

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

12th Annual IAS-STS Conference "Critical Issues in Science and Technology Studies"

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PhD topic: "Attitudes to Sustainable Intensive Agriculture"

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Conference Theme of Interest: Sustainable Food Systems

Abstract:

With growing concern over the effects of climate change and the food security, the area of Sustainable Agricultural Production is ever more gaining significance. This PhD is concerned with Sustainable Intensive Agriculture. One of the main areas that is been researched is how to "define" the term, they are a number of institutional papers that define the term in a top down manner, however no work has been done on a bottom up approach asking the farmers themselves how they understand and define the term. This is one of the main objectives of the PhD. In addition to this, another section of the PhD deals with how Sustainable Intensive Agriculture is communicated and disseminated to farmers and practitioners. This will give a greater understanding of positive communicate techniques and technologies that encourage sustainable practices and uptake. I believe that My PhD topic would be suitable to present on at the conference as it is intrinsically linked with "sustainable food systems" and is researching a niche area that will have great relevance and importance for the future understanding and developing of sustainable intensive agriculture

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