



## **Organization of a scientific event in Montpellier**

### **Science-society dialogues in the construction of knowledge on agroecology: experiences from Argentina and France**

TUE April 18, 2023

WED April 19, 2023

This event will bring together scientists and agricultural producers from France and Argentina to jointly reflect on the construction of knowledge for agroecological transitions. The intention is to nurture, with grounded theoretical and methodological debates, concrete experiences of participatory research. The discussions will focus notably on Participatory Guarantee Systems (PGS), which are local mechanisms for assessing quality standards for agro-ecological production, based on the active participation of producers, consumers and state, educational and scientific institutions. This event will feed subsequent science-society exchanges for boosting agroecological transitions through participatory approaches.

## Names, titles and affiliations of speakers

- **Andrea P. Sosa Varrotti**, researcher, National Scientific and Technical Research Council (CONICET), National University of San Martin (UNSAM); professor, University of Buenos Aires (UBA) & MAK'IT Fellow 2022-2023
- **Patrick Caron**, director, Montpellier Advanced Knowledge in Transitions, MAK'IT (tbc)
- **Denis Pesche**, director, UMR Art-Dev, CIRAD
- **Daiana Pérez**, researcher, Institute of Social Studies, University of Entre Rios (INES-UNER), CONICET
- **Facundo Monguzzi**, technician, Argentine Rural Federation & coordinator, National School of Agroecology (ENEA)
- **Vincent Nourigat**, president, Peasant Markets Association & vice-president, Pôle InPact (tbc)
- **Delina Puma**, technician, Office for People's Technical Consultancy (CoTePo), Land Workers Union (UTT)
- **Marie Giraud**, peasant horticulturist, Peasant Seeds Network
- **Emma Siliprandi**, agriculture officer, FAO & professor, Master in Agroecology, International University of Andalusia (UNIA)
- **Luis Caballero**, economist, Argentine Institute of Agricultural Technology (INTA)
- **Roberto Cittadini**, professor, National University of Mar del Plata (UNMdP) & co-founder, ProHuerta Programme & MOOC Agroecology, INTA-SupAgro
- **Eric Scopel**, researcher, UR AïDA & coordinator of CIRAD agroecological research
- **Graciela Francavilla**, member, Argentine Agroecology Directorate (DNAE); coordinator, PGS line of work
- **Paia Pereda**, consultant, Institute of Popular Culture (INCUPO) & member, Agroecological Movement of Latin America and the Caribbean (MAELA)
- **Fernando Fleita**, producer and technician specialised in agroecology, INCUPO & member, PGS Bella Vista
- **Philippe Piard**, farmer-jam maker & recent member, Nature & Progrès PGS commission
- **Sylvaine Lemeilleur**, researcher, Unit of interdisciplinary research on agri-food systems of Montpellier (MoISA-CIRAD)
- **Claudia Flores**, board member, Argentine Agroecology Society (SAAE)
- **Éric Sabourin**, researcher, Art-Dev, CIRAD
- **Tamara Perelmuter**, technical-scientific advisor, National Institute of Peasant and Indigenous Family Agriculture (INAFCI) & researcher, Institute of Latin American and Caribbean Studies (IEALC, UBA)
- **Maria de la Paz Acosta**, researcher, Gino Germani Research Institute (IIGG, UBA), CONICET
- **Alexandre Guichardaz**, manager, ClimOliveMed project & consultant in engineering of science-society dialogue
- **Florencia Arancibia**, researcher, CONICET-UNSAM

· *Access programme* ·

**Speakers' photos and bios (see above)**

- [Andrea P. Sosa Varrotti, researcher, National Scientific and Technical Research Council \(CONICET\), National University of San Martin \(UNSAM\); professor, University of Buenos Aires \(UBA\) & FIAS-MAK'IT Fellow 2022-2023](#)



PhD in Social Sciences and Rural Studies, researcher in agroecology at the National Scientific and Technical Research Council (CONICET, Argentina) and sociology professor at the University of Buenos Aires. FIAS-MAK'IT Fellow 2022-2023, University of Montpellier. She is a member of the Argentine Network of Social Studies on Agroecology (RAESA), the Argentine Society of Agroecology (SAAE) and the Argentine Association of Rural Sociology (AASRU).

Publications in 2023:

2023 - Thirty years of sowing hope to globalise the struggle: Women and youth of La Via Campesina in the construction of food sovereignty – a conversation (Journal of Peasant Studies)

2023 - Transforming critical agrarian studies: Solidarity, scholar-activism and emancipatory agendas in and from the Global South (Journal of Peasant Studies)

2023 - Land grabbing and agribusiness in Argentina: five critical dimensions for analysing corporate strategies and its impacts over unequal actors (Review of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Studies)

LinkedIn <http://linkedin.com/in/andrea-p-sosa-varrotti-587232186>

ResearchGate: [https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Andrea\\_Sosa\\_Varrotti](https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Andrea_Sosa_Varrotti)

Academia: <https://unsam.academia.edu/AndreaSosaVarrotti>

IG: <https://www.instagram.com/soyandreasosa/>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/Andrea-Sosa-111935440612602/>

MAK'IT: <https://makit.edu.umontpellier.fr/en/fellows/fellows-fias/andrea-sosa-2/>

- 
- [Denis Pesche, director, UMR Art-Dev, CIRAD](#)



- 
- [\*\*Daiana Pérez\*\*, researcher, Institute of Social Studies, University of Entre Rios \(INES-UNER\), CONICET](#)



She holds a degree in Social Communication with a major in Journalism, a diploma in Rural Development from the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences (FLACSO). She is a doctoral scholar at CONICET and a regular PhD student in Social Sciences at the National University of Entre Ríos (UNER). Member of the Institute of Social Studies (INES) CONICET-UNER. Her work is linked to family farming, agroecology and public policies in rural development, and the search for socio-productive alternatives, exchange and consumption from the perspective of the Social and Solidarity Economy in Entre Ríos. She teaches "Economy and Culture" in the Cultural Management course at the Faculty of Education Sciences of the UNER and is involved in research and extension projects. She is currently a member of the Municipal Agroecological Advisory Council of Concordia and accompanies the construction process of the Participatory Guarantee System. She is part of the Public Policy, Rurality and Environment Study Group (GEPPRA) based at the Faculty of Political Science and International Relations of the University of the Argentine Network of Social Studies on Agroecology (RAESA) and is a member of the Argentine Society of Agroecology (SAAE) and the Argentine Association of Rural Sociology (AASRU).



- 
- [\*\*Facundo Monguzzi\*\*, activist-technician, Argentine Rural Federation & coordinator, National School of Agroecology \(ENEA\)](#)



I participate in the coordination of biofactories in the Rural Federation for Production and Rootedness and I am in charge of training in agroecology at the national level. I am from Córdoba, where I was able to work with different groups of producers, currently I live in the South of the province of Buenos Aires, specifically in the Argentine onion production area.

---

- [\*\*Vincent Nourigat\*\*, president, Peasant Markets Association & vice-president, Pôle InPact \(tbc\)](#)



- 
- [Delina Puma, technician, Office for People's Technical Consultancy \(CoTePo\), Land Workers Union \(UTT\)](#)



Delina Puma is a producer of Bolivian origin who has been working in the horticultural belt of Greater La Plata (province of Buenos Aires, the most important in Argentina) since 2010. She belongs to the Land Workers Union (UTT), where she got training in agroecology. In turn, for the last five years, she has been training other members of her organisation (in La Plata and at the national level) using the "Campesino a Campesino" methodology. With the People's Technical Consultancy (CoTePo) of the UTT, they have trained more than 100 technicians in agroecology. Until the beginning of 2023, she was part of the organisation's Production Secretariat, where she collaborated with the launch of biofactories and plant nurseries and the sale and production of seeds.

In her TEDTalk, she shows how Bolivian horticulturists produce food in Argentina :

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U9ZH-d9c5gc>

Her story:

<https://www.a24.com/actualidad/la-historia-delina-puma-las-huertas-el-veneno-los-ferilizantes-la-casa-rosada-y-una-charla-tedx-n816383>

- 
- [Marie Giraud, peasant horticulturist, Peasant Seeds Network](#)



With Yves, we have been cultivating gardens within the framework of Organic Agriculture since 1974. Between the river and forest, 80 km from Montpellier in France, we select vegetable "peasant seeds" and have joined the Réseau Semences Paysannes, in line with the ethics of the Common.

An account of our research between farmers was published by Yves "*De l'oignon de Tarassac, semences paysannes*", after which I wanted to put words and rigour on what we were observing in the fields in connection with researchers in institutions (INRAE, CIRAD) through the co-construction of collaborative research. I am passionate about the issue of symbioses (endomycorrhizae). So is the North-South link.



- 
- [Emma Siliprandi, agriculture officer, FAO & professor, Master in Agroecology, International University of Andalusia \(UNIA\)](#)



Emma Siliprandi - Gender and Agroecology Specialist - FAO Agriculture Officer and Professor of the Master in Agroecology at the International University of Andalusia (UNIA), Spain.

Professor, researcher and social activist specialising in rural social movements, especially women's movements. Her reflections are focused on the relationships between eco-feminisms, agroecology and food sovereignty. Her most recent books include: *Género, Agroecología y Soberanía Alimentaria* (with Gloria Zuluaga, Editora Icaria, 2014) and *Mulheres e Agroecologia: transformando o campo, as florestas e as pessoas* (in Portuguese, editora UFRJ, 2015).

<https://cl.boell.org/es/person/emma-siliprandi-universidad-internacional-de-andalucia-espanafao-america-latina-y-el-caribe>

ResearchGate: <https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Emma-Siliprandi>

- 
- [Luis Caballero, economist, Argentine Institute of Agricultural Technology \(INTA\)](#)



Luis Caballero is an Argentinean born in Buenos Aires in 1975. He holds a degree in Economics from the University of Buenos Aires (UBA). In addition, he has completed postgraduate studies on Social Organisations (FLACSO), Sustainability and Social Justice (CLACSO), and Local Development (UNGS), where he also holds a Master's degree in Social Economy. Since 1999 he has worked in programmes and projects of different public institutions in Argentina, such as the Ministry of Social Development, the Secretariat of Family Agriculture (MAGyP) and the National Institute of Agricultural Technology (INTA), on issues of rural development, cooperatives, social and popular economy, family farming, agroecology and food sovereignty. He joined INTA in 2006 and currently works as Manager of its Inter-institutional Articulation and Extension Services.

- 
- [\*\*Roberto Cittadini\*\*, professor, National University of Mar del Plata \(UNMdP\) & co-founder, ProHuerta Programme & MOOC Agroecology, INTA-SupAgro](#)



Professor at the National University of Mar del Plata (UNMdP). Former researcher at the National Institute of Agricultural Technology (INTA, Argentina). He was the National Coordinator of the ProHuerta Programme and is currently organiser and coordinator of the MOCC Training in Agroecology in Spanish (INTA and SUPAGRO).

- 
- [Eric Scopel, researcher, UR AïDA & coordinator of CIRAD agroecological research](#)



Dr Eric Scopel was Director of the AïDA (Agroecology and Sustainable Intensification of Annual Crops) research unit at CIRAD between 2013 and 2019. He is now in charge of the coordination of agroecological research at CIRAD. He has been working for more than 25 years on the study and development of new cropping systems based on conservation agriculture and biodiversification principles for rainfed tropical crops. He has characterised their impacts on the sustainability of agricultural production and the efficiency of natural resource use and protection. More specifically, he has

He has specifically focused on water, carbon and nitrogen dynamics through experimental and modelling approaches. He has solid experience in different ecologies of tropical countries, mainly in Latin America (Mexico, Central America until 2000 and Brazil from 2000 to 2009) and more recently in Africa.

He worked in Madagascar (from 2009 to 2013), where he participated in several projects on the impacts of cover crops on agroecosystem eco-environmental services. He has recently developed research on participatory design and adaptation of innovative cropping systems and on supporting agroecological transitions with smallholder farmers in several countries.

- 
- [Graciela Francavilla, member, Argentine Agroecology Directorate \(DNAE\); coordinator, PGS line of work](#)



She is an agronomist and lecturer in the Rural Extension Department of the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences at the National University of Córdoba. Since 2014, in the framework of university extension projects and together with other institutions such as the National Secretariat of Family Agriculture, INTA and social organisations, she has participated in creating the Participatory Guarantee System of the Agroecological Fair of Córdoba. Furthermore, she is a member of the Peri-urban and Agroecology Team, an inter-institutional and transdisciplinary team comprised of researchers and extensionists from the State. This team focuses on the co-construction of knowledge from the paradigm of agroecology, applying participatory methodologies for developing participatory research-action processes and using transition evaluation tools such as TAPE. In addition, she is part of the National Directorate of Agroecology team, in which she coordinates the line of work on Participatory Guarantee Systems (PGS, or SPG in Spanish and French).



- 
- [\*\*Paia Pereda\*\*, consultant, Institute of Popular Culture \(INCUPO\) & member, Agroecological Movement of Latin America and the Caribbean \(MAELA\)](#)



María Mercedes ("Paiá") Pereda. B.A. in Sociology UBA. She has been working for more than 25 years at the Institute of Popular Culture (INCUPO), a civil association linked to rural development in the region of the Great Argentinean Chaco. In 2007, she became more directly involved with agroecology by promoting the Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) in Bella Vista, Corrientes. This experience led her to become more directly involved in MAELA, where she has been a member of the Argentine Coordinating Board since 2014. In 2019, she got elected as a member of the NEA region of the Argentine Society of Agroecology. She is currently a member of RAESA.

- 
- [\*\*Fernando Fleita\*\*, producer and technician specialised in agroecology, INCUPO & member, PGS Bella Vista](#)



Fernando Fleita. Producer and Technician specialised in Agroecology. He lives in "Colonia 3 de Abril", in Bella Vista, Corrientes. He is a member of the Agroecological Cooperative "Las Tres Colonias", and Technician at the Institute of Popular Culture (INCUPO).

- 
- [Philippe Piard, farmer-jam maker & recent member, Nature & Progrès PGS commission](#)



Farmer and jam maker since 2006 and committed to Nature & Progrès since 2009. I was an active member of the SPG commission of Nature & Progrès from 2013 to 2020. I participate in the CO3 project for Nature & Progrès, in collaboration with CIRAD and Sylvaine Lemeilleur. The CO3 project aims to strengthen and deepen the knowledge on GSPs, and eventually create a French GSP platform.

---

- [Sylvaine Lemeilleur, researcher, Unit of interdisciplinary research on agri-food systems of Montpellier \(MoISA-CIRAD\)](#)



- 
- [Claudia Flores, board member, Argentine Agroecology Society \(SAAE\)](#)



Agronomist (MSc) Claudia Flores. Assistant lecturer of the Agroecology course. Lecturer in charge of the course Agrobiodiversity Management and Agroecosystem Design. Faculty of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences UNLP. Member of the Board of Directors of the SAAE (as a member for the Pampean Region) and of the Board of Directors of the LIRA (Laboratory for Research and Reflection on Agroecology - FCAYF UNLP).

He has given numerous postgraduate and training courses for teachers of agricultural secondary education and extension workers in the area of Agroecology.

He has directed, co-directed or coordinated numerous university extension projects.

He has given more than 40 lectures at home and abroad.

She has published more than 30 papers in national and international refereed scientific journals.

Co-editor of the book "Agroecología: bases teóricas para el manejo, diseño y evaluación de agroecosistemas sustentables" (Agroecology: theoretical bases for the management, design and evaluation of sustainable agroecosystems).

20 book chapters on topics related to Agroecology.

Member of numerous accredited and subsidised research projects both at home and abroad.

- 
- [Éric Sabourin, researcher, Art-Dev, CIRAD](#)



- 
- [\*\*Tamara Perelmuter\*\*, technical-scientific advisor, National Institute of Peasant and Indigenous Family Agriculture \(INAFCI\) & researcher, Institute of Latin American and Caribbean Studies \(IEALC, UBA\)](#)



Politologist (University of Buenos Aires, UBA), Master in Latin American Studies (UNSAM) and PhD in Social Sciences (UBA). She works as a researcher at the Institute for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (IEALC) - UBA, and as an undergraduate and doctoral professor at UBA. She coordinates the Latin American Political Ecology Study Group (GEEPAL) - IEALC and is a member of the Latin American Social Movements Study Group (GER-GEMSAL) - IIGG. She currently works as a scientific and technical advisor at the National Institute of Peasant and Indigenous Family Farming (INAFCI). She is a member of the Argentine Network of Social Studies on Agroecology (RAESA), the Argentine Society of Agroecology (SAAE) and the Argentine Association of Rural Sociology (AASRU).

- 
- [Maria de la Paz Acosta, researcher, Gino Germani Research Institute \(IIGG, UBA\), CONICET](#)



María de la Paz Acosta has a sociology degree and is pursuing her doctoral studies at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Buenos Aires (UBA), through a CONICET scholarship. Her research topic is "Tensions between the agribusiness model and agroecology. Agroecological experiences in the departments of Guaminí, Pergamino and Saladillo in the Province of Buenos Aires (2008-2022)". She is a member of the Rural Studies Group and the Latin American Social Movements Studies Group at the Gino Germani Research Institute of the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Buenos Aires, of the Argentine Network of Social Studies of Agroecology (RAESA), of the Argentine Society of Agroecology (SAAE) and of the Argentine Association of Rural Sociology (AASRU).



- 
- [Alexandre Guichardaz, manager, ClimOliveMed project & consultant in engineering of science-society dialogue](#)



ClimOliveMed Research and Development Project Officer "Diversity of varieties and farming systems as an asset of Mediterranean oleiculture in a global change setting [www.climolivemed.com](http://www.climolivemed.com)  
CIRAD, Bios - UMR AGAP, Dynamics of Diversity Societies and Environments Team

- 
- [Florencia Arancibia, researcher, CONICET-UNSAM](#)



Florencia Arancibia is a CONICET Researcher and Professor at the National University of San Martín, EEN-CENIT and a visiting professor at UTDT in Argentina. She holds a Ph.D. from the State University of New York (US). She works in the intersection of Science, Knowledge and Technology (SKAT) Studies, Political Sociology, and Environmental Sociology. Her current research focuses on social movements and knowledge networks, environmental-health conflicts and agroecology in Latin America. She is currently the Principal Investigator (PI) of the project “Networks of experts and networks of expertise in the resistance to the GMO agribusiness regime and the development of agroecology in Argentina (2001-2020)” funded by the Ministry of Science and Technology of Argentina. She has received fellowships from CONICET (Argentina), NSF, IAF, and Fulbright (US).  
ResearchGate: <https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Florencia-Arancibia>