

This lecture series brings together researchers and practitioners working at the intersection of food systems, sustainability science, and societal change. Scholars from diverse disciplinary backgrounds, including agronomy, public health, economics, political science, and science and technology studies present their work on food-related challenges, from food security and access to the governance of food technologies to the transformation of agricultural systems. The lecture series explores how research can go beyond describing problems and deficiencies by contributing to just, resilient, and sustainable food futures.

The 2026 Basel Sustainability Forum is open to anyone with an interest in sustainability and provides a space for engagement with research and real-world challenges of feeding a growing global population.

Presentations: 23 Sep - 9 Dec 2026 (preliminary schedule)

23.09.	Max Bergman Janina Grabs <i>Professor of Sustainability Research, University of Basel</i>	Introduction Regulating sustainability in food value chains
30.09.	Rajdeep Singha <i>Professor, Omeo Kumar Das Institute of Social Change and Development, Assam, India</i>	True Colour of Assam's Tea: Cost, Price and Labour
07.10.	Yuan Zhou <i>Senior researcher in the Social Transitions Research Group, University of Basel</i>	Is Small Beautiful? Challenges and Opportunities in Smallholder Agriculture in the Global South
14.10.	Olivier Ejderyan <i>Group lead Society & Innovation at Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL) Switzerland</i>	We drunk wine and broke a robot: Addressing working conditions in steep vineyards through transdisciplinary research
21.10.	Tour of <i>Brauerei Ferment</i> with Caroline Kulangara at Appenzellerstrasse 14, Basel. Maximum 25 people, reserve your spot asap (Zinette.Bergman@unibas.ch)	
28.10.		tba
04.11.	Abdelbagi Ismail <i>Regional Director for Africa, International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), Kenya</i>	tba
11.11.	Julius Malin <i>Researcher in the Social Transitions Research Group, University of Basel</i>	Historical Foodways and Sustainable Futures: Christian Farming Initiatives in the Rural United States
18.11.	Basil Bornemann <i>Senior researcher/Lecturer, Department of Social Sciences, University of Basel</i>	tba
25.11.	Martina Bozzola <i>Head of the Department of Food System Sciences, FiBL Switzerland</i>	The future of food system analysis
02.12.	Max Bergman <i>Chair, Social Research and Methodology, Director, Social Transitions Research</i>	Multi-logic future-readiness for food systems
09.12.	Eucor/Sustainability Office	Roundtable and Apéro

