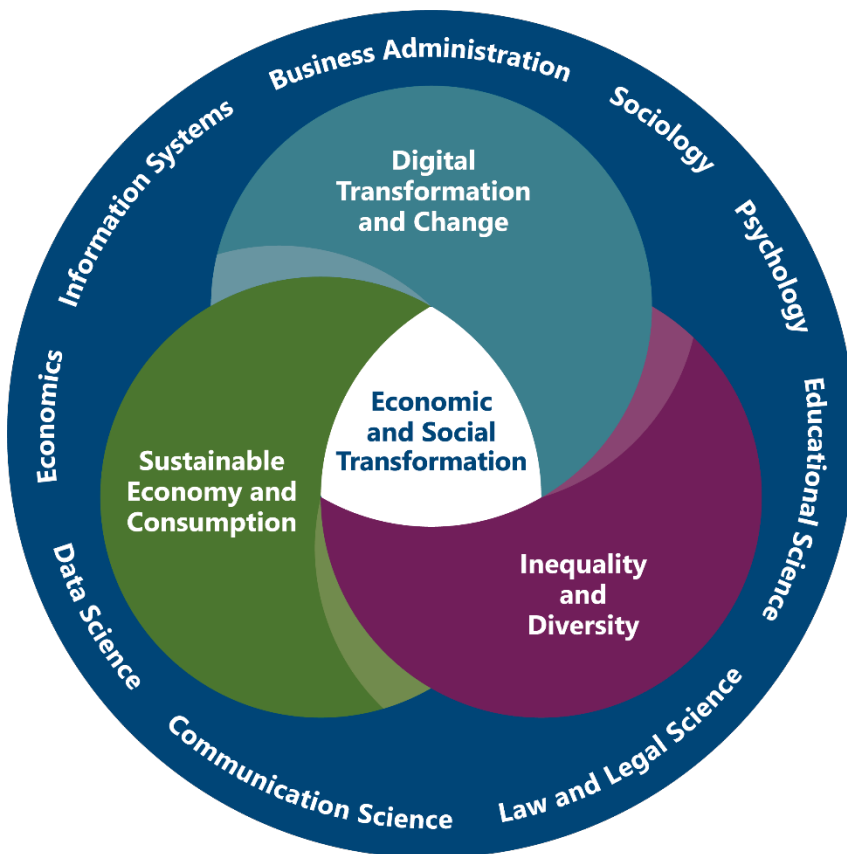




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BESST – Business, Economics, and Social Sciences retreat

No. 7, November 17th, 2025

Sustainable agrifood systems

Call for contributions
until October 6th

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Objective

BESST is a research retreat of the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences. The aim is to improve connections between researchers and research topics at the faculty. It is about strengthening exchange and collaboration in research and thus increasing quality and impact.

Target group

All faculty researchers are cordially invited to attend and engage in the discussions.

Short presentations may be given by professors, academic counselors, lecturers, habilitation candidates and postdocs – also as joint presentations with doctoral candidates.

Topics

Sustainable agrifood systems are an important topic for our society but also for our entire university. We decided to make this the focus of this retreat and explore which contributions our faculty can make from a wide range of perspectives, projects, and disciplines.

As agrifood systems interact with each other and with other related systems (e.g. the environment and climate, economy, social welfare, health, and bioeconomy), the challenges associated with the development of sustainable agrifood systems are also intertwined.

We invite you to submit contributions on topics that support the transformation of agricultural and/or food systems.

Contributions should relate to projects or ideas that you would like to develop further. The aim is to foster discussion about potential future projects with societal impact.

Formats

Please note that the retreat will be held in English. All contributions are to be submitted and presented accordingly.

Short presentations followed by a discussion are highly encouraged (e.g. 15 min. presentation + 15 min. discussion; please let us know if you have other requests). Presentations may take various forms, with the support of slides or flipcharts, a software demonstration or even pantomime, etc.

Panel discussions are very welcome (e.g. 45 minutes). 3-5 researchers on the podium. Moderated discussion among the panel and with the audience.

Guest speakers whose work is related to agrifood systems are also a great addition. Financial support for travel costs is available.

Do you have a different idea? We are happy to receive suggestions at wiso_forschung@uni-hohenheim.de.

Program committee	Henner Gimpel, Jörg Schiller, Benjamin Jung
Organisation	Tim Boissinot
Date and time	November 17 th , 2025 approx. 9:30 - 17:30, incl. joint breaks (e.g. lunch 12:00 - 13:00), plus joint dinner from 17:30 (self-paid by participants)
Submission of contributions	Please submit the title and an abstract (as well as time restrictions if applicable) until October 6th, 2025 via e-mail to: wiso_forschung@uni-hohenheim.de
Event registration	Please save the date. The registration will open when the program is published.