

International Scientific Conference in Brussels



New territories of foodscapes

The conference focuses on how contemporary cities are "fed" - spatially, politically and imaginatively. It asks how we can move from a city geared towards consumption to a city-as-organism, in which urban form, infrastructure and public policies recognise food as a key dimension of spatial planning.

The Brussels edition of *New Territories of Foodscapes* explores food as a lens through which to understand the contemporary transformations of cities, landscapes, and societies. Bringing together perspectives from urban studies, architecture, political ecology, food studies, art, and social practice, the conference examines how food shapes and is shaped by infrastructures, territories, cultures, and systems of power.

New Territories of Foodscapes is intended as a meeting place for researchers, planners, artists, activists, and practitioners who see food as more than an agribusiness-driven economic sector - rather as a lens through which to trace transformations in urban-rural relations, environmental crises, and the possibilities of designing more just, resilient and productive urban landscapes. The conference aims not only to offer a diagnosis, but also to assemble a repertoire of scenarios and tools: from critical analyses of urban policies to bold visions of the future feeding zones of cities.

The conference accompanies the exhibition *The Belly of the City*, curated by Aleksandra Wasilkowska and organised by the National Institute of Architecture and Urban Planning (NIAiU).

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exhibition program

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POST-CONFERENCE PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES

Authors presenting at the conference will be invited to submit full manuscripts for consideration in:

- an edited volume to be published by Routledge (Taylor & Francis);
- or a peer-reviewed scientific journal (publication charges may apply in accordance with the publisher's policy; further details will be provided following the conference).

TIME	PROGRAMME	30 October 2026
08:45-09:00	Coffee & Welcome Registration and welcome coffee	
09:00-09:10	Opening Remarks and Introduction Geoffrey Grulois (ULB La Cambre-Horta) · Aleksandra Wasilkowska (Shadow Architecture) · Aleksandra Nowysz (WULS)	
09:10-09:20	Autoportret Magazine: <i>Foodscapes</i> Dorota Leśniak, Editor	
09:20-10:10	The Urzecz Project Joanna Erbel · Aleksandra Nowysz · Maciej Łepkowski WULS / Urban Farm MOST	
10:10-10:25	Coffee Break	
10:25-10:45	New Ruralities Nadia Casabella, ULB La Cambre-Horta	
10:45-11:05	Developing Typological Alternatives in Response to the Challenges of Industrial Agriculture Transition Axel Fisher, ULB La Cambre-Horta	
11:05-11:45	Territorial strategies in Neerpede: agriculture, nature and landscapes Catherine Fierens	
11:45-12:05	Discussion Discussion with keynote speakers and invited guests	
12:05-13:05	Lunch break · Milk Bar	
13:05-14:05	Sour on Power Slavs and Tatars, artists	
14:05-15:05	Bioregionalism Mathias Rollot, ENSAG	
15:05-15:25	Holobiont Break Break	
15:25-16:25	Food systems and the city Damien Conaré, L'Institut Agro Montpellier	
16:25-16:55	Roundtable Discussion Future Directions, Conclusions and Recommendations	
19:00 onwards	The Belly of the City - Performative and artistic events Networking, <i>Pickle Bar</i> by Slavs and Tatars, concert and edible performance	

TIME	PROGRAMME	31 October 2026
10:00-13:00	The Belly of the City - Performative and artistic events <i>Street Vendor</i> , Janek Simon, performance at the market stall, Pl. Flagey Market	
14:30	Abattoir d'Anderlecht Visit to a large multi-ethnic market in Brussels	
17:00	Pickle Bar performances and closing informal programme	

Conference framework

The Brussels conference forms part of the two complementary editions of *New Territories of Foodscapes*: the Warsaw edition, *Urban-Rural Landscapes and Feeding Territories*, and the Brussels edition accompanying *The Belly of the City* exhibition.

The programme brings together invited lectures, artistic contributions, discussions, exhibition-based encounters, and field-based reflection on food, cities, infrastructures, culture, and territories.

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