



[AGST #1 RURAL DEVELOPMENT STUDIES: LECTURE SERIES NO.7]

# DEVELOPMENT, TRANSITIONS AND REAL UTOPIAS

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As a part of the course of "Comparative Development Studies" offered at the EA Programme of the Graduate School of Economics, this series of four sessions aims at offering students a room to discuss different frameworks for the analysis of the current 'crisis' and 'turn' in the global agro-food economy, mainly with a focus on Europe. What is wrong with the present agri-food system? What is the future food system we would like to aim at? What strategies may be better suited to lead us to the desirable future? This course is designed for any and all students with an interest in rural development from international and interdisciplinary approaches.



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2 credits available for EA course students. (For details, contact IAO)



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[CLASS SCHEDULE]

December	
2 <sup>th</sup> Wed.	Session 1
4 <sup>th</sup> Fri.	Session 2
9 <sup>th</sup> Wed.	Session 3
11 <sup>th</sup> Fri.	Session 4

[TIME & VENUE]

**9:00-12:00** (1st & 2nd Period)

@ **ROOM 102**

Faculty of Law and Economics  
East Building

Session 1:  
**Recent Themes in the  
Development of Agriculture:  
Quality Turn, Rural  
Development, Alternative  
Food Networks**

Session 2:  
**How to Conceptualize  
Change: Transitions, Social  
Practices and Real Utopias**

Session 3:  
**Local Food in the Transition:  
A Real Utopias Project?**

Session 4:  
**Democratising Food:  
Foodshed, Food Councils and  
New Forms of Governance**

**We welcome your  
Participation!!**

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