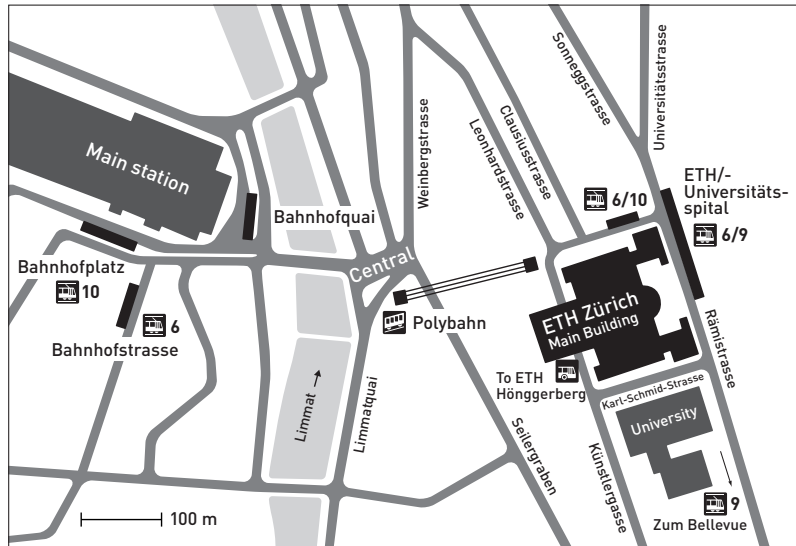


Elisabeth Kalko Memorial Lecture

Food systems resilience in theory and practice: Organic agriculture as a prototype?

Wednesday, April 8, 2015 | 19.00 | ETH Zurich HG F30



Location Details

The event will take place in the Audi Max of the ETH Zurich Main Building (Hauptgebäude, HG F30), Rämistrasse 101, 8092 Zurich. The event is a public lecture and free of charge.

How to Reach the Venue

The main building of the ETH Zurich can be easily reached by public transport.

- from Zurich Main Station take Tram No. 6 (Direction: Zoo) or Tram No. 10 (Direction: Zürich Flughafen)
- from Bellevue take Tram No. 9 (Direction: Hirzenbach)
- from Central take the Polybahn

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Dr. Frank Eyhorn

Frank Eyhorn, PhD Environmental Sciences, is specialized in sustainable agriculture and value chain development with smallholders. He conducted elaborate research on the impact of organic cotton farming in India, West-Africa and Central Asia and elaborated various training materials on organic agriculture and fair trade. From 2000 to 2005 he coordinated organic farming projects in Asia at the Research Institute of Organic Farming (FiBL). Since 2006, Frank is working with HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation where he heads the organic and fairtrade competence center and is a Co-Team Leader of the rural economy team. In this function he worked on organic farming systems in Benin, Burkina Faso, Mali, Senegal, India, Laos, Nepal, Thailand, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. He currently leads a project to develop sustainable rice value chains in India and Thailand in collaboration with Coop Switzerland and GB Pant University in India. Since 2011 he is serving on the World Board of IFOAM (International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements), since 2014 as Vice-President.

Prof. Johan Six

Johan Six received his PhD in Soil Science from Colorado State University (CSU) and was a Research Scientist at the Natural Resource Ecology Lab at CSU until 2002. There he led many projects investigating the effect of land use change and management on greenhouse gas fluxes in agricultural, grassland and forest ecosystems. As a Professor at UC Davis (2002-2012), Johan further developed his research with a focus on feedbacks between ecosystem management options, global change, and biogeochemical cycling. Since 2013, Johan is the chair of the Sustainable Agroecosystems Group at ETH Zurich, where he expanded his program to include more emphasis on landscape analyses and global food security. He studies the complex interactions between soil, plants, soil biota, and the carbon and nitrogen cycles in terrestrial ecosystems, especially agroecosystems. His general approach is to conduct experimental work and subsequently integrate it with modeling to interpolate and extrapolate it to the regional and global scale. Furthermore, bio-economic modeling is conducted in collaboration with economic and social scientists to holistically assess the sustainability of agriculture. Project sites span from small growers' fields to intensively-farmed production systems to agricultural research stations.

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Public Lecture of the Annual Conference of the Society for Tropical Ecology

- 19.00** **Welcome**
Dr. Chris Kettle,
Ecosystem Management Group, ETH Zurich
- 19.10** **Prof. Johan Six**
Chair, Sustainable Agroecosystems
ETH Zurich, Institute of Agricultural Sciences
- 19.30** **Dr. Frank Eyhorn**
Team Leader, Rural Economy
HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation
- 19.50** **Questions and Discussion**
Moderator: Michelle Grant
Executive Director, ETH Zurich World Food System Center
- 20.15** **Apéro**

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