Imagine an idyllic farm in the countryside. The farmer on the tractor is doing the tillage before sowing the grain, while the wife is preparing lunch in the kitchen and boiling down the jam at the same time.

What remains unnamed in this picture: Who owns the farm, who will inherit it? How was the division of labor determined? How is the work paid? Who makes decisions on the farm?

Agriculture is gendered! Gendering and patriarchal structures are particularly obvious here.

In our lecture series we analyse these power structures in agriculture in order to overcome them in the long run. For this we have invited different people: Researchers, peasants and activists talk about their work and their struggles, their experiences and hopes.

We approach the topic of gender.power.agriculture from different points of view. We learn how gender oppression in agriculture has grown historically and is expressed in today's production patterns.

We take a closer look at the history of enslaved women and the impact of colonialism. At the same time, we question our idea of what constitutes masculinity in rural areas and how that affects our relationship to nature. The second half of the lecture series will look at the experiences of queer people in gardening projects and the potentials and limitations of alternative types of farms within the capitalist model of production. We look at the successes and current struggles of women and queer people within the international peasant movement, before asking in the final panel discussion what the next steps towards more gender-equitable education and practice in agriculture need to look like.

With this series of events, we want to initiate greater engagement with issues around gender and agriculture and add this topic to the discussion on sustainability in agriculture.

We want to provide a perspective on gender and agriculture as diverse as possible, and hope you will find yourself in it.
26.10.2023, 7:30 pm, H23 – Steinstraße
Gender and Agriculture – A critical introduction
Alina Gombert
Hanna Schwager
Katharina Varelmann

09.11.2023, 7 pm, online
Agricultural Masculinities: Tradition and Change
Barbara Pini

16.11.2023, 7 pm, online
Colonialism, Slavery and Agriculture - Emphasizing Formerly Enslaved Women Farmer’s perspectives
Nives Kinunda

30.11.2023, 7 pm H23 – Steinstraße
I own myself, I own the world? feminist-postcolonial and queer perspectives on nature, reason and (self) ownership
Dr. Christine M. Klapeer

14.12.2023, 7 pm, H23 – Steinstraße
Queer Ecologies and More-than-human Care
Sophie von Redecker

11.01.2024, 7 pm, Capitol-Kino
Witzenhausen
Queer Gardening – queer-feminist ecologies in North America
Ella von der Haide
Movie: english, discussion: german with interpretation

18.01.2024, 7 pm, H23 – Steinstraße
The emancipatory potential of alternative agricultural practices - gender-sensitive reflections
Carla Wember, Dr. Marie Reusch

25.01.2024, 7 pm, online
Seeding and Nurturing Feminism: how gender parity and women’s leadership have shaped La Via Campesina
Nettie Wiebe
Intersectional Feminist and Queer Political Ecologies in La Via Campesina
Dee Woods

01.02.2024, 7 pm, Capitol-Kino
Witzenhausen
Panel: Gender equitable agriculture in practice
Ratharina Nennewitz, Werragut
Sylvana Hanisch - Peco-Institut
Representative of the Hessian Landfrauen (Association of Women in Agriculture)