

# CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS:

## Productive urban and peri-urban landscapes – benefits, co-benefits and new modes for planning

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**We invite you to contribute to an exciting book project planned in Springer's Landscape Series that explores innovative approaches to food production in urban environments.**

### Scope and book structure

In recognition of the multiple facets and values of innovative approaches for food production in urban contexts, this volume aims to bring together the latest knowledge on Productive Urban and Peri-Urban Landscapes (PUPUL) and its multiple functions and contributions to food security, ecological sustainability, and social well-being. Our book aims to showcase the multiple contributions that PUPUL can provide in urban and peri-urban contexts, showcasing concepts such as urban agriculture, urban agroforestry, urban food forests, edible landscapes, etc., emphasizing their potential to reshape urban landscapes sustainably. Furthermore, we are interested in conceptual and practical applications, planning and governance modes that are suitable to support innovative PUPUL settings. We welcome concepts and case studies that cover the different challenges and demands across the world, from the Global North to the Global South.

#### Section A: Contributions to food and beyond

In the first part of this section, we invite contributions in the realm of **food production and security (theme 1)**. Contributions of this section can address PUPUL's potential to meet urban food demands. This can include case studies and success as well as unsuccessful stories (which also can provide important lessons) to unravel sustainable food production practices within urban and peri-urban settings and shed light on effective strategies that enhance food security.

Moving towards **ecological and functional values (theme 2)**, the section also aims to delve into the manifold contributions of PUPUL beyond food. Chapters highlighting its role in preserving habitats and enhancing biodiversity, underscoring the ecological services it provides are very welcome. Additionally, contributions are invited that investigate how PUPUL can be instrumental in climate adaptation and mitigation strategies, emphasizing its potential as a sustainable solution to environmental challenges.

The **social and economic dimensions (theme 3)** of PUPUL form another focal point of this section. We look towards works that explore its impact on community well-being and social cohesion, unravelling the intricate social and cultural dimensions of integrating agriculture into urban landscapes. Simultaneously, the assessment of the economic viability of such integration and exploring the potential for PUPUL to create employment opportunities and contribute to economic growth within urban areas will be invited.

#### Section B: Systemic approaches

Navigating through **potential trade-offs and conflicts (theme 4)**, we'd like to address inherent tensions between urban expansion and agricultural land use in this section. We look towards book chapters focusing on the multiple interrelations and holistic views addressing the different functions as mentioned in the previous section. Furthermore, any contributions that strive to balance competing interests and foster a harmonious coexistence between urban development and sustainable agriculture are welcome.

#### Section C: Planning and Governance

The final section aims to address **conceptual and practical applications (theme 5)** of PUPUL to showcase innovative models and designs.

Additionally, chapters should discuss the integration of PUPUL into urban planning frameworks, emphasizing its pivotal role in fostering sustainable development.

In terms of **planning and governance modes (theme 6)**, the section will finally explore and evaluate different approaches that support the development of PUPUL. By examining successful case studies of cities implementing effective policies, we seek to identify and promote governance strategies that facilitate urban and peri-urban agriculture's seamless integration and flourishing.

## Topics of interest in a nutshell

We invite researchers and experts to contribute chapters that present:

- Original research findings on PUPUL's contributions to food security, ecological sustainability, and social well-being.
- Case studies illustrating successful PUPUL initiatives from around the world.
- Conceptual frameworks and practical applications for planning and policies implementing PUPUL.

We welcome original research as well as elaboration of previous published studies to enrich the content and provide a comprehensive overview of the current state of knowledge on PUPUL.

## Important dates

- 1 February 2024:  
Call open for book chapter proposal
- 31 March 2024:  
Submission of an abstract proposal (200 words) including co-authors and affiliation
- 30 April 2024:  
Accept/Reject notification of proposals
- 30 September 2024:  
Full chapter submission and review phase
- 28 February 2025:  
Final accept notification of book chapter

## Technical Information

Please submit your abstract proposal, comprising 200 words, along with co-authors, affiliations, and possibly ORCID in the form of a Word document. Please address it to Werner Rolf and explicitly state the theme(s) to which your contribution aligns most (themes 1-6). Your timely submission is appreciated. Thank you.

Once your proposal is accepted, you will be provided with a template and detailed technical instructions for manuscript preparation and manuscript guidelines, with key style points and reference style.

A chapter should be within 15-30 pages (total max. 120,000 characters i.e. 15,000 words), and contain no more than 200-250 references.

We appreciate your attention to this process and look forward to receiving your submission. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us for further assistance.

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The book project was launched in response to various symposia held during the IALE 2022 European Congress in Warsaw, Poland and the IALE 2023 World Congress in Nairobi, Kenya. However, we extend this invitation to anyone interested in the topic, irrespective of their participation in the symposia.

