

Special Session on:
***Between grassroots initiatives
and public policy: hybrid
arrangements in urban food
systems and wellbeing in the
Global South***



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Purpose and Scope

This special session examines how urban food systems in the Global South evolve through hybrid arrangements that connect grassroots initiatives, public policies, and everyday practices. Rather than focusing on isolated or purely technical solutions, the session explores how approaches such as nexus perspectives and food loss and waste reduction are integrated with institutional frameworks and community-based initiatives, helping to overcome conventional dichotomies between bottom-up and top-down action, and between technical and social approaches. Contributions are invited that analyze how these hybrid configurations shape behavioural change, coordination processes, and wellbeing outcomes across urban and peri-urban regions, drawing on empirically grounded and context-sensitive research.

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