

# ABOUT THE CONTRIBUTORS

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communication gaps between disciplines and between researchers and practitioners in the domain of food and farming, emphasizing thereby the necessity to take evidence-based research as the key point of departure to enrich the debate. She is a member of diverse working groups at the national, regional and local levels, contributing to an evidence-based transition of the food system and empowerment of all the actors in the system.

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restructuring of agriculture; theorizations and empirical investigations of rural development; analysis of agri-food chains and networks; and critical commentaries in the emerging fields of environmental sociology and environmental planning. The empirical work has extended from the UK, Europe, Brazil, the Caribbean and now China.

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