



Leverhulme Centre for Integrative
Research on Agriculture and Health

4th Annual LCIRAH Research Conference

Agri-food policy and governance for nutrition and health

June 3rd and 4th June 2014; Birkbeck College, London

Call for Abstracts

The Leverhulme Centre for Integrative Research on Agriculture and Health (LCIRAH) invites the submission of abstracts for its 4th annual research conference, to be held at Birkbeck College, London, on the **3rd and 4th of June, 2014**. The theme for this year's conference is ***agri-food policy and governance for nutrition and health***.

The conference will bring together researchers from around the world to examine critically the impact of global, regional and national agri-food policies, institutions and governance on human health and nutrition. Submitted research studies should fall into one of the following two broad themes:

1. The impact of agri-food policy on nutrition and health
2. Optimizing the impact of institutions and governance in the agri-food system on human health and nutrition (including research on governments, donors, NGOs, lobbying groups; relationships between global policy and national/regional decision-making; funding priorities; trade-offs in agri-health; and intersectoral initiatives).

We aim to include research on the impact of agri-food policy and governance, food production systems, trade, environment, food value chains and food safety on population nutrition and health (including Ecohealth and One Health). We welcome abstracts, of qualitative and quantitative research studies, in the agri-health nexus on policy impact evaluations, causal mechanisms, and policy processes and institutional arrangements.

We will not be able to consider:

- Descriptions of initiatives that do not involve a strong research element.
- Research that is limited to either agriculture or health only. The research must address the links between agri-food systems and nutrition /health.

Authors should submit abstracts **following the outline and instructions below via email to LCIRAH@lids.bloomsbury.ac.uk by 20 December 2013**. Abstracts will be reviewed by an expert panel and selected for either oral or poster presentation based on scientific quality and relevance of the research to the conference theme.

There are up to 10 bursaries available to presenters from developing countries to contribute towards travel costs and accommodation.

Further information regarding the conference, registration and how to apply for financial support is available on our website <http://www.lcirah.ac.uk>

Abstract requirements

Abstracts should include: title, authors (with presenter underlined), job title of presenter, affiliations of all authors, 3-5 keywords, preferred theme and the following sections:

- Introduction (max 100 words)
- Methods (max 200 words)
- Findings and interpretations (max 200 words)

Abstracts should be submitted in a Word document (Arial, 11p, 1.5 lines spacing) with no more than **500 words** (excluding title, presenter/authors, job title, affiliations, keywords, preferred theme). Please include the theme and the email address of the presenter in your abstract.

These abstract guidelines must be strictly adhered to for consideration by the conference committee.

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