The “Food Crisis” of 2008: Lessons for the Future

A One-day Conference organised by the Centre for European Agri-Environmental Studies (CEAS), University of Kent; the Centre for Environmental Policy, Imperial College London; and the UK Agricultural Economics Society
to be held at Imperial College, Wye Campus, October 28, 2008

10.00 - Introduction and Welcome: Sophia Davidova, Directors of CEAS and Tim Josling, Visiting Professor at the Centre for Environmental Policy at Imperial College London

10.15 - 11.15 Session One. The “Food Crisis” of 2008: Causes and Concerns
  • Colin Thirtle, Imperial College London

11.15 - 11.45 Coffee

11.45 - 13.00 Session Two. Commodity Markets and Trade: Prices Spikes or Trends?
  • Alexander Sarris, Head, Commodities and Trade Division, FAO
  • Chris Gilbert, University of Trento, Italy

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 15.15 Session Three. Government Policies: Making things Worse or Better?
  • Stefan Tangermann, Director, Trade and Agriculture Division, OECD
  • Alan Swinbank, University of Reading, and Tim Josling, Stanford University

15.15 - 15.30 Coffee

15.30 - 17.00 Panel Discussion: What have we Learned? How Can We React Better in Future?
  • Alastair Dickie, HGCA
  • Tassos Haniotis, European Commission
  • Simon Harding, DEFRA
  • Chris Horseman, Agra Informa
  • Christopher Ritson, University of Newcastle