

Fair Trade International Symposium (FTIS) 2026

University of Cologne, Germany
Seminar Building: Universitätsstraße 37, 50931 Köln

Preliminary Program

Day 1 – 23.09.2026

Time	Program
13:00 - 15:00	Guided Tour: On the Trail of Fair-Trade Chocolate Please register by email to ftis-2026@uni-koeln.de until 14 September 2026 & indicate whether you are German or English speaking.
15:30 - 16:30	
13:00 - 16:00	Arrival & Registration
16:30 - 17:00	Welcome of the Participants and Opening Conference room
17:30 - 18:30	Panel Discussion: Sustainability Research Hub University of Cologne: "Trade and Just Sustainability Transformations between Global Dynamics and Local Contexts" Conference room
19:00	Welcome Snack

Day 2 – 24.09.2026

Time	Program
9:00 - 9:30	Arrival & Registration
9:30 - 11:00	Panel: Geo-Political Challenges — Room: S11 Panel: Sustainable and Fair Agri-Food Value Chains? - Sustainability and Resilience in Times of Crisis — Room: S12
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 - 13:00	Panel: Developments in Fair Trade School and Campus Programs — Room: S13 Panel: Power Dynamics I — Room: S11 The AfCFTA as a Regulatory Bloc: Navigating EU Due Diligence Laws for African Fair Trade Supply Chains — Room: S12
13:00 - 14:15	Lunch Break
14:15 - 14:30	Afternoon Check-in Conference room
14:30 - 16:00	Panel: Power Dynamics II — Room: S11 Workshop: Responsibility for fairness in a changing world economy: negotiations, contestations, definitions — Room: S01 Panel: Consumer Perspectives — Room: S12
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee Break
16:30 - 18:00	Keynote Sebastian Koos Conference room
18:00	Conference Event (Walking Tour & Dinner)

Day 3 – 25.09.2026

Time	Program
08:00 - 08:30	Arrival & Registration

Time	Program
8:30 - 10:00	Panel: Universities and fair trade: engaging with tensions and opportunities through the lens of education for sustainability — Room: S13 Panel: Impact Assessment — Room: S12 Panel: Agroecology Implementation in the Fairtrade System – Challenges & Chances — Room: S11
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 - 12:00	Panel Discussion City of Cologne: “How Local Authorities Can Make a Difference - Fair Public Procurement and Sustainable Governance” Conference room
12:00 - 13:15	Lunch Break
13:15 - 13:30	Afternoon Check-in Conference room
13:30 - 15:00	Panel: When the Map Moves: The Changing Dynamics of Fair Trade between North and South — Room: S12 Workshop: Circular Fairness: Community-Driven Approaches to Fair Trade and Circular Fashion Systems — Room: S13 Panel: The Role of Law in Establishing and Maintaining Fair Trade — Room: S11
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee Break
15:30 - 17:00	Workshop: Agroforestry – new perspective for (coffee) farmers — Room: S12 BRIDGES Cologne Policy Workshop: Exploring the Futures of Fair Trade in the Global South through Participatory Foresight — Room: S13 Workshop: Fair Trade Without Growth? Income, Volume and Sustainability under Ecological Constraints — Room: S11
17:30 - 19:00	Keynote: Marike Runneboom de Peña Conference room
19:00	Reception