

# Schooling Together: 2023 MARE Fish\* in Food Systems Masterclass

*Early career researcher discussions about interdisciplinary aquatic food systems research*

Early career researchers (ECRs) interested in food systems research and attending MARE 2023 are invited to apply for a one-day masterclass on interdisciplinary research in aquatic food systems. Research has identified that ECRs conducting interdisciplinary research can benefit greatly from peer- and community-mentorship networks. Participants of MARE 2019's Fish in Food Systems Summer School benefited from the networking and learning opportunities of a summer school organized in tandem with the MARE conference. Recognizing the value of this opportunity, we are organizing this one-day masterclass alongside the 2023 conference.

**Aims and scope:** There are many challenges in the field of aquatic food systems that require novel thinking, diverse perspectives, and practical applications. For ECRs considering interdisciplinary research, it is important to learn from and discuss with peers the effective strategies and potential pitfalls involved. Themes include:

- Food systems frameworks, dimensions and pillars of food and nutritional security
- Fish and other aquatic foods for human consumption and social wellbeing
- Effective interdisciplinary research approaches, networking and collaborations

**Date:** Monday, 26 June 2023 (full day)      **Location:** University of Amsterdam (UvA)

**Target audience:** This masterclass is intended for ECRs, including Master's degree holders, current PhD students, and postdocs, in the social and environmental sciences with an active interest in aquatic food security issues. Required is a late stage Master's degree or equivalent in social sciences: anthropology, geography, political science, sociology, or development studies. We also welcome students with natural science backgrounds with an interest in social sciences.

**Application and practicalities:** Applications should be submitted using the google form [here](#) by 30 April. Confirmation will be provided by 15 May. Following acceptance, participants are expected to prepare by reading the course material and submitting a 400-700 word written reflection by June 15. A reading list and detailed program will be circulated in May.

**Selection criteria (if needed):** Participation is limited to 20. If oversubscribed, then priority will be given to applicants with direct involvement with fish in food systems research.

**Fee:** Participation entails a fee of 30 euro (to cover the cost of coffee breaks and lunch). Unfortunately there are no subsidies available for participants. Travel, accommodation, conference registration and other costs are therefore to be borne by the participants.

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