

# Webinar series on informal food production and sharing



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## Searching for sustainable food provisioning: invisible places, ordinary practices and unusual suspects

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1:30pm GMT (2:30pm CET)

### Lucie Sovová, PhD

Lucie Sovová obtained her PhD at Wageningen University with a thesis exploring the diverse food economies of Czech urban gardeners. This presentation draws on a recent paper co-authored with Esther Veen.

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This webinar opens a debate on geopolitical bias in sustainable food system scholarship. We explore the topic using the case of urban gardening. Urban gardeners in Western contexts are presumed to hold activist motivations conducive for the food system's transformation, while in less affluent contexts urban gardening is framed as a subsistence-driven practice. In contrast, a comparative study of allotment gardeners in Brno, Czechia and Utrecht, the Netherlands suggest that in both contexts urban gardening is performed and understood in similar ways. You will be able to discuss Lucie Sovová's contention that scholarship on the food system's sustainability needs to incorporate knowledge from a greater diversity of places, actors and motivations.

Presentation will be available at <https://tichaudrzitelnost.geogr.muni.cz/en/>

Second webinar – Petr Jehlička (Czech Academy of Sciences), 16 December 2020, 1:30pm GMT. The event considers how 'reading' East European informal food practices from the 'West' is instructive for understanding how certain knowledge does or does not become theory.

Third webinar – Petr Daněk (Masaryk University), 13 January 2021, 1:30pm GMT. The event discusses spaces of food self-provisioning and sharing with special attention to care and diverse economies. Based on 2020 survey results from Austria and Czechia.

