

ENTER STUDY DAYS 2018

Learning On and Off the Land

Berlin, Germany, April 25-27, 2018

HUMBOLDT-UNIVERSITÄT ZU BERLIN



Dear colleagues and friends,

It is a pleasure to send out the invitation for the 2018 ENTER Study Days which will be hosted by the division for Agricultural and Horticultural Education at Humboldt Universität zu Berlin.

We are proud to present a diverse program linking aspects of teaching practice with recent research and visits at schools and other learning spaces in Berlin. The motto for the 2018 ENTER Study days is "Learning On and Off the Land".

Teaching and learning in all fields that, in a vocational or scientific context, study the land and ways of living off the land necessarily require presence in and on, and direct contact and interaction with the land and its human and non-human inhabitants. The land itself is the main source from which learners draw experiences and insights, and on which teachers build their explanative models and illustrative examples. The preparation for living in the country, and off the land needs learning and teaching on and off the land. Learning "off" the core matter of interest however is today often a reality in quite a contrary sense, with the learning processes often happening physically remote from the land, namely by purely classroom based teaching and online forms of learning. During the 2018 ENTER Study days we explore approaches of learning that reflect all the specificities and peculiarities that are characteristic for the land-based professions and fields of research.

A particular emphasis is on the topic of inclusion and social cohesion in in-school and out-of-school learning in agriculture and related fields, and in organic agriculture as a cross-sectional topic in teaching and learning.

Please find attached our provisional program. Submissions for **contributions in our sessions are most welcome**. In the registration form you will find more details concerning fees, dates and procedures.

We look forward to receiving your submissions and to seeing you in Berlin in April 2018!

With best wishes and greetings,
your ENTER team

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ENTER Study Days 2018 – “*Learning On and Off the Land*”

Wednesday, April 25th

9 a.m. **Welcome to the ENTER Study Days 2018 at Humboldt Universität zu Berlin**

Prof. Dr. Robischon, Head of the Division of Agricultural and Horticultural Education

Prof. Dr. Eva Inés Obergfell, Vice President for Teaching Affairs at Humboldt Universität

Ing. Jan-Willem Noom, Aeres University Wageningen, President of ENTER

9:45 **Plenary Session I**

Plenary lectures by

Elisabeth Hönigsberger – President of EUROPEA Austria will speak on *"Building self-efficacy by opening the classroom - combining steadiness with challenging situations"*.

Martin Lambers - Deutscher Bauernverband - German Farmers' Association (D) will deliver a presentation on *"Inclusion, heterogeneity and training towards competences and skills - challenges for vocational qualification of skilled personnel and managers in the 'green professions'"*.

Phillippe Sahuc - Ecole Nationale Supérieure de Formation de l'Enseignement Agricole ENSFEA (F) will speak about *"Migrants and agro-food-educative services"*.

10.45 **Coffee break**

11.15 back to work in our **Workshops!**

Choose one of 3 workshop venues and topic areas:

The format: each workshop contains one or more brief impulse presentations; participants are invited to reflect on their own practices and share the ideas they may have gained in discussion. They develop one lead “hypothesis” or “research question”.

1) Learning with and from ecological agriculture - experiences from practice. The prevailing paradigm in organic agriculture is often still valid: Production of high volume with intensive conventional methods. How can we ensure that organic agriculture has its place in training and education and is further used as an in-practice model for understanding ecological systems?

We will have an introductory talk by Dr. Heide Hoffmann, lecturer in organic agriculture at Humboldt University. Besides we will learn about the approach in the state of Hessen, where organic agriculture is fully integrated into the vocational training. Share your experiences and opinion!

2) Inclusion – experience from practice. We will learn about approaches taken by Humboldt Universität's professional school of education in teacher training and other institutions and discuss our own experiences in this field with teachers and educators in the field of the green professions.

3) Non-traditional forms of learning and teaching in the green sector. Discuss your experience with non-traditional, non-classroom based forms of learning. Examples are explorative learning, narrative forms or learning with geocaching and other games. Can we develop methods that build synergies between digital and non-digital approaches in the green sector?

12.45 Lunchtime - Enjoy our international Potluck "bring and share" lunch! Can you think of an unusual, unique and tasty contribution, ideally with a story to tell? This is a practical session on agricultural products as a learning tool...

14:00 Paper Sessions

Share some of your recent research! Write us a note including a 100-250 word abstract and we will find the right session and format.

Plenary session II– N.N. - Title to be confirmed

Thursday, April 26th

Today we will be on the road & rail to visit two schools with a focus on learning in and with the "green" sector.

We will visit **Peter Lenné Schule**, Germany's largest vocational school for the green professions. Our visit will include the centre for vocational training in developing countries and the BELARE lab for training of environmental protection technologists.

August Sander Schule is a school which caters in particular for young people with special needs and in its agricultural division invites students to develop competencies in and by horticultural work generally focussing on animals and plants. We will learn about teaching and learning approaches.

Friday, April 27th

Join us for a walk through the **Natural History Museum!**

Visit the "Magic Garden" – a student initiative at the Albrecht Daniel Thaer Institute and the "VIVAIO" Learning Lab. The head of VIVAIO D.F. Obermaier and students will present on "Approaches to Learning with Living Beings" and "The Bottle Garden – Horticulture in a Nutshell"

13:00 Lunchtime barbeque at the greenhouse

14.00 ENTER General Assembly (for network members only)

15.00 Introduction of the new board and closure