

Economic geography & Environmental sustainability groups sponsored session

Community Food Economies

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Communities across the globe are mobilising around the issue of food, and seeking to build more sustainable and community orientated food futures. This session invites papers that explore (either empirically or theoretically) community food economies in contexts that range from individual households to more formally organised initiatives that are place-based (such as community gardens) or that connect people across different places (such as Community Supported Agriculture, networks of small-scale farmers and Fair Trade). Questions to be addressed include:

- What are some ways that communities are forging community centred food economies?
- What environmental and social ethical commitments underpin these food economies?
- How are economic practices being reshaped in light of these ethical commitments?
- How do we represent the relationship between community food economies and those that are primarily market-driven?
- To what extent are market-driven economies being reshaped by community food economies?
- How might the progressive potential of community food economies be realised?
- What role is there for academic researchers to contribute to building community food economies?