI as programme manager of the Sustainable Food Systems programme, and developed the food systems stream with Gareth Haysom. Currently, she is involved in the Southern African Food Lab working on food security, and consulting for clients like GIZ (Germany) and DfID (UK).

LUKE METELERKAMP

Luke Metelerkamp currently serves as research fellow and programme coordinator at the Sustainability Institute as well as an extra-ordinary lecturer at Stellenbosch University's School of Public Leadership. Prior to taking a full time post at the Sustainability Institute, Luke spent two years as an affiliated research fellow while visiting various research and development programmes in Asia and Latin America. Over this period he focussed on international stories of hope and transition from emerging economies in countries such as Cuba, Costa Rica and Bhutan.

