



# The International Symposium on work in agriculture 2016

*Complex realities and transformations  
in work in a diversity of farming models*

**8 – 11 November 2016**

*Maringá State University (Paraná, Brazil)*

According to the World Bank, agriculture is the largest employer in the world: it concerned 30% of the working population in 2010 and now exceeds one billion people.

Relations between capital and labor, family and paid workers, and more widely, forms of work organization (taylorism, delegation, mutual aid and cooperation) crystallize around standard models of “farming systems” combining a variety of productive ambitions, degrees of mechanization/automation and forms of labor organization (“high tech” agriculture with high work productivity ; family-run agroecology turned towards local food circuits ; agribusiness models on a very large scale, delegating the planning of rotations and technical operations ; subsistence community farming with sales of surplus).

Transformations of farming systems are marked by increasingly important challenges regarding the environment, food safety and competitiveness of enterprises. How do these transformations bring farming work into question? But farming work has also kept a very strong social and territorial dimension: it gives a place and a status to everyone; it nurtures, safeguards and stabilizes a rural population, and strengthens solidarities largely founded on a local cultural relationship with nature and on agriculture and livestock management. The economic, social and environmental functions of farming work coexist.

In rural territories, they may sometimes be complementary, but they can also be quite strained.

For this Symposium, we welcome a diversity of perspectives on work in agriculture. We would particularly like to attract researchers who explore the changes in farming work, who take into account the diversity and dynamics of the forms of work organization in different farming models, who reflect on the future of the work of men and women, family workers and paid workers.

## The workshops for the Symposium

- 1- Employment policies and farm income support
- 2- The dynamics of farming work in the territories in a situation of global change
- 3- Women and work in farming
- 4- Transformations in work organizations in the farms
- 5- Health at work
- 6- Transformations in professional identities and in the image of farming occupations
- 7- Advice and training in the work
- 8- Innovations (technological, social, market) and farming work



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## Call for abstracts

Further submission details and information on the content of the workshops can be found on the symposium site:

<http://sites.uem.br/symposiumwa2016/>

**Deadline for submitting abstract is 15 March 2016**

## Registration

Full registration will be available shortly. Accommodation will be available on the symposium site.

## The venue

The Maringá State University (Portuguese: Universidade Estadual de Maringá; UEM) is a public university whose main campus is in Maringá, Paraná, Brazil. It was founded in 1970 and recognized in 1976 by the Federal Government of Brazil. The majority of conference activities will take place on the campus. Scheduled field trips will take place to a range of venues in the local surrounding areas. For more information please visit [www.uem.br](http://www.uem.br)

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